

### **Tony Shorrocks, Director of UNU-WIDER**

Professor Tony Shorrocks became Director of UNU-WIDER on 1 January 2001, succeeding Professor Giovanni Andrea Cornia, who was the Institute's Director from early 1995 until the end of 1999.

Professor Shorrocks is a leading scholar in the field of income distribution. His past research has focused on methods to measure and analyse inequality, poverty, and income mobility. He has published widely on these issues in international economic journals such as *Econometrica*, the *Review of Economic Studies*, the *Economic Journal* and *Economica*. In 1996 he was elected a Fellow of the Econometric Society.

After receiving his PhD from the London School of Economics, he was appointed to a Lecturership and then a Readership at the London School of Economics. In 1983 he became Professor of Economics at the University of Essex, where he later served as Head of Department and Director of Economic Research for the British Household Panel Study. He has also been a Visiting Professor at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario; Southern Methodist University in Dallas; the European University Institute in Florence, and the New Economic School in Moscow.

Past activities include two World Bank studies on South Korea and Chile. More recently, he has been working *inter alia* on the social problems facing Russia in the post reform era, work which continues at WIDER with a project on microsimulation of tax benefit reforms.