

# The Bristol Medico-Chirurgical Society

134<sup>th</sup> Session

## Professor James Owen Drife 'Saving Lives in Pregnancy and Childbirth'

Professor James Owen Drife is Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Leeds. He graduated in Edinburgh and worked in Bristol and Leicester before moving to Leeds in 1990.

He has been obstetric assessor for the Confidential Enquiries into Maternal Deaths since 1994 and is a consultant to WHO's "Making Pregnancy Safer" campaign

*"Pregnancy in Britain became safe for women only recently, in historical terms. Before 1935, 1 in 200 pregnancies resulted in the death of the mother, and the figure now is around 1 in 10,000. This lecture will discuss the reasons for this change and why it has occurred in relatively few counties. Maternal and perinatal mortality rates in the UK are now static and the lecture will discuss why we appear to have given up on getting better"*

**Wednesday January 9<sup>th</sup> 2008**

**Kingsdown Conference Centre**

(School of Veterinary Science)

Reception 7.00 pm, Supper 7.30 pm, Lecture 8.30 pm

Reception and Supper – £18, Students £5

Nothing to pay for attending just the Lecture

**Meal bookings:** Please telephone 07931 313 765 before Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2008

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