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New Dean appointed to Health Science

The university has appointed a new Dean of the Faculty of Health Science.

Professor Raymond Playford will take up the position later in 2011, taking the reins from outgoing Professor Allan Carmichael, who has led the faculty for the past 14 years.

Prof. Playford obtained his medical degree (MB,BS) from St Bartholomews Medical School in London and also has a BSc (Biochemistry), a PhD, and a DSc.

Prof. Playford is currently deputy warden and professor of medicine at Barts and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry and vice principal at Queen Mary University of London.

Prof. Playford is a Fellow of both the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal College of Pathologists in the UK with specialty training and clinical practice in gastroenterology.

His specialist research interests include mechanisms of repair, growth factors and the interface between food and medicines (nutriceuticals).

His clinical interests include inflammatory bowel disease, oesophageal reflux and Barrett's oesophagus.

He was previously chairman of the Education Committee of the British Society of Gastroenterology and a member of the Medical Research Council College of Experts.

He is a member of the editorial board of the journal *Gut* and a member of the Herbal Medicines Advisory Committee, the Independent Review Panel for Advertising and the Independent Review Panel for Borderline Products.

These committees work within the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency, advising UK health ministers on relevant safety, advertising and promotional material.

Acting Vice-Chancellor Professor David Rich warmly welcomed the announcement.

“I am delighted that we have been able to attract such an eminent clinician and academic to the University of Tasmania,” Prof. Rich said.

“Prof. Playford is admirably suited to build on the outstanding leadership of his predecessor, Prof. Carmichael.”

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