

Head of Moredun Research Institute gets prestigious award

The British Veterinary Association has awarded its most foremost scientific award, the Dalrymple-Champneys Cup and Medal, to Professor Julie Fitzpatrick OBE who is Scientific Director of Moredun Research Institute and CEO of the Moredun Group.

She graduated from Glasgow's School of Veterinary Medicine with the McCall Award for most outstanding veterinary student, and has worked principally on UK and global livestock health and welfare in the last three decades.



Professor Julie Fitzpatrick OBE

Professor Fitzpatrick set up projects funded by the Department for International Development to research livestock in developing countries, mainly working in Tanzania.

She said: "It is a huge honour to receive the Dalrymple-Champneys Cup and Medal from BVA. I have been very fortunate indeed to have had a challenging and rewarding career in research and development. I have particularly enjoyed the focus on health and welfare of livestock species, an interest initiated during my time as an undergraduate at Glasgow Vet School and subsequently reinforced in my first job in mixed practice.

"I am delighted to accept this award which reflects the innovative and practical research undertaken by my many colleagues at Moredun and with collaborators across the world."

Awarding the Dalrymple-Champneys Cup and Medal for 2018, BVA President John Fishwick said: "Professor Fitzpatrick has raised the prestige of the veterinary profession nationally and internationally through her strategic leadership in veterinary science. Her dedication to improving livestock health and welfare through science and education has benefitted veterinary and farming communities across the world. She is an excellent ambassador for veterinary science and research and a most worthy recipient of this award."

Professor Fitzpatrick has already received including Honorary Fellowship of the Royal Society of Edinburgh (2007), the Royal Smithfield Club Bicentenary Trophy for contributions to agriculture (2016) and an OBE for services to animal research and medicine (2014).