

## Leigh Delbridge bio

Professor Leigh Delbridge was Head of Surgery at Royal North Shore Hospital and Head of the Discipline of Surgery at The University of Sydney, Australia.

He studied medicine at The University of Sydney Australia and spent his first decade in medicine focussing on a career as an endocrinologist, with multiple publications including a doctoral thesis on the topic of non-enzymatic glycolysation in diabetes. His career in endocrine surgical was owed to a serendipitous rotation to the academic surgical unit where Graham Coupland, noting his ability and enthusiasm, suggested that he be a surgeon. Leigh Delbridge's protestation that his goal was to be an endocrinologist was met by Coupland's retort that he could be an endocrinologist who can actually cure people and suggested that he become a thyroid surgeon like Tom Reeve. This led to surgical training at Royal North Shore Hospital in Sydney under the mentorship of Professors Tom Reeve and Graham Coupland. Leigh Delbridge undertook a two year Fellowship at The Middlesex Hospital in London under Professor Leslie Le Quesne, followed by a short Travelling Fellowship to University of Michigan with Norman Thompson before returning to an academic post in surgery at The University of Sydney.

In addition to high office with the IAES he was a founding committee member of Australia and New Zealand Endocrine Surgeons, Chairman of the Section of Endocrine Surgery Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, and Chairman of the Surgical Research Society of Australia. His academic publication record is prodigious and he has trained countless international fellows via the TS Reeve International Fellowship in Endocrine Surgery, one of the most sought after clinical fellowships in the world.