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Peninsula Medical School chosen by top UK Academy for first Visiting Lecture

The Academy of Medical Sciences has launched its first visiting lecture programme at the Peninsula Medical School, Plymouth.

Academy Fellows, who are leading medical scientists from hospitals and general practice, academia, industry and public service, will provide inspirational lectures to medical students to encourage those considering a career in academic medicine.

Professor John Bell president of the Academy said *'The future of academic medicine in the UK depends on the next generation of brilliant young researchers and clinicians. We hope that sharing cutting edge work with young doctors and scientists at Peninsula will highlight the many opportunities that are available in biomedical research and encourage students into careers that qualify them as the next generation of Academy fellows.'*

Professor Sir John Tooke, Dean of the Medical School said, *"We are delighted that Peninsula Medical School has been chosen by the Academy to launch this exciting initiative. The lectures will provide an exclusive opportunity for our students to hear from leaders in their field, inspiring them to become first class clinicians. It is essential that our aspiring clinician scientists are exposed to the best role models and this lecture series will provide this opportunity'*

The first visiting lecture will be given by Professor George Griffin on Tuesday 27 February and will look at the interaction of TB and HIV at cell, molecular and clinical levels.

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The independent Academy of Medical Sciences promotes advances in medical science and campaigns to ensure these are translated as quickly as possible into benefits for patients. The Academy's eight hundred Fellows are the United Kingdom's leading medical scientists from hospitals, academia, industry and the public service. Further details may be obtained from Academy of Medical Sciences, 10 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AH. Tel: 020 7969 5288; Fax: 020 7969 5298; email see website: www.acmedsci.ac.uk