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Press statement

International Menopause Society congratulates Professor Mary Ann Lumsden, IMS President, on receiving an honour from the Queen in the UK New Year Honours list.

The International Menopause Society is pleased and proud to congratulate its President, Professor Mary Ann Lumsden, who has been awarded an OBE for services to Women's Health, by Her Majesty the Queen in the UK Honours List, 2017.

OBE stands for Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire and is an honour given on merit by the Queen to an individual for exceptional achievement or service in a specific field of activity.

Rodney Baber, immediate past President of The IMS commented "Mary Ann Lumsden has devoted her professional life to improving the health and wellbeing of all women. She has had a particular concern for women in midlife and beyond and her work with the International Menopause Society has helped her to spread this work throughout the world. I know I am joined by all our members in offering our congratulations to Mary Ann on this richly deserved award."

Mary Ann Lumsden commented "I am very fortunate to have had many opportunities to further my commitment to women's health in my career and supported by organisations like IMS, I continue this work. I am both surprised and delighted to have been awarded an OBE and would like to thank all those who have helped me achieve this award. I will continue to use every opportunity I have of improving women's health around the world. Thank you all".

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Editors notes

What is an OBE?

UK nationals or citizens from the 15 Commonwealth realms such as Australia, Canada and Jamaica can be nominated for an honour.

The honours list consists of knights and dames, appointments to the Order of the British Empire and gallantry awards to servicemen and women, and civilians.

Orders for chivalry are made after a personal decision by the Queen.

Nominations, submitted either by government departments or by members of the public, assessed by a selection committee that produces the list, independently of government, that is submitted to the Queen through the prime minister.

The Queen informally approves the list and once a nominee accepts the proposed honour, the list is formally approved, published in the **official Crown newspaper, the London Gazette**, twice a year - at New Year, and in mid-June on the date of the Queen's official birthday.

The Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood at St James's Palace then arranges investitures for the recipients to be presented with their medals by the Queen or other members of the Royal Family.

For general information on the International Menopause Society, see <http://www.imsociety.org/>

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