



## **SYIS – STUDENT MEET MENTOR**

### **David Williams**

David Williams was trained as a materials scientist at the University of Birmingham, UK (B.Sc. 1965, Ph.D. 1969, D.Sc. 1982). In 1968 he took up a faculty position in the School of Medicine at the University of Liverpool, UK, where he remained for 40 years, writing, researching and teaching on the science of biomaterials. He created the Department of Clinical Engineering in the University and was its Head for 20 years. He was granted a Personal Chair in the University in 1984, then the youngest person in the history of the University to receive such an honour. Towards the end of his career in Liverpool, he became the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (equivalent to Academic Vice-President) of the University, and then won major funding from the British Government to form, in collaboration with the University of Manchester, the UK Centre for Tissue Engineering, of which he became Director.