

EPIC Conference Synopsis

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THE PAST



What is an outbreak? Who defines when and what is important?

The “prevention paradox”, trust and communication.

Taking farmers’ beliefs seriously.

Understanding Diagnosis

Routines & Repetition



Individual learning
embodied skills

Developing shortcuts
beyond the protocol



Practice Cultures



Sharing “war stories”
of difficult tests

Sharing shortcuts to
get the job done



Identity



The heroism of the
farm vet

Protecting future
career prospects



Disease Produced by Social Relations

A new era

“Social research capacity within core Defra [is] not sufficient to meet the needs of existing or future Departmental policy objectives. It lack[s] status within the hierarchy and sufficient personnel”

(Defra SAC, 2007)

- The birth of RELU
- Interdisciplinary animal and plant health research

THE PRESENT

Where are we now

Still waiting?

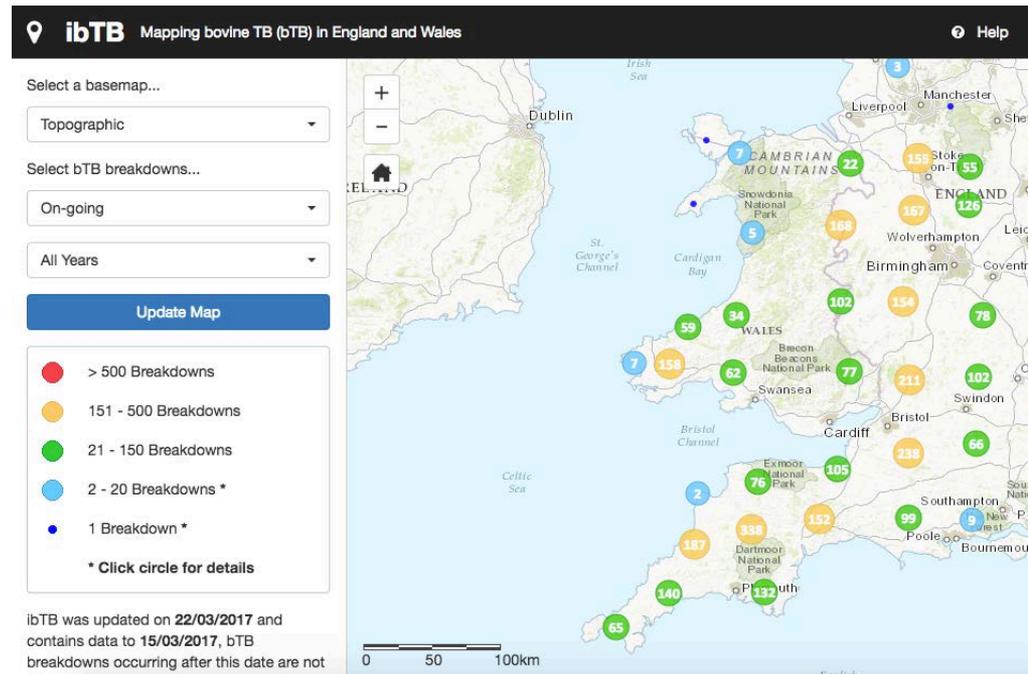
Paying lip service?

Expecting too much?

Expecting the wrong thing?

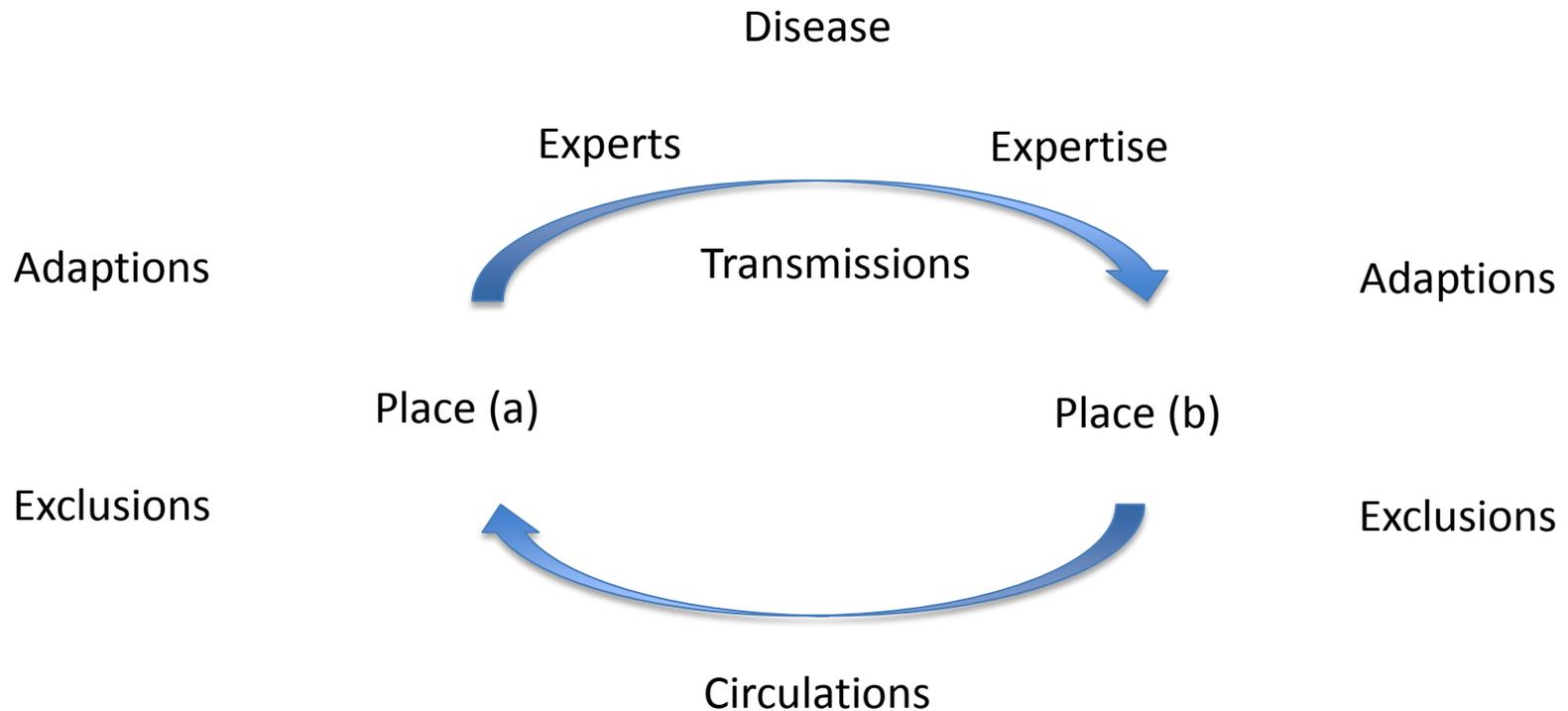
Funding & publishing?

Who is the farmer?



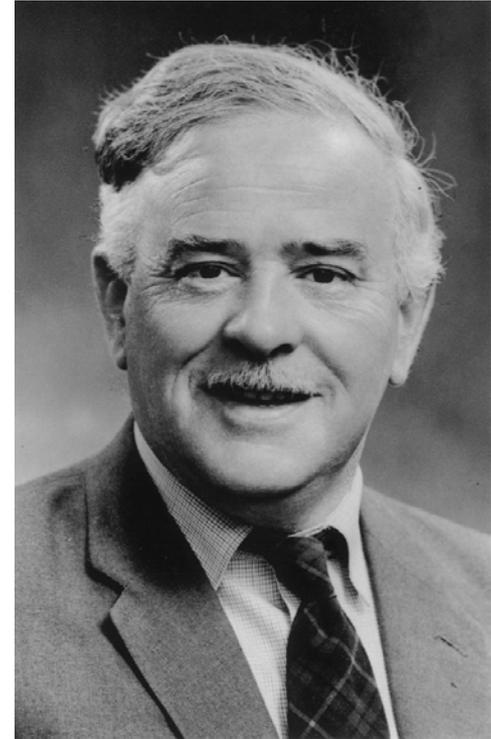
AND THE FUTURE...?

Circulations and Mobilities

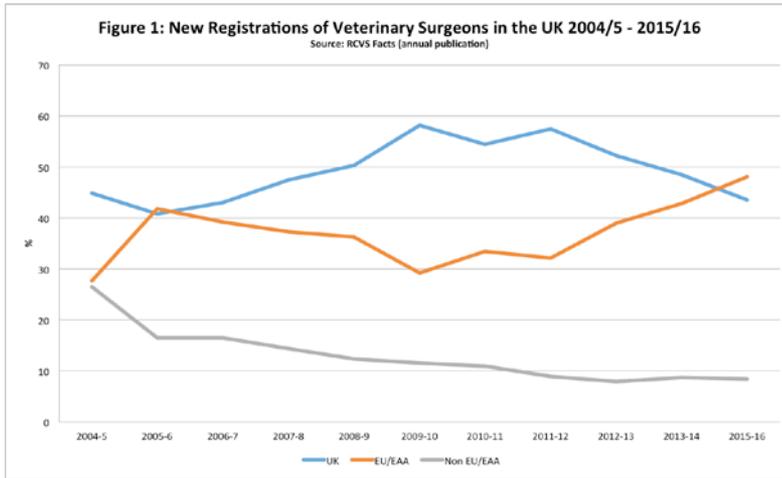




John Anderson Gilruth
NZs first vet
From Scotland

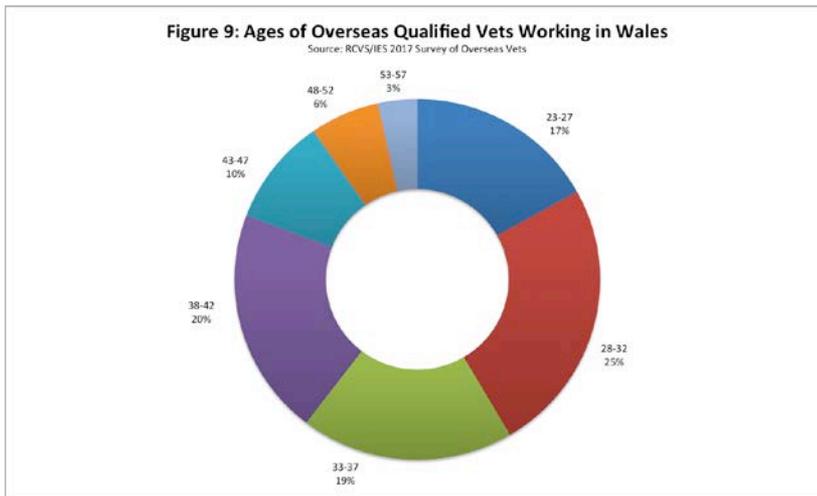


Sam Jamieson
Architect of NZs TB Eradication Programme
From Scotland



1. Reliance on overseas vets

- 55% newly registered vets overseas qualified
- 31% all vets overseas
- Public Health, but also clinical practice
- Average age 30



2. Challenges for UK vets

- Shortage of experienced vets
- Drop out /exit from the profession
 - 18% unprepared for work
 - 10% thinking of leaving
 - 80% want better veterinary life

“The First Job”

The difference between becoming and being a vet

Bad experiences with practice owners / clients

- Low self-confidence to challenge conditions
- Lack of stimulation

Long hours, low pay, loss of lifestyle routines

The Anti-Vet

First job narratives link to an ‘Anti-Vet’ identity.

Rejection of professional master narrative:

- Heroic, permanence, status, practical, outdoors
- institutional silencing of other subjectivities / sites

Staying

The Security of the Past

- A Lost Community
- Poverty farming
- A Veterinary Past

Trapped by the Challenge

- Becoming experts and the challenge of disease
- Personal/professional belonging to nowhere

Luck

Luck and Chance

- ‘understanding partners’
- Lifecycle ‘now or never moments’
- Adverts and meetings
- Friends and Relatives in NZ

Professional Development

- Good & Bad plants
- Good/Bad managers/owners
- Disease outbreaks at the ‘right’ career moment

Social Development

- colleagues with shared cultures

EPIC Questions

- What is an outbreak?
- Who defines which outbreaks are important?
- What are the disciplinary and inter-disciplinary research questions?
- Who do we need to research?
- What institutional infrastructure is required to answer those questions?
- Can we learn from elsewhere?
- What are the threats/opportunities to managing disease?