

Kristien Van Reeth



1. Personal

Family Name: Van Reeth
First name: Kristien, Romain, Mathilde
Nationality: Belgian
Date and place of birth: Leuven, 1967
Work: Laboratory of Virology
Department of Virology, Parasitology, Immunology
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2. Education and training

- PhD in Veterinary Sciences, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University, Belgium, May 7th 1998. PhD title "Pathogenesis of respiratory virus infections in swine with emphasis on proinflammatory cytokines". Advisor: Prof. Dr. M. Pensaert.
- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University, Belgium, June 1991.

3. Current professional activities

Teaching:

- "Basic Virology" for students in Veterinary Medicine and in Agricultural Sciences
- "Environmental Virology" and "Detection of viruses" (Master trainings)

Research:

- Swine influenza as a model for human influenza: Role of pro-inflammatory cytokines in pathogenesis; mechanisms of cross-protection between different influenza virus subtypes
- Avian influenza in swine: pathogenesis and public health risks
- European Surveillance Network for Influenza in Pigs (EC co-ordination action): co-ordinator
- Role of porcine respiratory viruses in multifactorial respiratory disease
- Diagnosis of viral diseases of swine
- Vaccination-challenge studies with swine influenza virus for vaccine manufacturers

4. Other experience and professional memberships

1994-2003 Member Ethical Committee, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University, Belgium
1994-present Member European Society for Veterinary Virology, Board Member and Treasurer since 2000
1998-present Member Belgian Society for Microbiology, Board Member 1998-2004
1998-2005 Member and Secretary, Research Committee Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University, Belgium
1998-present Member International Pig Veterinary Society, Belgian branch
2000 Post-doctoral visiting fellow at the Dept of Pathobiological Sciences, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA (April 1-August 25 2000)
2000-present Member Deontology Committee, Ministry of Health, Belgium
2002-2003 Member Editorial Board of the journal "Veterinary Research"
2002-present Member and Expert Chamber of Veterinary Medicines, Belgium
2004-present Member American Association for the Advancement of Science
2004-present Member American Society for Microbiology
2004-present Member of different scientific committees and working groups on (Avian) Influenza in Belgium
2006-present Member Belgian Pharmacopoeia Commission