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Dr. Brian Evans is an alumnus of the University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada where he obtained a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in 1974 and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1978.

Following several years in private practice with a professional focus on reproductive herd health and embryo transfer, Dr. Evans was recruited by the federal government of Canada into public practice to develop domestic and international standards and certification programs in support of the safe international movement of animal embryos and germplasm. His interest in reproduction also extended to his personal life where he and his wife and best friend Laurianne have been blessed as parents to four unique, diverse and wonderful children....Kyle, Amanda, Heather-Jo and Tyler.

Dr. Evans had a distinguished career in public service which included serving as the fourteenth Chief Veterinary Officer of Canada for a period of fifteen years as well as Governor-In-Council appointments, initially as the Executive Vice President of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, then as Canada's first Chief Food Safety Officer and finally as a special advisor to the President of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

Dr. Evans also served as the Government of Canada's delegate to the 180 member country World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) for fourteen years. During that time he was elected as the Secretary General for the OIE Regional Commission for the Americas and to four consecutive three year terms as a representative of the member countries of the Americas Region on the Council of the OIE.

In April 2014, Dr. Evans accepted an appointment as the Deputy Director General responsible for animal health, veterinary public health and international standards at the World Organisation for Animal Health and Head of the Scientific and Technical Department based in Paris, France.

He is a strong advocate for the integrated management of the social, economic, biosecurity and food security risks that emerge at the interface of eco-system, animal and human health.

Dr. Evans has been the recipient of numerous national and international awards including the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association President's Award, the Queen's Gold Jubilee Medal, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal and two Public Service of Canada Excellence awards. In addition, he has been conferred with two Honorary Degree of Laws (Doctor Honoris Causis) by the Senates of the University of Guelph and the University of Calgary respectively.