**Dr. Edmund Peeler**

Edmund graduated from Cambridge University in 1989 with a degree in veterinary medicine. After two years in farm animal practice he gained a masters in Veterinary Epidemiology from the University of Reading and worked for the UK Department for International Development on a livestock development project in Kenya, followed by a PhD at Bristol Veterinary School investigating the epidemiology of bovine mastitis. He has been employed at the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas) -a UK government science agency - since 2001, where he has led development of aquatic animal epidemiology and risk in Cefas. Edmund has been involved in numerous UK government and EU funded research projects and has published over 50 peer-reviewed papers mainly on research into the application of epidemiology and risk analysis in aquatic animal health policy, including import risk analysis and drivers for disease emergence. Edmund provides advice to the UK government on aquatic animal health policy, notably contingency planning, surveillance and legislation. Edmund has been a member of EU, European Food Standards Authority and World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) committees and panels. He is currently leading a programme to develop aquatic animal health capacity in the Omani Ministry of Agriculture. He is a former president of the Society for Veterinary Epidemiology and Economics (SVEPM) and is currently serving a second term as vice-president of the OIE Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission.