

ALUN WILLIAMS

Biography

Alun Williams is chairman of Universal Sensors, based in Cambridge, a company specialising in biosensor technology. He was until recently Chief Executive of Delphic Diagnostics plc, a clinical diagnostics company which he managed to a successful trade sale. He also owns a recruitment agency which is now managed by one of his sons. His background includes technology transfer, specialist diagnostic services in HIV and hepatitis, medical devices and pharmaceuticals, including phase 1-3 clinical trials.

Alun is a former global managing director (Health) of QinetiQ plc and supported its highly successful flotation in 2006. Whilst at QinetiQ, Alun's team was responsible for developing and licensing of cutting edge technologies to multi-nationals and SME's. The technologies included the world's first automated breast cancer tumour grading system (in conjunction with Oxford, Cambridge and Surrey Universities and endorsed by Oxford's eminent pathologist, Professor Jim McGee); foetal ECG signal separation (in collaboration with Queen Charlotte's & Chelsea Hospital and Guy's & St Thomas' Hospitals); an MRI image auto-correction system (in collaboration with the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota); automated system for screening and analysis of diabetic retinopathy; a digital signal separation technique to cancel out muscle 'noise' and ocular artefact from ECG recordings; MEA biosensor for use in early stage drug discovery; a ferrous metal detector for use in MRI suites, etc., etc.

Previously, Alun was Managing Director of Hidden Hearing Ltd and joined the Board of its plc in 1999. Prior to this, he was UK managing director of Sherwood-Davis & Geck, a subsidiary of American Home Products Corporation. Sherwood-Davis & Geck manufactured a wide range of medical and wound closure devices.

Alun has also worked in corporate finance as managing director, healthcare, at the accountancy firm, BDO Stoy Hayward and has successfully managed the merger of multi-million pound medical device companies. He sat on the first Healthcare Industries Task Force (Working Group 2 - R&D and Industrial Base) which was set up by the Department of Health in 2003 to develop a strategic dialogue between the healthcare industries and Government. Alun has spent his entire career to date in the healthcare industry and has served as a non-executive director on a number of start-up company boards.