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COLLEGE NOTICE

DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL HEALTH

Dr Peter Piot MD PhD, Executive Director of UNAIDS since 1995, has accepted appointment as the first Director of the College's new Institute for Global Health, to be officially launched in spring 2009.

Dr Piot will spearhead the new Institute's mission to find solutions to health problems worldwide, working in partnership with international development and health agencies and foundations.

Dr Piot completed his medical degree at the University of Ghent in 1974 and pursued a PhD in microbiology at the Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp, Belgium, during the course of which he co-discovered the Ebola virus in Zaire in 1976. He was Senior Fellow in the Division of Infectious Diseases and Department of Microbiology, University of Washington from 1978-79, and in 1980, he rejoined the Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp, becoming Associate Professor of Microbiology and Head of the Division of Microbiology.

He became Professor of Medical Microbiology at the University of Nairobi, Kenya, in 1986, before appointment as Director of the World Health Organisation Centre on AIDS and the National AIDS Reference Centre at Antwerp in 1987. In 1992 Dr Piot became Associate Director of the WHO's Global Programme on AIDS and took up his current role in 1995.

He was named a Baron by King Albert II of Belgium in 1995, and is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and is a member of the USA's national Academy of Sciences and Belgium's Royal Academy of Medicine. He is the author of over 500 scientific papers and 16 books.

Rodney Eastwood
College Secretary

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