



Dr Frances Joy Archer VMD MS PhD DipECVEP FRCPath MRCVS

Honorary Fellowship

Dr Joy Archer has been the driving force for the development and recognition of clinical pathology worldwide, and put simply, the subject would not have developed in the way that it has, without her involvement.

Joy gained her veterinary degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1988 and, over the past 25 years, has developed a distinguished career on both sides of the Atlantic. After completing a PhD in Biochemistry, she moved to the UK in 1996, and is currently Director and Head of Clinical Pathology at Cambridge University.

Joy was one of the earliest clinical pathology specialists to practise in the UK. She is a founding Diplomate and was the first President of the European Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology and the European College of Veterinary Clinical Pathology. She has held important roles at the Royal College of Pathologists, including the development of clinical pathology as a separate entity within the College, and is currently Head Examiner for the Veterinary Clinical Pathology section.

Joy has an infectious and undiminished enthusiasm for her subject, which is a great advantage to a teacher of undergraduate and postgraduate students and residents.

At Cambridge University she is actively involved in teaching and research in the area of validation and investigation of biomarkers of disease, with a concentration on those reflecting renal function.

By providing interpretation and consultation for veterinary surgeons in her daily work, she has improved animal welfare on an ongoing basis and is well-respected around the world.

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As well as having Assistant and Associate Professorships at multiple prestigious institutions, Joy has published in scientific journals on a range of topics, is author of chapters in multiple clinical pathology texts and regularly reviews scientific articles for a variety of journals. She is truly an international figure who has promoted veterinary science in its widest context.

Her efforts in continuing to educate veterinary surgeons and clinical pathologists demonstrate her commitment to the practice of high quality veterinary medicine and clinical pathology worldwide. As an ambassador for the veterinary profession and for the specialty of clinical pathology, her contributions have been outstanding.