

## **Chris McManus, Professor of Psychology and Medical Education, University College London**



Chris McManus is Professor of Psychology and Medical Education at University College London. After training as a doctor he wrote a PhD on the genetics and neuropsychology of handedness and cerebral lateralisation, which has been a long-term interest of his. However he has also continued several other areas of research, including long-term cohort studies on the education and training of doctors. In 2002 he published a popular science book *Right Hand, Left Hand: The origins of asymmetry in brains, bodies, atoms and cultures*, which overviewed many areas of lateralisation, and won the 2003 Aventis Prize for a popular science book, and was a finalist for the EU's Descartes Prize. In 2002 Chris also was awarded an Ig Nobel prize for a now infamous paper from 1976 which combined his interests in laterality and art. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences, and the Royal Colleges of Physicians of London and Edinburgh. He is currently working on a book on the psychology of art.