

Short CV: Sheila A. Tesh B.Sc., C.Biol., M.R.S.B.

Sheila Tesh is an independent consultant in reproductive toxicology, specialising in foetal morphology. She graduated from Bedford College, University of London with a B.Sc Special Honours in Physiology and Biochemistry, having been awarded the Edkins Memorial Prize for Physiology. On graduation she joined Beecham Research Laboratories as a section leader in charge of reproductive toxicity, together with acute toxicity and irritancy studies and was involved in the development of preclinical testing strategies for safety of drugs during pregnancy. After 6 years with BRL she became a Research Fellow in the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, School of Pharmacy, and the Unit of Reproductive Biology, University of Liverpool, working on ovum transfer (human and animal) and embryonic survival and control of fertility in the male, together with her husband, Professor John Tesh. Subsequently she established her own contract laboratory, Tesh Consultants International, specialising in foetal morphology, which was a member of the UK MHRA Good Laboratory practice programme, and which was recognised as one of the leading centres for foetal morphology worldwide.

She has organised many teaching programmes in basic embryology and foetal morphology for Pharmaceutical Companies and Contract Research Organisations in the UK and Europe, and was regular lecturer on the University of Surrey (Guildford) MSc Degree Course in Applied Toxicology. Of late she has concentrated on preparing expert reports for the pharmaceutical, agrochemical and chemical industries and has represented clients at ECHA RAC hearings. SAT is an honorary member of the European Teratology Society and an honorary member of the European Register of Foetal Morphologists. She is also a member of the Society for Birth Defects Research and Prevention and is author or co-author of more than 40 scientific publications.