



Robin Anthony Elliott
Executive Director, Parkinson's Disease Foundation

Robin Elliott has been Executive Director of the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, Inc. (PDF) since October 1996. In the last 13 years, Mr. Elliott's vision has ushered in a new age for PDF, fortifying PDF's research programs and strengthening existing programs in education and advocacy for the Parkinson's community. Under his leadership, the professional staff has grown from just four full-time employees to over 20 and the PDF budget has more than tripled, rising from \$2.7 million in 1996 to over \$9 million in fiscal year 2008.

He is often cited as a leader amongst Parkinson's organizations for prompting collaborative efforts, including negotiating a merger with the Chicago-based United Parkinson's Foundation in 1998. He also played an instrumental role in the creation and organization of the World Parkinson Congress in 2006 and in the conception of the *PDtrials* campaign, an initiative of the major Parkinson's patient voluntary groups to accelerate the development of new treatments for the disease.

Active in development, communications and nonprofit management in New York City for more than 30 years, Mr. Elliott has served as vice president for development and external affairs at Teachers College, Columbia University (1988-95) and (with the same title) at Hunter College, The City University of New York (1982-88); as deputy to the Chancellor for University Relations at the City University of New York (1979-82); and as director of information and education at the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (1971-79).

Mr. Elliott currently serves as Chairman of the board for the Community Health Charities of New York as well as a board member for the American Society for Experimental NeuroTherapeutics (ASENT), the Empire State Stem Cell Board (ESSCB) and the American Brain Coalition (ABC), for which he is also Membership Committee Chair. He was formerly Chair of New Yorkers for the Advancement of Medical Research, a pro-stem-cell research coalition of disease advocacy groups, scientists and universities, and citizens' groups.

He is also active in reproductive health and rights (as member of the board of directors of Washington-based Advocates for Youth, an organization he co-founded in 1980) and serves also on the board of directors of the St. Cecilia Chorus (an oratorio group).

Mr. Elliott grew up in southern England and received his formal education at Bradfield (a preparatory school; 1954-59); Magdalen College, Oxford University (B.A. in Philosophy, Politics and Economics, 1962); and Columbia University (M.A. in American Government and Politics, 1965).