

Professor David Gordon President World Federation for Medical Education, UK

Biography:

David Gordon has been President of the World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) since 2015. He had previously been President of the Association of Medical Schools in Europe, is emeritus professor of medicine at the University of Manchester, and holds several visiting professorships. He has lectured extensively, particularly in central and Eastern Europe, in the Middle East, and in countries of the former Soviet Union.

The World Federation for Medical Education is the global organisation concerned with medical education, and is in official partnership with the World Health Organization. WFME is an umbrella organisation for the six world-wide Regional Associations for Medical, Education, and in additional to its formal relationship with WHO, WFME is associated with other global bodies concerned with medicine and medical education.

After qualifying from the University of Cambridge, Professor Gordon held research, academic and clinical appointments in Leicester, Cambridge and London. He joined the Wellcome Trust during the period of its expansion to become the world's largest endowed foundation, and the world's largest non-governmental funder of biomedical research. He was dean of the medical faculty in Manchester for seven years, and chair of the Council of Heads of Medical Schools in the UK.

Professor Gordon left Manchester in 2007 and joined the WFME office, then based in the University of Copenhagen, Denmark. The WFME office is now in Ferney-Voltaire, France, near Geneva.