

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **£1.6 MILLION CASH WINDFALL TO FIGHT CANCER IN WALES**

TWO Cardiff-based scientists received a huge cash boost for their groundbreaking work fighting cancer at a glittering Gala Dinner on Saturday night.

Professor Malcolm Mason, based at Velindre Hospital in Whitchurch, and Professor Wen Jiaing, based at Cardiff University, were given a total of £1.6 million by Cancer Research Wales at a Gala Dinner to celebrate the charity's 40th Anniversary.

Professor Malcolm Mason, Cancer Research Wales Professor of Clinical Oncology, received £1.2 million to continue his internationally renowned research developing new ways of testing for, and treating, prostate cancer.

Professor Wen Jaing was presented with a grant of £400,000 for a new project to stop the growth and spread of breast and prostate cancer by blocking the blood supply to the tumours.

Cancer Research Wales chairman, Dr Patrizia Hodge, said:

“Each year Cancer Research Wales is pledging more and more money for vital research, thanks to the generosity of the Welsh people.

“We must continue to work hard in our battle against cancer and support the outstanding medical and scientific staff across the principality.”

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## **Notes For Editors:**

- Cancer Research Wales was formed by a board of trustees in 1966.
- Cancer Research Wales has its headquarters at Velindre Hospital in Whitchurch, Cardiff.
- Cancer Research Wales is a separate charity from Velindre Hospital and Cancer Research UK.
- All money raised by Cancer Research Wales is spent in Wales
- The money also funds vital research projects, doctors and scientists in Welsh hospitals
- Cancer Research Wales also funds the only dedicated cancer library in Wales, at Velindre Hospital
- The charity's patrons include Nigel Walker and Huw Edwards
- The research team is headed by Professor Malcolm Mason
- Over £3 million has been raised by the charity in the last few years alone.

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