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**DR. SARAH CLARKE, A CARDIOLOGIST PRACTISING AT THE CAMBRIDGE HEART CLINIC, APPOINTED
PRESIDENT OF THE BRITISH CARDIOVASCULAR SOCIETY**

LONDON, United Kingdom, 31 March, 2015: Dr. Sarah Clarke, a cardiologist practising at the Cambridge Heart Clinic - a subsidiary of Regent's Park, has been appointed President of the British Cardiovascular Society (BCS).

The BCS is the oldest cardiovascular society in the world and the national society for all UK cardiologists with more than 2,700 clinical members nationwide with representation through 18 affiliated sub-specialty societies and groups. The society sets standards of clinical excellence for patients; represents and supports all those working within the cardiology sector and works to enhance and maintain the highest standards in training, education and research.

Dr. Clarke said: "I am delighted to have been elected as President of the British Cardiovascular Society. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the Society and the membership over the last 14 years. In the last 3 years I have delivered the annual conference and developed many national educational courses for both cardiologists and allied professionals as the Vice President for Education and Research. I would like to thank the membership for giving me the opportunity to be their President from 2015 and I look forward to building on the successes of my predecessor Dr Iain Simpson who has been a great mentor to me over the years."

Dr. Clarke has been an active member of the BCS for more than a decade and has been instrumental in leading the society's education and research strategy for members as the Vice President for Education and Research since 2011. In her role as President she will be working directly with Government ministers, officials at the Department of Health along with senior representatives from medical royal colleges and numerous international cardiology societies.

Dr Iain Simpson, previous President of the BCS, said: "Sarah is one of the brightest shining stars of British Cardiology and it has been a great privilege to work with her. The British Cardiovascular Society will flourish under her leadership and I am delighted she has been elected to this important and prestigious role."

Dr. Patrick T. O'Gara, President of the American College of Cardiology which is affiliated to the BCS, said: "This is truly a remarkable and well-earned achievement. Dr Clarke's election is a clear reflection

of her enthusiastic and exemplary contributions to the field of cardiovascular medicine.”

Dr. Ohri, Chief Executive of Regent’s Park Healthcare added: “I have had the privilege of knowing and working with Sarah at our Cambridge Heart Clinic venture for the last eight years and her promotion to this national leadership position comes as no surprise to me. I know she has worked tirelessly to support BCS and her election to this role by members of the society is both just reward and a clear testament of the high regard in which she is held by her fellow colleagues. The position of President of BCS is arguably the most powerful executive role across the professional cardiovascular arena, and I am sure Sarah will use her position to advance the cause of British Cardiology in the years ahead.”



The British Cardiovascular Society (BCS) was founded in 1922 and has evolved into a complex organisation that plays a pivotal role in the delivery of cardiovascular health across the UK. See more information here: www.bcs.com



The American College of Cardiology (ACC), based in Washington, D.C., is a nonprofit medical association established in 1949. The ACC bestows credentials upon cardiovascular specialists who meet its qualifications. Education is a core component of the College, which also states it is active in the formulation of health policy and a supporter of cardiovascular research. See more information here: www.acc.org



The Cambridge Heart Clinic (CHC) is a partnership between Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Regent's Park Heart Clinics Ltd. The CHC opened in 2008 and sits in the grounds of Addenbrooke's Hospital working alongside the NHS to deliver cardiology services to both NHS and private patients. See more information here: www.cambridgeheartclinic.co.uk