

## ***Understanding and Controlling Human Infectious Disease: The Role of Veterinary Medicine***

### **Speakers:**

**Professor Quintin McKellar, Principal, Royal Veterinary College, University of London**

**Professor Colin Howard, Vice-Principal, Strategic Development, Royal Veterinary College, University of London**

### **Date and Time:**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2006, 6.30pm for 7pm start, finishing at 9pm

### **Venue:**

British Council, 3 Supreme Court Road, Admiralty, Hong Kong

### **Who should attend?**

- Professionals with an interest in human and animal health-particularly those working in public health and related sectors in government, industry and academia
- Anyone considering study or research opportunities in veterinary sciences or biosciences at undergraduate or postgraduate level
- Individuals or organisations interested in research collaboration
- Members of the media and others seeking a better understanding of the links between human medicine and animal health

The Royal Veterinary College is establishing partnerships with other leading universities, research institutes and professional bodies in Hong Kong and mainland China.

This evening seminar focuses on the subject of disease control; and highlights the need for greater collaboration and understanding between human and veterinary medicine. Scientists now believe that over half of known human pathogens started in animals. The inevitable consequence of this is an increasing international demand for qualified veterinarians and veterinary scientists, who stand on the front line of disease surveillance.

A career in the veterinary profession offers exciting and challenging opportunities. This is particularly true in Hong Kong and mainland China, where we are seeing increasing interest in keeping companion animals, where scientists are carrying out important research for better understanding of domestic and wild animal health and welfare and where there is ongoing public health concern about avian flu and SARS.

## **About the Royal Veterinary College**

The Royal Veterinary College (RVC) is the UK's first and largest veterinary school and a constituent College of the University of London.

The College is one of the leading veterinary research centres in Europe and received 5 out of 5 in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise. It provides support for the veterinary profession through its three referral hospitals, diagnostic services and continuing professional development courses.

### **Speaker Profiles:**

**Professor Quintin McKellar** graduated from Glasgow Vet School in 1981. He went on to gain his PhD in Veterinary Parasitology in 1984 and was appointed to a lectureship at the Veterinary School in the same year. He became Head of the Veterinary Pharmacology Department in 1990, and was also appointed to the Veterinary Products Committee in 1993.

He was awarded a personal professorship by Glasgow Vet School in 1996 and in August 1997 Professor McKellar took up the post of Scientific Director of Moredun Research Institute and Chief Executive of the Moredun Foundation.

In 2004 Professor McKellar was appointed Principal of The Royal Veterinary College of the University of London.

His research interests are in the pharmacology of anti-infective and anti-inflammatory drugs in domestic animals.

**Professor Colin Howard** trained as a virologist and spent the early part of his career at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

In 1991 he joined the Royal Veterinary College as Professor of Microbiology, where he is currently Vice-Principal for Strategic Development and Chief Executive of the London BioScience Innovation Centre.

Colin was nominated Entrepreneur of the Year in 2001 by the London Biotechnology Network for his contribution to the development of innovation support across London.

Colin's scientific interests focus on persistent virus infections, how they arise, and how they can be treated, with particular emphasis on viral hepatitis. He is the author of over 160 scientific papers and reviews and has just completed a monograph on *Viral Haemorrhagic Fevers* published by Elsevier. He has also acted as a consultant to commercial vaccine manufacturers and as an adviser to the World Health Organisation.

**Yes**

Please reserve a place for me to attend The Royal Veterinary College presentation at the British Council, Hong Kong, on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October.

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**Yes**

I would like to meet with Professor Howard in Hong Kong to discuss the benefits of a career in the veterinary and related professions

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Please Fax your response to **+44 (0) 20 419 59837** or e-mail Hayley Semprini [hsemprini@rvc.ac.uk](mailto:hsemprini@rvc.ac.uk) to arrive no later than Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

Please photocopy this form for additional attendees to the Presentation.