



**Professor Lance Lanyon CBE BVSc PhD
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Honorary Fellowship

Professor Lance Lanyon has made an enormous impact on veterinary science throughout his career, and is rightly regarded as an outstanding leader in the field of veterinary education.

Lance qualified from the University of Bristol in 1966, and went on to become a pioneer in the science of bone growth and development, particularly in relation to mechanical loading.

As a scientist, he has been at the forefront of his discipline, with numerous publications and chapters in books of relevance to both animal and human health. His measure of scientific impact is amongst the highest of any active veterinary researcher, both in the UK and internationally, and he is still publishing.

Currently Visiting Professor at the University of Bristol and Professor Emeritus of the University of London at the Royal Veterinary College (RVC), it is at the RVC that Lance cemented his role as one of the great leaders in veterinary education. During his 15 years as Principal of the RVC the College achieved independent funding from the Higher Education Funding Council for England. His vision and energy used this independence to increase undergraduate student numbers from 70 to well over 200; clinical residents from two to over 45; to introduce the veterinary nursing degree, to greatly increase the caseload and last but not least to enhance research performance.

These developments, among others, took the RVC to a new level in terms of size, diversity and international reputation, a position, which was recognised when the College became the first of the UK schools to be recognised by the American Veterinary Medical Association and by the European Association of Establishments of Veterinary Education.

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Lance has also made very valuable contributions to the RCVS, whether as a Council and Committee member, or as a member of visitation teams. He has chaired RCVS visitations to South Africa, Sydney and Brisbane, as well as every UK school except, of course, the RVC.

Lance has received numerous prizes, honours and recognitions, and delivered invited lectures, including the British Veterinary Association Wooldridge Lecture in 1996 and the RCVS Share Jones lecture in 1989. In 2001, he was made Commander of the British Empire for Services to Veterinary Education and Science.

His career embodies that of a man dedicated to the advancement of veterinary medicine in all its guises.