

## **Jeremy Nicholson, Chairman NMRDG, 1997-1999**



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I became Chairman after the International meeting held in Exeter in July 1997, following on from Ken Packer who nominated me. During my tenure we held a number of one day meetings, the first being the Christmas 1997 occasion at Kings College London.

In 1998, I made a move together with several people from my research group from the Chemistry Department, Birkbeck College, University of London, to form a new organisation at Imperial College in the Medical Faculty there, to coincide with the opening of the new Sir Alexander Fleming building on the South Kensington site. So it seemed opportune to hold the Christmas 1998 meeting there also on a theme of new frontiers in biological magnetic resonance. Before that though, there was an additional meeting held under the auspices of the NMRDG and that was a meeting held in September 1998 at AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals at Alderley Park Cheshire on the development and application of hyphenated NMR technologies such as HPLC-NMR. The spring 1999 meeting was replaced by a symposium in appreciation of Ray Freeman, and held in Cambridge from 8-10 April 1999.

However the main activity of a Chairman of the NMRDG is to organise the next International meeting, and “mine” was to be at the University of Edinburgh in a week spanning the end of June and the beginning of July 1999. This was a very enjoyable gathering and we managed to attract a large number of very eminent and well travelled NMR spectroscopists to speak, including Pines, Wuthrich, Spiess, Meier, Campbell, Oldfield, and Kuchel. We also had to compete with the opening of the new Scottish Parliament by the Queen.

I handed over the Chairmanship after this meeting to my nominee, Jeremy Everett from Pfizer.