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Peter Watson was born in Newport Monmouth where his parents were running a free mobile medical clinic during the post 1st World War depression. He was brought up in Doncaster and Beverley, Yorkshire, England, and was educated there and at The Leys School Cambridge which was evacuated to Scotland for part of the time. After National Service as a subaltern in the Royal Horse Artillery he entered Queens' College in the University of Cambridge to read first Natural Sciences and then medicine at University College Hospital, qualifying in 1956 .

After various junior posts in medicine, surgery and gynaecology he trained in ophthalmology at University College Hospital, Moorfields Eye Hospital and the Institute of Ophthalmology eventually becoming senior lecturer to Prof Barrie Jones at Moorfields in the University of London.

Between 1965 and 1995 he was a consultant ophthalmologist and latterly head of the eye department at Addenbrooke's University Hospital in Cambridge with a specialist interest in glaucoma, external and orbital disease and a consultant ophthalmologist at Moorfields Eye Hospital in London in charge of the scleritis

clinic. He was then appointed Boerhaave Professor in the University of Leiden in the Netherlands.

His research interests have included;

- the introduction and the development of trabeculectomy for the treatment of open angle glaucoma,
- the classification , investigation, pathology and treatment of scleral disease ,
- the elucidation and the management of corneal destructive disease.
- The determination of the mechanisms of corneal allograft rejection and the feasibility of ciliary body organ transplantation in the eye.
- Investigations into the causes and a possible alternative treatment for amblyopia
- The cause of Galileo Galilei's blindness

He was made fellow Honoris Causi by the Royal College of Ophthalmologists in 1995. The American Academy of Ophthalmology gave him Honorary membership, the Honour Award and Achievement Awards in 1986, 2001, 2004

He has been the recipient of :

The Doyne Memorial Medal 1982, The Krwawicz Gold Medal Poland 2000, the Duke Elder International Gold Medal 2002, The Jose Rizal International Medal of the Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology 2012, the Claus Dohlman Teaching Award of the Corneal Society of America 2012, and the Jules Francois Gold Research Medal 2013/4 of the International Council of Ophthalmology

He has previously been Master of the Oxford Ophthalmological Congress, Senior Vice president of the Royal College of Ophthalmology and Editor of EYE its official scientific journal. He instituted and organized the Cambridge Ophthalmological Symposium from 1995-1999 and the International Council of Ophthalmology's International Assessment and Examinations from 1995-2008.

He was a member of the International Council of Ophthalmology from 1993 and President of the Academia Ophthalmologica Internationalis from 2005-2008.

He has worked for a period or been visiting professor in the USA , Labrador, Iran Turkey, Jordan, Egypt ,Singapore . Shenyang and Tianjin PR China, Hong Kong, India, Pakistan and Australia.

He has given the Doyne memorial lecture , the Middlemore lecture in the UK. The Mauerberger lecture in South Africa, the Gold medal oration of the All India Academy . the Koplowitz lecture in Washington DC, the Duke Elder Oration , the Academia lecture at the World Congress of Ophthalmology, the Dorothy Feng Ming Li lecture in Beijing and the Parunovic lecture in Yugoslavia. He has also lectured widely elsewhere.

He has held appointments on several scientific committees and has been a Governor of The Leys School Cambridge for 30 years. He is currently chairman of the Cambridge Eye Trust and is a fellow commoner of Queens' College Cambridge

He has written 4 books and 20 chapter in textbooks together with 170 peer reviewed papers . The textbook "The Sclera and Systemic Disease" with Hazleman, Pavasio and McClusky had its 3rd edition published in 2012 by JP Medical