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#### **Qualifications**

- Fellow of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons with more than 40 years of clinical veterinary experience. Diplomate of the European College of Equine Internal Medicine.
- Registered Consultant in Equine Medicine from both the RCVS and the European College of Equine Internal Medicine.

#### **Positions Held**

- Head of Equine Clinical Pathology at the Irish Equine Centre for 30 years. Current position there is that of Clinical Consultant.
- President British Equine Veterinary Association (1993-1994)
- President World Equine Veterinary Association (2001-2006)
- Founding Diplomate and former Vice-President of the European College of Equine Internal Medicine (2002 to 2008).
- International Director of the American Association of Equine Practitioners (2009 to 2012)
- Past Presidents Advisory Committee of the World Equine Veterinary Association (2006 to date).

#### **Presentations and Publications**

- More than 200 presentations to national and international meetings and 80 contributions to the scientific literature.

#### **Expert Advice**

- Member of the International Movement of Horses Committee of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities.
- Pre-movement inspector for the International Racing Bureau, the Hong Kong Jockey Club and the Saudi Cup.
- Commissioned to travel with horses to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.
- Expert Advisor to the FVO of the EU on the transport of Horses.
- Member of the EFTBA delegation to EU Commissioner Phil Hogan and his officials at the EU Commission on the movement of horses
- Pre-Auditor (with Professor W Bayly) for South Africa's bid for the resumption of direct horse exports to the EU (2019).
- Expert Veterinary Advisor to the Lloyds Livestock Committee.
- Member of International Horse Sport Council Task Force on the Transport of Horses post Brexit and on the 2021 EU Animal Health Laws (2020 to present).

#### **Awards**

- Presented with the « Outstanding Contribution to the Thoroughbred Industry Award » by the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders Association (2014)