

## Summary CV

### **D.P. Leadon**

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Desmond Leadon, known to everyone as « Des » has worked in equine practice and equine research for over 30 years. He graduated as a veterinarian from Trinity College Dublin in 1975. He returned there and was awarded his Master of Science degree by thesis. He subsequently joined the world famous equine specialist practice of Rossdale and Partners in Newmarket and was awarded the degree of Fellowship of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, London, by thesis, in 1982. He returned to Ireland to equine practice in Co. Meath before joining the then newly established Irish Equine Centre in 1984. The Irish Equine Centre is Ireland's independent equine diagnostic and research laboratory. Des is Head of Clinical Pathology at the Centre and a member of its Management Committee. He is an external lecturer for the Equine Science course at the University of Limerick and is an honorary faculty member of the Veterinary Sciences school at University College Dublin.

He is both a European College and Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons registered Specialist in Equine Medicine. He is a Founding Diplomat and former Vice-President of the European College of Equine Internal Medicine. He has served as President of both the British Equine Veterinary Association (1993-1994) and the World Equine Veterinary Association (2001-2006).

He has published 67 reports in the equine scientific literature, in text books and lay publications and has made more than 500 presentations at national and international equine scientific meetings.

He has received research funding grants in excess of €1,000,000 for his research work from organisations that include the International League for the Protection of Horses, The International Equestrian Federation, The Hong Kong Jockey Club and Ireland's National Development Plan.

Des is a notoriously unsuccessful amateur jockey, but he makes up for it by being the world's best amateur chef, the world's greatest optimist and he is developing into a useful farm worker, too!