

SHORT CURRICULUM VITAE



A. Personal Details

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Citizenship British; Irish

Qualifications

1. Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc). University of Pretoria, South Africa. 1985
2. Master of Social Science (MSSc). Queens University, Belfast, N. Ireland. 1990
3. Postgraduate Diploma in Epidemiology, LSHTM, London, UK. 2002.
4. PhD. Royal Veterinary College, UK. 2008

B. Employment

1985 to 1991 Northern Ireland: Veterinary Officer, Department of Agriculture.

1991 to 1994 Botswana: Veterinary Officer, Ministry of Agriculture (ODA Aid Programme)

1995 to 2012 Northern Ireland: Epidemiologist and Head, Veterinary Epidemiology Unit, Department of Agriculture.

2012 to 2014 South Africa: University of Pretoria - Faculty of Veterinary Science: Head of Department, Department of Veterinary Tropical Diseases.

2014 to 2017 South Africa: University of Pretoria - Faculty of Veterinary Science: Dean of Faculty.

2017 to present South Africa: University of Pretoria - Faculty of Veterinary Science: Associate Professor - Centre for Veterinary Wildlife Studies.

C. Work Experience

- 6 years' experience in field management of wide variety of animal diseases, including bovine tuberculosis, brucellosis, salmonellosis, Newcastle Disease, Aujeszky's Disease.
- 6 years' part-time (UK) and 3 years full-time (Botswana) experience in meat production and veterinary supervision of abattoir.
- 17 years' experience in epidemiological investigation and study design; evaluation of animal/public health programmes and eradication strategies.
- 6 years' experience in senior academic leadership and management.
- 15+ years' experience in serving and/or leading local, national and international expert groups, including technical, supervisory and research groups.
- 20+ years' teaching and training experience to students, technical and lay audiences.

D. Academic Activities

- 1994 - 2012: Published over 70 epidemiological reports in Department of Agriculture, Northern Ireland. External publication was not possible until 2008; consequently, outputs were in the form of government technical reports. Copies of these reports can be provided subject to permission from the Department.
- Published 24 peer-reviewed articles, 50+ conference presentations/posters, 5 as invited speaker. Google Scholar h-index = 13.
- Research interests include epidemiology of bovine brucellosis in cattle and wildlife; determinants of ecosystem health; avian indicators of climate change; avian health; role of wildlife in poverty alleviation.

E. Extramural Activities

2019 – present: Chairman, South African Crocodile Industry Association

2019 – present: Director, South African Veterinary Foundation

D. Abernethy
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