

turn to Wales for two 3-year periods (1840–1843 and 1845–1848) during the time he was working as a journeyman surveyor. In later life, Wallace revisited Wales only on a few short occasions.

On this basis, I feel it is difficult to fairly consider Wallace a Welshman (though it is clear enough, as Evans and Lloyd suggest, that Wales figured importantly in several respects in his early life). Apparently, Wallace himself agreed: although on many occasions he drew attention to his ancestral connections with the Scots, to my knowledge he never once referred to himself as a Welshman, and indeed always gave his place of birth as Monmouthshire, not Gwent. Further, his contemporaries referred to him as an Englishman. Last, and not insignificantly, when early in the century the University of Wales voted to award him an honorary doctorate, he declined the offer (despite having previously accepted ones from Dublin and Cambridge): not exactly a ringing endorsement of a supposed national affinity.

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References and Notes

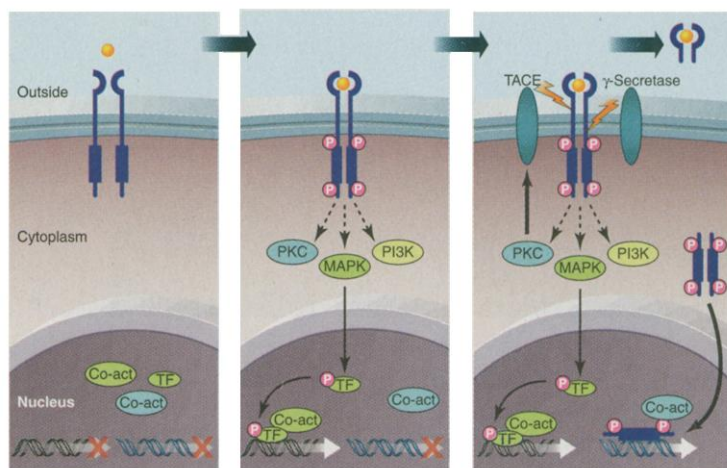
1. The site is at www.wku.edu/~smithch/index1.htm

NEWS OF THE WEEK: “Study of brain dead sparks debate” by J. Couzin (15 Feb., p. 1210). The bottom image was misidentified as skin blood vessels. In fact, the image depicts a control sample of prostate blood vessels, to which a skin-homing peptide failed to bind.

PERSPECTIVES: “Mediator meets morpheus” by M. Meisterernst (8 Feb., p. 984). Unpublished information regarding the configuration of CRSP induced by the carboxyl-terminal domain of RNA polymerase II was inadvertently included in the Perspective as a result of an editorial oversight. Citation of note 12 for this unpublished result is also in error. The remaining reference to note 12 is correct.

PERSPECTIVES:

“Ripping tyrosine kinase receptors apart” by C.-H. Heldin and J. Ericsson (7 Dec., p. 2111). The penultimate version of the accompanying figure, which used only one color for the molecules, was mistakenly published. The final version appears here.



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