

### ***A tribute to Dr Peter Daniels***



It is with great sadness that we announce the death of our confrere, Dr Peter Daniels from Australia.

The OIE is thankful to have worked closely with Dr Daniels and has benefitted greatly from his far-ranging knowledge and dedication to the Organisation. He certainly wore many hats as an OIE collaborator and for that we are truly grateful.

In 2005, Dr Daniels was a founding member of OFFLU, the OIE-FAO global network of expertise on animal influenza, serving as Chair of the Executive Committee and Chair of Steering Committee. As chairman, he excelled as a mentor to many of his colleagues. A tireless advocate and representative for OFFLU, he helped in making this network what it is today, the key source of information and expertise in all animal influenza worldwide. He also gave his individual expertise to both the OIE and the FAO and was a determined go-between with the WHO on public health and vaccine issues.

Dr Daniels served as member of the OIE Biological Standards Commission for two consecutive terms: from 2012 to 2015 under the Presidency of Vincenzo Caporale, and from 2015 to 2018 under the Presidency of Beverly Schmitt. He was an active member on the OIE Commission, which is mandated to establish or approve methods for diagnosing diseases of mammals, birds and bees and for recommending the most effective biological products, such as vaccines.

Dr Daniels was the designated expert at the Reference Laboratory for Hendra and Nipah virus diseases in Geelong from its designation in 2004, the designated expert at the Reference Laboratory for Bluetongue from 2006 until his retirement in 2015, and the Contact Point at the OIE Collaborating Centre for Laboratory Capacity Building from its designation in 2008 to 2015.

And since 2013, Dr Daniels served as a member of the Advisory Editorial Board of the *OIE Scientific and Technical Review*, the OIE's peer-reviewed journal containing in-depth studies devoted to current scientific and technical developments in animal health and veterinary public health worldwide. He also contributed as an author of several *Review* issues concerning, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, bluetongue, equine influenza, and highly pathogenic avian influenza.

Dr Daniels was not only a sea of knowledge, but he was a caring and hospitable human being, with a genuine drive to help our Organisation. He will be greatly missed by his colleagues and friends.

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