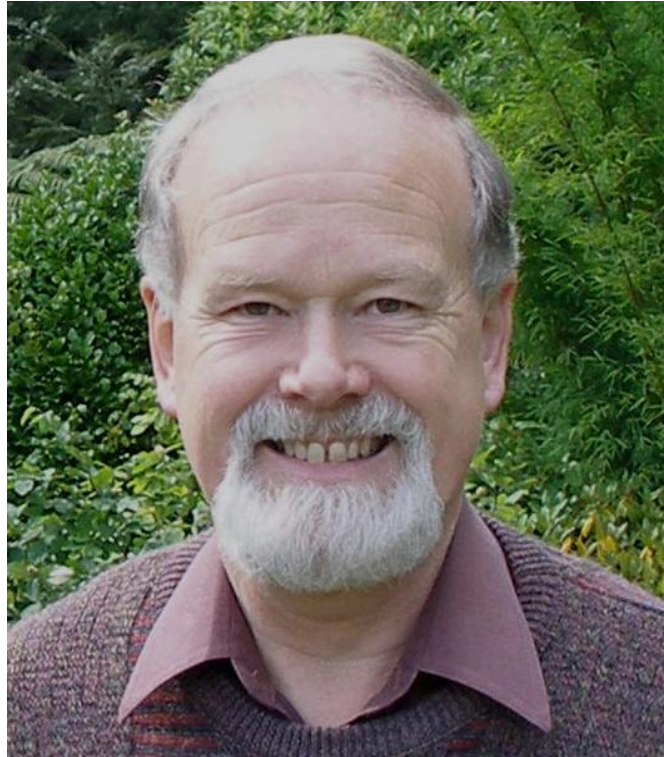


Speaker Profile: Roger Morris



Roger Morris is Gilruth Professor of Animal Health at Massey University in Palmerston North, New Zealand, and Co-Director of the Massey University EpiCentre with Professor Nigel French. The Centre has 70 to 80 people involved in teaching, research and consultancy on the epidemiology and control of diseases throughout the world. Roger's current activities include avian influenza in Asia and Europe, BSE, foot and mouth disease, development of new approaches to disease surveillance for domestic animals and wildlife, and food safety. Professor Morris has developed the EpiCentre since he arrived in New Zealand in 1986, and was previously Assistant Chief Veterinary Officer of Australia (1976-1981) and Professor and Chairman of the Department of Clinical and Population Sciences at the University of Minnesota USA (1981-1986). Professor Morris is also Managing Director of MorVet Limited, which offers consultancy services in animal health and food safety policy and programs. He is a member of the Marsden Fund Council, the national body in New Zealand which provides funding of \$40 to \$50 million per year for investigator-initiated research, and he chairs the Panel on Ecology, Evolution and Behaviour.

He has undertaken collaborative work with Universities, research institutes and governments in a range of European countries for 40 years. This has included providing epidemiological support for the British government on control of BSE, foot and mouth disease, avian influenza and food safety, developing a major national animal health information system for Switzerland, and working with several other countries in Europe on animal health policy development.

He has also been involved in global animal health issues since 1969, advising the major international organizations and many governments throughout the world on disease control issues, animal health policy and research programs, including risk analysis and risk management for biosecurity and food safety. He is a member of the World Health Organization Expert Advisory Panel on Zoonoses. He has contributed to development programs in most parts of the world, especially Asia and Latin America.