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After competing degrees in physics and veterinary medicine at the University Melbourne, Chris completed an equine internship, and a surgical residency at the University of Saskatchewan (Canada) concurrent with MSc and PhD degrees in equine tendon healing. Certified as a Diplomate in the American College of Veterinary Surgeons at Iowa State University (USA) in 1998, he then spent 11 years at the Atlantic Veterinary College, Canada (Professor & Service Chief of Large Animal Surgery). After 3 years as the inaugural Professor of Equine Health at the University of Adelaide (Australia), he joined Massey University in 2013 as Chair and Professor of Equine Clinical Studies. In addition to his current role in research management, he is the manager of the Massey University Emergency Response Team, and internationally recognized animal welfare focused disaster response team. He is internationally Rescue 3 certified in technical animal rescue.

In addition to his managerial roles, he consults as a USA and Australasian accredited specialist in equine surgery at Massey University. He has parallel research interests in animal and human health and welfare, and their interdependence. His scientific research is multispecies and multidisciplinary, collaborating on projects in early detection of osteoarthritis, regenerative medicine. Most relevant to this meeting he conducts collaborative international research aimed at improving the transport welfare of horses, and the safety of workers and emergency responders with large animals.