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ROBERT ARNOTT was educated at University College London, the University of Warwick, the University of Pittsburgh, USA and the British School of Archaeology at Athens and his early career took him through Whitehall and senior management of the NHS. He is based at the University of Birmingham where he is a Reader in the History and Archaeology of Medicine, Director of the Centre for the History of Medicine and an Associate Dean of the Medical School, with specific responsibilities for development, communications and overseas relations. He is also Public Orator of The University. In 2005, he was additionally appointed *pro-tem* Director of the University's Institute of Medical Law and is currently shaping its long-term research and teaching strategy. For the last five years he has also been a Visiting Lecturer in the University of Oxford Medical School.

Other offices currently held include Vice-President of the Birmingham Medical Institute and Vice-President of the Society for Ancient Medicine. He is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, a Lecturer in the History of Medicine of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London, a member of Birmingham's Lunar Society and a Trustee of the Army Medical Services Museum. His career and work has been personally featured in the *Lancet* ("Lifelines" in No. 9313, 6 April 2002).

A Fellow of the RSM since 1975, other than being Regional Sub-Dean for the Midlands and a member of its Regional Board, he has been Secretary and subsequently Vice-President of the Section for the History of Medicine

An archaeologist and medical historian, he has an international reputation as a scholar at the forefront of research in palaeodisease and the practice of medicine in the ancient world, especially of the Aegean and Anatolian Bronze Ages. His most recent books include: *The Archaeology of Medicine* (Oxford, 2002), *Trepanation: History, Discovery, Theory* (Liss, 2003), *The Genius of Erasmus Darwin* (Aldershot, 2005) together with over eighty chapters in edited volumes or papers in learned journals, plus a number of articles in popular journals and newspapers. He has made a number of appearances in television and radio documentaries on issues relating to ancient disease and medicine and in the last two years has accepted invitations to lecture in Australia, Germany, Greece,

Austria, Italy, Sweden, Belgium, Turkey, the USA as well as in the UK.

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