

The Roslin Institute appoints new head



The Roslin Institute have appointed Professor Eleanor Riley to lead them forward later this year to succeed Professor David Hume.

At the moment Professor Riley is currently Professor of Infectious Disease Immunology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. This is our second story of the day featuring the prestigious school. Dr Peter Piot of the school will get the Edinburgh Medal at this year's Edinburgh International Science Festival.

Dr Riley has a background in veterinary medicine, global health and infectious disease. She has researched these fields in UK and Africa for over 30 years.

Professor Eleanor Riley said: "I am honoured and delighted to have been given the opportunity to lead The Roslin Institute. Roslin is one of the world's most respected veterinary research organisations with a longstanding, global reputation for excellence in improving animal health, welfare and production. I look forward to guiding the Institute to continued success and to strengthening research collaborations at home and abroad."

The Roslin Institute is a UK National Institute of Bioscience. It carries out pioneering research in animal sciences with a particular focus on genetics and genomics, developmental biology, neurobiology and infection and immunity.

Professor Riley graduated from the University of Bristol with degrees in Cellular Pathology and Veterinary Science, trained in Veterinary Pathology at Cornell University and holds a PhD

in Immunology and Parasitology from the University of Liverpool.

She spent five years working at the Medical Research Council Laboratories in The Gambia before joining the University of Edinburgh's Division of Biological Sciences as a Wellcome Trust Senior Research Fellow in 1990.

In 1998, she was appointed Professor of Infectious Disease Immunology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She led the School's Department of Immunology and Infection from 2001-2013.

Her research interests include immunity to malaria and related infections, genetic susceptibility to infection, the biology of natural killer cells and immunological evaluation of vaccines.

Professor Riley is a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences and Chairs the BBSRC's Bioscience for Health Strategy Advisory Panel.