

## **Alan Boyd**

Professor Boyd is a Fellow and currently President of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians, UK. He is also a Council member of the Royal College of Physicians, London and a Board Trustee and Council member of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges. He is graduate in Biochemistry and Medicine from the University of Birmingham, UK.

Following post-graduate medical training, he joined the pharmaceutical industry and worked for Glaxo and AstraZeneca, where he became the Global Head of Medical Research for the company. In 1999 he became the R&D Director for Ark Therapeutics Ltd in the UK, where he led the development of their gene-based medicines portfolio. In April 2005, he set up Boyd Consultants, the focus of which is to aid and support early stage life-science based companies and universities. His clients now include many companies in Europe, North America and Japan who are devoted to the development of medical drug products, devices and in vitro devices. In November 2009 he was appointed an Honorary Professor at the Medical School at the University of Birmingham Medical School, in recognition of his expertise in medicines development. In October 2014, he was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Biology, UK and in April 2018 he was elected as a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London.

Professor Boyd also received the 'Outstanding Contribution Award' at the 15th Annual Bionow Awards ceremony in November 2016. This award was given in recognition of his significant contribution to the development of medicines and the speciality of Pharmaceutical Medicine as an industrialist, an educator and an inspirational leader. Most recently, his company received the Queen's Award for Enterprise, that was made in recognition of the company's work in supporting the development of cell and gene therapies, as well as providing the expertise and skills necessary for the international development of other pharmaceutical and biotechnology products.