

Prof. Dr. Fabio Del Piero, DVM, PhD, DACVP graduated from University of Milan Italy where he spent additional time studying in the Department of Anatomic and Avian Pathology. Following a period as a veterinary practitioner and food inspector in Italy he moved abroad in 1991. He spent two years in the British islands studying pathology and infectious diseases, in particular in the department of infectious diseases of The Animal Health Trust in Newmarket, England. In 1996 he completed a residency program in anatomic pathology in the Department of Pathology of the College of Veterinary Medicine of Cornell University ad Ithaca, New York. Then he spent 2 years as postdoctoral associate in the Cornell University New York State Diagnostic laboratory as a pathologist supervising the immunohistochemistry laboratory. In 1997 he became a Diplomate of American College of Veterinary Pathologists and was elected an honorary member of Phi-Zeta, the Veterinary Honor Society in the United States. He is a member of three chapters, Cornell University (alfa), Penn Vet (beta), LSU (tau). Following a brief period as a faculty in veterinary pathology in Italy, he was faculty in the Department of Pathobiology of the School of Veterinary Medicine of University of Pennsylvania from 1999 until 2011, with an affiliate appointment in the Department of Clinical Studies-New Bolton Center. His appointment included diagnostic, teaching and research activity for both University of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Animal Diagnostic Laboratories (PADLS). In January 2012 he joined the faculty at Louisiana State University as full professor of pathology tenure track and chief of the molecular pathology laboratory. He obtained his PhD in the pathogenesis of zoonotic arboviruses in 2003, during his junior faculty period. Research activity includes the study of the pathogenesis of infectious diseases, systemic and comparative pathology and has more than 35 years expertise in these fields with a total of 40 years in veterinary medicine. He has a high journal publication activity being author and coauthor of approximately 160 peer reviewed publications in prestigious journals, several of which are highly cited and include topics such as arboviruses (West Nile flavivirus, Zika flavivirus, Eastern equine encephalitis alphavirus), herpesviruses (Equine herpesvirus 1, Equine herpesvirus 5, Gazelle herpesvirus 1) arteriviruses, Yersinia pestis and other zoonotic bacteria, and molecular investigation of infectious diseases. He is also author and coauthor of numerous abstracts and published proceedings, four books, and several book chapters. The four books include Diseases of Horses, Diseases of Cattle, Ruminant Abortions, Perinatal Losses and Small Animal Oncology. In 2003 he received the prestigious international Ljudevit Jurak Award for his studies and teaching in the field of comparative pathology. He received more than 130 invitations as a speaker at meetings and at numerous national and international institutions. He is member of the board of directors and Vice-president Senior of the Davis-Thompson foundation for the study, practice and teaching of comparative pathology and veterinary medicine and overseas member of the British Veterinary Research Club. He served in several ACVP committees and editorial board, and he was the program chair of the 2009 ACVP meeting. Professor Del Piero has lifetime international certifications for diving (4 NAUI, including the advanced certification) and for the Louisiana and European Wildlife and Fisheries animal specimen collections. He has been the leader for years of a well-established and prominent diagnostic service characterized by the examination of a very large number of clinical cases that provided constant and solid revenues that fund a renowned and successful Pathology Division and Training Program and an intense scholarly activity. The Revenues produced by the SVM State Laboratory LSU Diagnostics - LADDL for the combined services of Anatomic Pathology supervised by Prof. Fabio Del Piero including necropsy services, histopathology, molecular pathology (IHC and ISH), biosecurity disposals and cremations has been steadily increasing and is now over 1 million dollars per year and increasing.

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