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Biography



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David Richardson is a specialist consultant in nutrition and food science. He holds visiting professorships at the Universities of Newcastle and Reading.

Professor Richardson began his career at the University of London as a lecturer in nutrition and was later appointed Industrial Research Fellow in the Department of Food Science and Nutrition at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He subsequently embarked on a 20-year career with Nestlé UK Ltd, ultimately becoming Group Chief Scientist.

From 1985 to 2000, Professor Richardson was a member of the UK Committee on Medical Aspects of Food Policy (COMA). In 2003, he chaired an EU Concerted Action Programme Group (PASSCLAIM) to develop a process for the scientific substantiation of health claims, and he was formerly on the Council of the UK Joint Health Claims Initiative (JHCI).

From 1999 to 2003, Professor Richardson was an industry observer on the UK Food Standards Agency Expert Group on Vitamins and Minerals. He is Chairman of the International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI) Europe Consumer Science Expert Group on Consumer Understanding of Health Claims and a member of the ILSI Europe European Commission Specific Support Action project to investigate the risk-benefit analysis of foods (BRAFO), which commenced in September 2007 and will run for three years. He is also a member of several industrial scientific advisory boards and a participant in the EU Food Quality and Safety project on the nutrition and health benefits of cereal grains (HEALTHGRAIN).

In 2005, Professor Richardson was appointed a member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry.

He is scientific adviser to a number of European and international organizations covering foods and food supplements.