



Professor Vanezis was born in Nicosia on the 11th December 1947. His family immigrated to the United Kingdom in 1951. After his schooling in London he attended the University of Bristol where he graduated in medicine in 1972. After a short spell in general pathology, he joined the Department of Forensic Medicine at the Royal London Hospital which is part of the University of London. In 1990, he was appointed Reader and Head of Department in Forensic Medicine and Toxicology at the Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School (now Imperial College). In 1993 he was appointed to the Regius Chair of Forensic Medicine and Science at the University of Glasgow.

He returned to London in 2003 where he took up the post of Chief Forensic Medical Officer with the Forensic Science Service and Professor of Forensic Medical Sciences at Barts and the London, Queen Mary, University of London, which is his current position. In March 2013 he was appointed as Chief Medical Officer to iGene London Ltd to develop globally, a digital autopsy system for the company. He is also the founder President and Director of the Academy of Forensic Medical Sciences which is an educational institute for professionals in the field. He is also editor in chief of one of the leading British forensic journal 'Medicine, Science and the Law'

He also holds visiting and honorary chairs in the Universities of Glasgow, Leicester, London Southbank and Hong Kong.

From 1992 to 2010 he was Honorary Consultant to the British Armed Forces.

His work has involved a combination of casework, education and research. He has given expert advice in many high profile cases both in the United Kingdom and abroad.

His current interests include development of non-invasive autopsy techniques, forensic medical education and investigation of human rights abuses.

He has published books and chapters in texts in his field as well as numerous articles in peer reviewed journals. He has appeared on a number of television and radio programmes including a recent production called 'Mummifying Allan –Ancient Egypt's last secret' which won three television awards including a BAFTA in 2012.

In 2001 Professor Vanezis was honoured by the Queen with the Order of the British Empire for his forensic pathology services in Kosovo.

Full qualifications for Professor Peter Vanezis OBE:

MB, ChB (1972), MD(1985), PhD(1990), FRCPath (1990, MRCPATH 1978) FRCP(Glasg)(1996), FFFLM (2006), FFSoc (2012), DMJ (Path) (1976), FAFMS(UK)(2010).

High profile cases and activities which the speaker has been personally involved include the death of Princess Diana and the investigation of genocide in Rwanda and the Balkans.