

## **Biographical sketch November 2017**

### **Jacques Godfroid**

I was born in Belgium in 1957. In 1981, I got my degree of Doctor in Veterinary Medicine (DVM) from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Liège, Belgium. I further got a Master degree in Molecular Biology at the University of Brussels, Belgium and a PhD in Veterinary Science at the University of Namur, Belgium.

After having worked for 3 years in West Africa at the International School of Veterinary Medicine in Dakar, Senegal, I went back to Belgium and worked at the Veterinary Institute in Brussels on brucellosis and mycobacterial infections in livestock and wildlife for 14 years. I was elected member of the task force of the European Union on bovine brucellosis (expert) and sheep and goat brucellosis (chairman) from 2000 to 2004.

In 2004, I moved to South Africa where I was appointed Professor in Microbiology to fill the Alexander Forbes Chair in Wildlife Diseases of at the Department of Veterinary Tropical Diseases (DVTD), Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria. I worked mainly with bovine tuberculosis in South African Conservation Areas as well as with brucellosis in terrestrial and marine mammals.

In January 2008, I moved to Norway, where I was appointed Head of the Section for Arctic Veterinary Medicine at the Norwegian School of Veterinary Science in Tromsø. In January 2014, the section was transferred as a research group in Arctic Infection Biology to the Faculty of Biosciences, Fisheries and Economics (BFE), Department of Arctic Marine Biology (AMB), University of Tromsø (UiT), where I am currently Professor in Microbiology. Since 2009, I am an extraordinary Professor at DVTD, Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria, South Africa.

My research interest has always been on zoonotic brucellosis and mycobacterial infections (mainly bovine tuberculosis) at the livestock/wildlife/human interface “from the Arctic to the Antarctic” in a “One Health” perspective.

I have been supervisor/co-supervisor of 7 PhD and 10 MSc students and have collaborated to 10 international funded projects. I am author or co-author of 124 peer reviewed publications in international scientific journals and wrote 9 chapters on brucellosis in veterinary, wildlife and ecology textbooks. I participated and presented oral communications to more than 60 international conferences.