

HONORARY EDITOR WANTED

Plarr's Lives of the Fellows of The Royal College of Surgeons of England
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The College seeks to appoint a successor to Professor Irving Taylor, currently Honorary Editor for *Plarr's Lives*, whose term ends in May 2025.

Plarr's Lives of the Fellows is a biographical register of the fellows of The Royal College of Surgeons of England (FRCS), which documents the professional achievements of deceased RCS and FDS fellows. First published in 1930 it is now online with over 10,500 entries, updated monthly, and includes a photographic record.

Further information is available from the Lives website, or John Black Chair of the Editorial Board, or to Sara Pink, Director of Library & Archives at lives@rcseng.ac.uk.

Applicants should submit a brief CV to lives@rcseng.ac.uk outlining any previous experience in similar roles.

The closing date for applications is 14th March. Interviews will take place in March or April 2025.

As the retiring honorary editor after 10 years in post, I can, without hesitation, recommend this exciting role as being both enjoyable and satisfying, albeit somewhat humbling. The recording for posterity of the lives of our fellows provides an historical document which not only recognises individual's contributions but, in totality, provides an important historical document for researchers and social scientists. Lives is widely referenced with some 10,000 "hits" per month. Recently we have incorporated FDS obituaries.

The honorary editor is supported by an excellent College administrative staff which ensure that the workload is not excessive (perhaps 2-3 hours per week). The position has traditionally been occupied by a recently retired surgeon who, due to involvement with different surgical societies and organisations, has a broad knowledge of the surgical workforce. However, applications from any College Fellow would be welcomed.

The post is not remunerated but all reasonable expenses are reimbursed.

Either myself (irving.taylor@ucl.ac.uk) or John Black (johnblackmalvern@gmail.com) would be happy to discuss the role in confidence.