



# ROYAL STATISTICAL SOCIETY

## EDINBURGH LOCAL GROUP MEETING

Tuesday 13 May 2008 (5.30 – 7.00 pm)  
Non-members welcome

Refreshments available from 5.00 pm

**Title: 30 Years of Medical Statistics  
(followed by AGM)**

Professor Mike Campbell (Professor in Medical Statistics, Health Services Research, University of Sheffield)

**Abstract:** The speaker will describe how statistical methods in Medical Statistics have changed over his career. At the start, important landmark papers by Cox (1972) and Nelder and Wedderburn (1972) were becoming better known, and programs were written on punch cards. Bayesian methods were for philosophers rather than practicing statisticians. Many things are much better these days, in particular the recognition of the importance of statistics. However, many things remain the same, in particular teaching statistics to doctors has not become any easier!

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE: Sydney Smith Lecture Theatre, Teviot Place, University of Edinburgh Medical School EH8 9AG\*\***

Directions: Enter via Doorway 1, Old Medical School Quadrangle, Teviot Place and walk up to the 2nd floor; go through the first pair of swing doors. The Sydney Smith Lecture Theatre will be facing you.

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