



## **Prof Hugh MACPHERSON**

Hugh MacPherson trained as a practitioner of acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine in the early 1980's and continues to practice acupuncture in York, UK. He founded the Northern College of Acupuncture, also based in York, and steered the College towards achieving university validation for the first acupuncture degree course in the UK. As a result of his interest in research, he set up the Foundation for Research into Traditional Chinese Medicine and subsequently joined the Department of Health Sciences, University of York. His research includes the robust assessment of the safety of acupuncture, the evaluation of the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of acupuncture for a variety of conditions through systematic reviews and clinical trials, and the exploration of possible mechanisms of acupuncture through neuroimaging studies. He is the lead editor of the book, "Acupuncture research: strategies for building an evidence base" and, with Volker Scheid, a co-editor of, "The integration of East Asian medicine into contemporary healthcare", both published by Elsevier. Hugh MacPherson has recently been appointed the UK's first professor of acupuncture research.