



Address at The Medical University of Pécs (Hungary) on receiving an honorary doctorate of medicine in 2013.

We are pleased to welcome DENYS NEVILLE WHEATLEY as one of the Editors of *Biomedical Reviews*. He is the renowned scientist, who spent his academic life as Professor in Cell Pathology at the University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, United Kingdom, where he established a unit devoted to cancer research in the Department of Pathology. He retired from this post in June 2005.

DENYS took his first degree in 1961 at King's College, University of London, in Cell Physiology. He took his PhD at the Institute of Cancer Research in London in 1963, and then joined Sir Alistair Currie in Aberdeen to set up an experimental division of the Department of Pathology at Aberdeen University, which was his base until 2005, although he has spent much time working and living abroad. He was Editor-in-Chief of *Cell Biology International* for 16 years, the journal being the official publication of the International Federation for Cell Biology (IFCB). This was followed by his founding three online journals since 2000 (see below).

DENYS is well known for his research on the cell cycle in relation to cancer, amino acid metabolism and protein degradation, primary cilia and centrioles, as well as diffusion theory in biology. Also continues to work on cancer research as Chief Scientific Officer of BioCancer-Treatment International, based in Hong Kong. He is an Adjunct Professor at the Wayne State Medical School in Detroit MI, USA. DENYS WHEATLEY has written many books and published more than 300 papers.

2000-2008	Secretary General, International Federation for Cell Biology
2000-2015	Founder and Editor-in-Chief, <i>Cancer Cell International</i>
2004-2014	Founder and Editor-in-Chief, <i>Theoretical Biology and Medical Modelling</i>
2006-	Editor-in-Chief, <i>Oncology News</i>
2006-2013	Chief Scientific Officer, Bio-Cancer Treatments International (Hong Kong)
2007-2010	Chairman, Enterprise Music Scotland (EMS)
2008-2012	President, International Federation for Cell Biology
2015-	Founder and Editor-in-Chief, <i>Cancer Hypotheses</i>

DENYS was spotlighted in *Biomed Rev* 2013; 24:VI-VII as: Professor Denys N. Wheatley: Great in triplicate – scientist, scholar, artist. Also see (i) his *Eureka Review* published on pages 115-123 in this volume of *Biomedical Reviews*,

and (ii) Wheatley DN. “Rediscovery” of a forgotten organelle, the primary cilium: the root cause of a plethora of disorders. *Biomed Rev* 2013; 24:1-7.

Although retired since 12 years ago from academic life, DENYS remains busier than ever, both in his innovative research, art work and music, playing the cello with the opening concerts of the World Doctors Orchestra, and thereafter with the European Doctors Orchestra. At home in Scotland, he plays with the Aberdeen Chamber Orchestra (see photograph below), and other local orchestras.

