Résumé for Dr Keith Jones Director & Chief Executive Medicines Control Agency UK

Dr Jones qualified in medicine in 1960 and held post in clinical medicine and research at teaching hospitals in Cardiff, Edinburgh and Cambridge. He specialised in renal medicine, obtained his MD for research in metabolic medicine and then trained as a toxicologist in the agrochemical industry.

During twenty-two years in industry he held appointments as Head of the Medical Department at Fisons Agrochemical Division, Head of Safety Assessment and Clinical Pharmacology at Beecham Pharmaceuticals and Executive Director, Medical Affairs at Merck Sharp and Dohme in the USA. Dr Jones also held an appointment as Adjunct Professor of Medicine at the Thomas Jefferson Medical School, Philadelphia and is currently visiting Professor of Pharmacology at the School of Pharmacy, University of London. He has published and lectured widely in the areas of clinical medicine, metabolic medicine, pesticide and drug toxicology, clinical pharmacology and drug development. He is a Fellow of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of Edinburgh and London and of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Physicians. He was awarded life long Fellowship of the American Academy of Pharmaceutical Physicians in recognition of his contribution to pharmaceutical medicine.

In 1989, Dr Jones was appointed Director, and in 1991, Chief Executive of the Medicines Control Agency. He was the UK representative to the European CPMP until 1995 and is presently the UK delegate to the EU's Pharmaceutical and Standing Regulatory Committees. He is also Chairman of the EMEA Management Board, and is currently a member of the EU's Scientific Steering Committee at DG SANCO.