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David qualified as a veterinary surgeon and worked in general veterinary practice before embarking on a career as a research scientist in exotic viral diseases of livestock, specialising in Foot-and-Mouth Disease, ultimately in the position of the Head of the Pirbright Laboratory of the Institute for Animal Health in the United Kingdom. He subsequently moved into the regulatory area, assuming the posts of Head of Immunologicals and then Director of Licensing at the Veterinary Medicines Directorate in the UK. David now works at the European Medicines Agency in London as the Head of Veterinary Medicines and Product Data Management. During his career, he has published widely on epizootic diseases of livestock and on regulatory issues, particularly in relation to immunological veterinary medicinal products. David is a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, the Association of Veterinary Teachers and Research Workers and is an honorary professor of the Royal Veterinary College of the University of London.