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Richard is currently the Director of the Centre for Veterinary Wildlife Studies (CVWS), Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria. The CVWS manages the clinical wildlife veterinary cases that come into the Veterinary Academic Hospital, as well as undergraduate and postgraduate wildlife training. The CVWS assists in the facilitation of wildlife and “One Health” research and training programs within the University, as well as local, regional and international organizations.

Richard is involved in activities of the OIE Collaborating Centre for Integrated Wildlife and Livestock Training, and is actively involved in the Greater Limpopo Transfrontier Park activities and the associated AHEAD program, as well as those of the Mapungubwe Transfrontier Park (Botswana, Zimbabwe and South Africa). The Director of the CVWS also manages the Peace Parks Foundation (PPF) Transfrontier Veterinary Program. He has worked in the Import Export Policy Unit of the South African Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Veterinary Services) as a Chief State Veterinarian.

Prior to that, he was the Director of a number of small niche market companies that service the wildlife industry and conservation world in general. He has been involved in many aspects of the wildlife industry – from provision of skilled professional clinical veterinary services to providing management and specific conservation consultancy services. Richard has experience and detailed knowledge of the national regional and international (OIE) regulations involved in disease control, for example, Foot and Mouth Disease, Tuberculosis, Brucella, and Corridor Disease. He has a long history and interest in wildlife veterinary medicine, with extensive clinical experience in dealing with a wide variety of wild animals under translocation or quarantine conditions. He has been involved in the design and construction of holding facilities for various kinds of African wildlife and has contributed to setting standards on these for the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS). He has presented numerous professional and lay continuing education courses, as well as presentations at scientific meetings. He has furthermore been involved in the Zimbabwe Capture Course for more than 15 years.