

Visit of Bill Gates to discuss progress in development of livestock vaccines

Moredun and Pentlands Science Park were delighted to host a visit by Mr Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, who was visiting GALVmed, (the Global Alliance for Livestock Veterinary Medicines) to discuss progress in the development of livestock vaccines and medicines for some of the 900 million people who rely on livestock to pay for their daily needs.

The Gates Foundation is a principal funder of GALVmed, a charity which aims to create sustainable and affordable livestock health products.

Mr Gates was very encouraging about the breadth and quality of the work being undertaken in the livestock health arena and emphasised the importance of delivering with impact for the lives of poor people and in doing so as quickly as possible.



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Bill Gates arrives at Moredun and meets Peter Wells, Chair of GALVmed and Chairman of Moredun Scientific, Julie Fitzpatrick, Scientific Director and Chief Executive of Moredun, and Peter Jeffries, Chief Executive of GALVmed

Moredun awards Honorary Fellowship to John Jeffrey

John Jeffrey, Scottish farmer, renowned rugby player and member of the International Rugby Board, who served as MRI chairman from 2004 to 2011, has been awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the Moredun Foundation at its recent AGM.

Professor Julie Fitzpatrick, Scientific Director of Moredun Research Institute said, "We are delighted to recognise the significant contribution John Jeffrey has made to Moredun over the last 25 years. His genuine interest in the science and his encouragement and loyal support through good and challenging times for the organisation have helped to shape the highly successful International Research Institute we have today. On behalf of all the staff at Moredun we would like to give our thanks and appreciation for all John has done for the organisation".

John commented, "It is a great honour for me to receive this fellowship and it has been an

enormous privilege to serve on the boards of the Moredun Research Institute and the Moredun Foundation.

I have particularly enjoyed getting to know the scientists and developing a better

understanding of the very valuable work they do in developing vaccines and diagnostic tests to combat livestock disease. I am very interested in hearing about Moredun's progress going forward".



Ian Duncan Millar and John Jeffrey