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Professor Graham M. Davies wins the 2012 Division of Forensic Psychology Senior Academic Award, sponsored by Pearson Assessment.

Professor Graham M. Davies has been awarded the 2012 Award for Distinguished Contributions to Academic Knowledge in Forensic Psychology, at this years 21st Annual Division of Forensic Psychology Conference.

The award sponsored by Pearson Assessment was presented by Dr Ian Gargan, the new Chair of the Division of Forensic Psychology, at a ceremony that took place during a banquet at Cardiff Castle. It recognises an individual who has made a significant lifetime contribution to Forensic Psychology in the UK, with particular reference to forensic research. The Award confers life membership of the Division of Forensic Psychology and a commemorative certificate was presented to Professor Davies along with Pearson Assessment's sponsorship award of £500.

Graham Davies is Professor Emeritus of Psychology at the University of Leicester and an Honorary Professor of Forensic Psychology at the Universities of Birmingham and Coventry. His research interests focus on the testimony of children and adults and the support of vulnerable witnesses at court, on which topics he has published some ten books and over 150 articles in scientific journals.

On receiving the award, Professor Davies commented:

"I am delighted to receive this award as it signals final approval from my fellow professionals for contributions to research and practice in forensic psychology over the last 40 years. Little could have been achieved without the contribution of my many colleagues who worked and collaborated with me over those years and I think of it as an award as much for the work, as for my own personal role."

A second Senior Award for Distinguished Contributions to Professional Practice in Forensic Psychology went to Lawrence Jones, Lead Psychologist and Consultant Clinical and Forensic Psychologist working on the Peaks Unit, Rampton Hospital. After starting his career working with hard to place ex-offenders in the community he went on to train as a psychologist and worked in the prison service running a pioneering therapeutic community using a CBT model in Wormwood Scrubs. He has served as chair of the division of Forensic Psychology for two successive terms and has contributed to the work of the DFP committee.

Giles McCathie, Vice-Chair, Division of Forensic Psychology congratulated the winners of these outstanding awards, saying:

"The Division of Forensic Psychology takes great pride in celebrating excellence in Psychology across both research and practice. The Senior Awards represent the value of Forensic Psychology and the significant contribution of individuals within this field. We are delighted to present the 2012 Senior Academic award to Professor Graham M. Davies and the 2012 Senior Practitioner award to Lawrence Jones, both of whom continue to offer inspiration and guidance to colleagues and many others on who their work has made an impact."

Pearson Assessment have been working with the Division of Forensic Psychology and sponsoring one of the DFP Awards for the last five years. Amanda Wynn, Director of Sales and Marketing, Pearson Assessment commented:

"The Senior Awards acknowledge the outstanding commitment that these individuals have made in

the field of forensic psychology. We were pleased to see Professor Graham M. Davies and Lawrence Jones honoured in this way. We look forward to continuing our support of the Division of Forensic Psychology and working with the new Chair, Dr Ian Gargan.”

Dr Ian Gargan was warmly welcomed as the new Chair of the Division of Forensic Psychology at the annual conference, replacing Giles McCathie who assumes the role of Vice-Chair. Dr Gargan, spoke of his aims to further developing relations with the Health Professions Council, encouraging the use of technology and further expanding the forensic implementation beyond the offender population.

Pearson Assessment, are the leading publishers of assessments for use in forensic settings, including the renowned Millon tools and the gold standard Wechsler Range (which has recently been extended with the new Wechsler Abbreviated Scale of Intelligence - Second Edition). The call for award nominations for 2013 will be announced in due course via the British Psychological Society website.

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