# Biosketches of AHEAD Launch Invited Participants

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Dr. Roy Bengis graduated from the University of Pretoria, Onderstepoort in 1971 with a B.V.Sc. degree and interned at the University of Pennsylvania in 1972-1973. He holds an M.Sc. in physiology and pharmacology (1975) and a Ph.D. in physiology from the University of Mississippi (1978). Dr. Bengis was a consultant for the Jackson Zoo in Mississippi. He is currently the Chief State Veterinarian of Kruger National Park, where he has worked since 1978. Dr. Bengis is an author or co-author of 72 scientific publications and is Africa's representative on the Office International des Épizooties (OIE) Working Group on Wildlife Diseases. He is an external examiner in wildlife medicine at the University of Pretoria and Chairperson of the Wildlife Disease Advisory Group and the Buffalo Committee of the National Directorate of Veterinary Services. Dr. Bengis's fields of interest are wildlife disease epidemiology, infectious disease risk assessment related to translocations, wildlife/domestic livestock interface issues, and chemical immobilization of free-ranging animals. His hobbies include reading, fly-fishing, fly-tying, snorkeling, target and wing shooting, herpetology, and bird watching.

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Dr. Philippe Chardonnet spent the last 20 years working for the Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement (CIRAD), being posted in a number of countries in Africa, Asia, the South Pacific, and South America. He works in developing countries and deals with different, although related, fields of activity including rural development, wildlife management, and wildlife/human interactions. In 2001, he joined a Paris-based NGO that is active in wildlife conservation worldwide, the International Foundation for the Conservation of Wildlife.

He has been active in numerous areas (not necessarily in order of importance): 1) deer farming and ranching under tropical conditions; 2) rinderpest epidemiology in African wildlife; 3) training of wildlife veterinarians and wildlife rangers in Africa and Asia; 4) game meat production and game ranching on communal land in Zimbabwe; 5) sustainable use of bushmeat in central Africa; 6) development of livestock production in Guinea-Bissau, Rwanda, Burundi, and Ethiopia under emergency and postemergency situations; 7) resolution of human/wildlife conflict in several countries such as Brazil (jaguar and puma) and Zimbabwe (elephant); 8) rescue operations, re-endangered taxa such as marsh deer (Brazil), kulan (Turkmenistan), northern black rhinoceros (Cameroon), Mesopotamian fallow deer (Iran), and birds endemic to South Pacific islands (New Caledonia); 9) improving sustainability of hunting by local communities in central Africa, Brazilian Amazonia, and New Caledonia; 10) designing new schemes of wildlife management within and outside of protected areas.

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Dr. Sarah Cleaveland is a veterinary epidemiologist based at the Centre for Tropical Veterinary Medicine, University of Edinburgh, UK. Over the past 12 years, her research work has been centred in northern Tanzania, focusing on the epidemiology of infectious diseases at the human/wildlife/domestic animal interface, including rabies, canine distemper, bovine tuberculosis, brucellosis, and echinococcosis. Key objectives of her research programme have been to improve our understanding of the dynamics of infectious diseases in complex, multihost communities, to identify risk factors for disease emergence in human and animal populations, to quantify the true burden of disease in human and livestock populations, and to optimise the design of zoonotic disease control strategies.

Rabies has been a principal interest for many years, triggered initially by concerns about disease threats to African wild dogs in the Serengeti but now resulting in wider involvement in rabies control throughout Africa and Asia. The complementary aims of several current research projects are to provide information necessary for the development of

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Robert A. Cook, V.M.D., M.P.A., is an Adjunct Professor of Environmental Affairs at Columbia University in New York City and the Chief Veterinarian and Vice President of the Wildlife Health Sciences (WHS) Division of the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS). He has 20+ years of experience in zoo and wildlife medicine and has served in his present capacity as Chief Veterinarian for the last 13 years. It was under Dr. Cook's guidance that the Field Veterinary Program was established in 1989 as the first global effort to support the health and conservation of wildlife populations in native habitats. The WHS programs in clinical care, pathology, and field veterinary medicine are responsible for the health of over 23,000 animals in five New York facilities including the Wildlife Centers in Central Park, Queens, and Prospect Park; the New York Aquarium; and the Bronx Zoo. The WHS Division also oversees the health-related programs at the WCS Wildlife Survival Center on St. Catherines Island, Georgia. With the Field Veterinary Program taking the lead, WHS is deeply involved in the health aspects of the Wildlife Conservation Society's international conservation programmes, providing services and research to a number of the 300 WCS projects in 53 nations.

Dr. Cook graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine in 1980 and pursued a career in zoo and wildlife medicine thereafter. Recently he fulfilled his desire to have a more global impact on wildlife health issues by returning to school to receive his Masters in Public Administration from Columbia University in 2002. With his background in both wildlife health and associated global policy issues, he accepted an adjunct teaching position at Columbia University in its School of International and Public Affairs.

Dr. Cook is Chair of the Animal Health Committee of the American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA) as well as Chair of the Captive Wildlife and Alternative Livestock Committee of the U.S. Animal Health Association. He is a past President of the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians. Dr. Cook also has a long-standing interest in pain amelioration and is a scientific advisor to the Mayday Fund. In addition, he serves as a scientific advisor to the Morris Animal Foundation and as a member of the Conservation Endowment Fund Committee of the AZA.

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Dr. David Cumming has been working in wildlife research and conservation in Zimbabwe and southern Africa since the 1960s. He graduated in Zoology and Entomology from Rhodes University in South Africa, started work in fisheries research but soon joined Zimbabwe's Department of National Parks and Wildlife Management in 1964. After 12 years at the Sengwa Wildlife Research Institute in Chirisa (where he did his doctoral research on warthog ecology), he became Chief Ecologist and headed the Branch of Terrestrial Ecology. In 1988, he retired early as Deputy Director of National Parks to set up the WWF Multispecies Animal Production Systems Project. This grew into the WWF Southern African Regional Program, where he was Program Director until early 2001 when he became an independent consultant and a research associate in the Tropical Resource Ecology Programme (TREP) at the University of Zimbabwe. Dr. Cumming's main current research interests are in ecology and management of large mammalian herbivores, the influence of land-use policy and practice on biodiversity and resilience in social-ecological systems, and the conservation and management of elephants. Invertebrates remain an abiding interest and he works with his wife, Meg, on termites and spiders.

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Rod de Vletter, a Swaziland citizen, is a tourism and environment specialist who has worked for the World Bank since 1993. He is the owner of two nature reserves and an ecotourism lodge in Swaziland and is the founder of Swaziland's environmental NGO, Yonge Nawe. He is one of the originators of the Transfrontier Conservation Area (TFCA) Initiative and has been working on coastal zone management, biodiversity and tourism corridors, and tourism and conservation policy and programme development. His working experience covers Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Malawi, and Uganda. Recently, Mr. de Vletter has been working with the International Finance Corporation to design the South East Africa Tourism Investment Program (SEATIP) and with the Government of Mozambique to design its Sustainable Tourism and Conservation Program.

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Raoul du Toit is a Zimbabwean. He commenced his professional career in the field of environmental impact assessment (EIA), having undertaken postgraduate training at the University of Cape Town. He has been particularly involved in EIAs of large hydroelectric schemes on the Zambezi and Cunene Rivers. He diverted into rhino conservation work through his appointment in 1985 as Scientific Officer for the IUCN African Elephant and Rhino Specialist Group. For 3 years, he coordinated the conservation efforts of this group within Africa. In 1988, Mr. du Toit developed a WWF project to survey the status of black rhinos in the Zambezi Valley and since then has worked as a Project Executant with WWF. In 1990, he was seconded to the Zimbabwean Department of National Parks and Wildlife Management, where he worked for seven years to initiate and implement the Rhino Conservancy Project in Zimbabwe. This entailed establishing viable rhino breeding groups in semiarid areas of Zimbabwe, amalgamating game ranches into large conservancies to provide adequate habitat, setting up protection and monitoring systems, and helping to deal with the ongoing economic and political challenges to these private sector projects. He also helped to establish the regional rhino conservation programme of the Southern African Development Community and is involved in this programme as a technical adviser on rhino projects in several countries.

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Susie Ellis, Ph.D., is the Vice President for Conservation International's (CI) Indonesia and Philippines programmes, working out of Washington, DC. She oversees management and programme development, as well as the scientific integrity of field projects. Dr. Ellis also raises funds and increases awareness of the urgent biodiversity crisis currently facing both countries. Well known in the international conservation community, she has worked in more than 25 countries and has written more than 80 technical papers, proceedings, and book chapters.

Prior to joining CI, Dr. Ellis spent 10 years working for the IUCN Conservation Breeding Specialist Group, facilitating more than 100 collaborative biodiversity/species conservation and strategic planning workshops and securing the operation of the expert group. With David Wildt, Dr. Ellis co-led a 5-year collaborative interdisciplinary program for giant panda conservation in China that has enhanced collaboration among agencies responsible for their conservation, as well as among U.S.-based partners. She has also worked extensively with the Cheetah Conservation Fund (Namibia) to facilitate its long-range organizational and scientific strategic planning, which has resulted in funding for facility expansion and the organization's scientific direction.

Dr. Ellis is well known in the zoological community and has worked for the Minnesota Zoo, Lincoln Park Zoo (Chicago), San Diego Zoo, and Sea World, Inc. (San Diego), and as a consultant for the Aquarium of the Pacific (Long Beach).

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With broad experience with African, Middle Eastern, and Asian wildlife, Dr. Flamand has worked as a wildlife veterinarian in South Africa in Kruger National Park and on the Natal Parks Board. He was Director of both the National Wildlife Research Centre (Taif) and King Khalid Wildlife Research Centre (Riyadh), Saudi Arabia. Dr. Flamand was Veterinary Adviser to the Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation in Royal Chitwan National Park, Nepal.

His interests and the majority of his life's work entails wild animal captures; wild animals' adaptation to captivity, holding, and transportation; reintroductions and parasitism of game species, together with the interaction and the disease implications of game animals mixing with domestic stock; game ranching; and wildlife veterinary ecology. The genetics of small populations and the implications thereof, especially in the rhinoceros and lion, have been major subjects of his study. In Saudi Arabia, Dr. Flamand developed a protocol for the eradication of tuberculosis in a captive breeding herd of Arabian oryx held at Taif, the first such attempt in a wild ungulate anywhere in the world. His most recent posting in Chitwan was to establish a veterinary programme designed to address the veterinary concerns of both the wildlife and surrounding domestic livestock.

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Dr. Chris Foggin has spent most of his professional life in the service of the Zimbabwean Government. Prior to the establishment of the Wildlife Veterinary Unit within the Department of Veterinary Services (DVS), Dr. Foggin had been primarily involved in research within the DVS on rabies epidemiology and had also played a pioneering role in developing management practices for the intensive production of crocodiles and ostriches, in addition to undertaking emergency wildlife work on an irregular basis.

The foot and mouth disease-free buffalo programme emanated from Dr. Foggin's offices. As head of the Wildlife Unit, he has been responsible for veterinary regulations concerning the movement of wildlife both within the country and externally. The relocation of oxpeckers is an ongoing exercise, and with the promotion of venison production and marketing,

Dr. Foggin has been called on to assist in developing this section.

The ongoing rhino snaring crisis and the pressures of dealing with wildlife/cattle disease problems in Zimbabwe's current economic situation have added greatly to the workload of the Wildlife Unit.

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Guy Freeland, B.V.M.S. (Glasgow 1965), M.Sc. (Edinburgh University, Centre for Tropical Veterinary Medicine 1978), M.R.C.V.S., has had a long and distinguished career in international veterinary medicine.

In the 1970s and early 1980s, his Overseas Development Administration (ODA) assignments took him to Swaziland, Sarawak, and Bangladesh, followed by a World Bank assignment in Nigeria. From 1983 to 1999, Dr. Freeland was the Senior Animal Health and Production Adviser to the British Government's ODA, (now the Department for International Development, DFID). His responsibilities included livestock project appraisal, monitoring, supervision, and review in some 45 countries in Africa; West, South, and Southeast Asia; and Pacific regions. He also had oversight of ODA/DFID's Animal Health and Livestock Production Research Programmes and provided advice on assistance to international research institutions.

Since retiring from the civil service in 1999, his freelance consulting has taken him to Botswana, Vietnam, Lao People's Democratic Republic, and Nepal, and has also included work in the United Kingdom. He is a member of the Board of Directors of VETAID, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Worthing Animal Clinic.

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position he is currently holding. While in private practice, Dr. Fyumagwa participated in a rinderpest vaccination campaign for Masai pastoralists in 1997. After joining the wildlife sector, he completed a capture course in Zimbabwe in 2001. Dr. Fyumagwa attended the Envirovet course in 2002. His future plans include more training on wildlife disease and postgraduate training in wildlife management and ecology. Dr. Fyumagwa has been an active participant in the TAWIRI Annual Conference since December 2000.

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Dr. Gitau is attending the World Parks Congress *AHEAD* forum as a representative of AU/IBAR, the coordinator for AU/IBAR's project on the Livestock, Wildlife and Environment Interface, and Thematic Programme Network 3 (TPN3) Focal Point for UNCCD that addresses the area of "rational use of rangelands and fodder management."

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Born in Johannesburg, Markus went to veterinary school with the objective of working with wildlife. During university years he worked as a guide in Pilanesberg National Park, and during holidays at various game reserves. After qualifying as a veterinarian, Markus worked at a variety of practices and went to Canada for a few months where he gained some North American wildlife experience. Back in South Africa, a stint in exotic animal medicine (dealing with birds, monkeys, and snakes) was an important step for him.

In 1995, Markus began working for the Madikwe Game Reserve, where the largest animal translocation in the world was taking place at that time. In the five years he spent there, he gained a tremendous amount of ecological, veterinary, and management experience in wildlife translocations and the running of a large game reserve. From there, he moved to Kruger National Park, where he currently holds the position of Principal Scientist-Veterinary Services.

One career highlight has been his involvement with the reintroduction of the endangered African wild dog into Madikwe Game Reserve. The experience gained with the work done in Madikwe has improved our knowledge of wild dogs and has been used extensively in other introductions of wild dogs elsewhere in South Africa.

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Dr. Gladys Kalema-Zikusoka worked as Veterinary Officer of the Uganda Wildlife Authority from 1996 to 2000. During her tenure, Dr. Kalema-Zikusoka was involved in setting up veterinary programmes and developing a policy framework for wildlife conservation to support the timely and efficient delivery of veterinary services including translocation and reintroduction, and problem animal management.

As part of her zoological medicine residency program through North Carolina State University, Dr. Kalema-Zikusoka received the African Wildlife Foundation Charlotte Fellowship Conservation Award in 2000. This led to new research on tuberculosis at the human, wildlife, and livestock interface in Queen Elizabeth and Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Parks in Uganda in 2001 and 2002.

Following up on the research findings and recommendations, Dr. Kalema-Zikusoka became Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Conservation Through Public Health, an international grassroots NGO, established in 2002, to promote conservation with public health by improving primary health services for people and animals around protected areas throughout Uganda.

Dr. Kalema-Zikusoka obtained a B.V.M. from the Royal Veterinary College, University of London, in 1995. She completed a zoological medicine residency and Masters in Specialized Veterinary Medicine at North Carolina State University and North Carolina Zoological Park in the U.S. in 2003. She also obtained a Certificate in Non-Profit Management from Duke University in the U.S. in 2003.

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William Karesh, D.V.M., heads the Field Veterinary Program (FVP) of the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), which has over 300 field projects in 50 countries around the world. Dr. Karesh was hired to develop this program in 1989 to address health-related issues among field biologists and conservationists. The program provides services overseas for WCS field staff as well as for workers from government agencies and non-governmental organizations. The FVP also conducts research on the health status of free-ranging wildlife populations, provides training for foreign veterinarians and biologists, and frequently assists overseas organizations and

agencies with wildlife translocations, as well as confiscation and rehabilitation issues. Major initiatives of the FVP include the development of multinational wildlife/livestock/human health programs and policy consultation for developing-country governments and bilateral aid organizations.

In 1999, the Wildlife Conservation Society's FVP initiated the first comprehensive preventive health program for free-ranging lowland gorillas aimed at protecting populations in three range states (Gabon, Congo, and Central African Republic) from the risk of exposure to emerging or introduced diseases. This program was created in response to the growing interest in gorilla ecotourism, proliferation of ecological/wildlife research, and expansion of human communities in and around the forests of central Africa. This program was up and running during the recent Ebola outbreaks that have swept across northern Congo and Gabon, allowing FVP veterinarians and collaborating scientists to respond quickly to the crisis.

Dr. Karesh is also Co-Chair of the IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC) Veterinary Specialist Group.

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Dr. Michael Kock is a veterinarian who works as a conservation practitioner, with a particular interest in the issues of ecosystems, wildlife, and their relationship to human health and well-being. His career as a wildlife veterinarian has spanned several continents, but Africa is his home, and the African people and wildlife provide his sustenance. Dr. Kock was born in South Africa, but grew up in Zimbabwe, travelling from there to pursue his veterinary degree in England. He did veterinary work in America and the Middle East before he returned to Zimbabwe, where he was heavily involved with rhinoceros work during the poaching heydays of the 1980s and 1990s. His work has carried him across Africa to Cameroon and throughout southern Africa. He believes that the future of conservation lies in winning the hearts and minds of the rural people of Africa and supporting their aspirations and improving the health of their livestock. Dr. Kock has broadened his horizons by involvement with organizations such as Theatre for Africa in educating people on conservation and health issues; he is a member of the Southern Africa Sustainable Use Specialist Group (SASUSG). He believes the key to success in conservation in the developing world is by adopting a participatory approach, building capacity, educating, and supporting homegrown solutions.

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Dr. Richard Kock is a British (M.R.C.V.S.) veterinarian who has spent over 20 years in the wildlife field attached to the Zoological Society of London (ZSL), initially as a veterinary officer for its captive collections and subsequently on conservation and animal health programmes around the world.

In 1991, he was seconded from ZSL to the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS, a parastatal institution mandated to manage and conserve all wildlife in Kenya) to head a new Veterinary Unit (five veterinarians, two technicians, 30 officers and field staff) for seven years. The programme was successful with a now functional and sustained Unit at KWS. From November 1998–2000, he was seconded to an African regional body, the Organisation of African Unity/Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (OAU/IBAR) Pan African Rinderpest Campaign. This has involved the organisation and implementation of extensive serosurveillance and disease investigation in nondomestic ruminant species throughout eastern Africa and also in the Central African Republic. This activity continued from July 2000 to the present, setting up the wildlife component of the Epidemiology Unit of the new AU/ IBAR Pan African Control of Epizootics (PACE) programme, involving 30 countries in Africa. His area of responsibility is eastern Africa and the activities include strategic planning for epidemiosurveillance amongst wildlife species, especially at the wildlife/livestock interface; training of national staff in the appropriate veterinary techniques at national and regional levels; and practical support to field surveillance.

Dr. Kock has consulted for the IUCN (elephant), the World Wide Fund for Nature (rhino), the World Bank (Uganda Wildlife Authority development), and the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (Global Rinderpest Eradication Programme). He is Co-Chair of the IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC) Veterinary Specialist Group, and a member of the Cat and Antelope Specialist Groups of the SSC. He is well travelled, having been involved in a variety of conservation-related initiatives in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Eurasia, and the Caribbean. He promotes wildlife veterinary matters through extensive publications and at professional meetings. Dr. Kock is a registered specialist in Zoo and Wildlife Medicine with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons of England, and a member of the Wildlife Disease Association, the British Veterinary Zoological Society, the World Association of Wildlife Veterinarians, the American Association of Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians, and the British Veterinary Association.

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In recent years, Dr. Lewis has undertaken an initiative to link households that are vulnerable to poverty and hunger with a regional trading centre through a programme that promotes alternatives to poaching by improving market access and producer prices. The programme integrates a variety of disciplines that enable household livelihood needs to be better addressed in ways that lead to decreased human conflicts with wildlife and to increased wildlife production. In his spare time, he fly-fishes and roams around the African bush with his wife, Julia.

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His goals are to continue to monitor and mitigate diseases, conduct necessary research, and maintain healthy wildlife populations in a healthy ecosystem. Dr. Mlengeya provides support for community-based livestock projects to fight poverty in local communities and involves local people in conservation programs.

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Most of Pete's experience has been with the capture and translocation of the larger wildlife species. He has also had the opportunity to participate in capture operations in more than 14 African countries. Much of this work has involved the translocation of black rhino. Giraffe is another species with

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In 1993, Dr. Mukarati joined the Wildlife Unit of the Department of Veterinary Services, Zimbabwe. This position provided intensive hands-on wildlife veterinary training. Duties included wildlife veterinary medicine and surgery (disease investigation, medical and surgical treatments); disease research; capture and translocation exercises, including those involving endangered species such as rhinoceroses; coordinating implementation of official regulations related to wildlife keeping and movement; as well as assisting with the administration of the commercialised Wildlife Unit. During this time, Dr. Mukarati travelled extensively within and outside of Zimbabwe on duties that included consultancies in Nigeria, Swaziland, and Zambia. He also organised training of veterinarians in wildlife medicine, with a focus on ostriches. From January to September 2002, Dr. Mukarati was a lecturer teaching wildlife sciences at Bindura University, Zimbabwe. He continued to be active in wildlife practice as an independent consultant for the private sector, NGOs and government. In October 2002, he joined the Botswana Department of Wildlife and National Parks as their Wildlife Veterinary Officer. Future aspirations include attaining a Ph.D. and gaining more international experience through professional association activities and fieldwork.

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Between June 2000 and December 2001, Dr. Mulumba held the position of Deputy Director at AU/CTTBD. He was Chief Veterinary Officer and Subprogram Manager, Animal Production and Health, for the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries in Zambia from September 1997 to May 2000. Dr. Mulumba was the Senior Veterinary Officer for the Ministry of Agriculture in Zambia between May 1995 and August 1997, and helped oversee the translocation of more than 2,000 game animals within the country. From December 1993 to December 1999, he was the Counterpart Project Manager and later Project Manager for ASVEZA (Assistance to the Veterinary Services of Zambia), a Belgium-funded animal health project. Between October 1989 and November 1993, Dr. Mulumba was a Government Veterinary Officer for Zambia.

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