

Animal Health Division organisation

The structure of the Animal Health Division remains essentially the same as in 1978, although there are two notable changes.

The Animal Health Reference Laboratory and the Central Brucellosis Laboratory have been combined.

Although CBL still has a substantial testing workload related to brucellosis eradication, the testing is seasonal. The amalgamation will allow the resources of CBL to be redeployed to cope with work arising from export testing and surveillance projects, e.g., the evaluation of leptospirosis vaccination strategies.

At Head Office, the Technical Services Group was formed in March 1980 to function as a team planning unit. The group of 8 members is under the control of the Assistant Director (Laboratory Services), Dr Peter O'Hara, is composed mainly of veterinary staff officers, and is led by Dr. John Hellstrom.

It meets once a week to develop and co-ordinate AHD activities in the areas of disease control, disease surveillance, epidemiology, and extension.

Individual group members are designated responsibility for specific projects, but team-planning is employed in the development and execution of the projects. It is hoped this approach will best use the various skills and experiences of the group members.

The group members are also providing support and help in the design and implementation of projects that individual field and laboratory staff propose to carry out.

Staff changes

Dr Michael Blunt retired in March 1980 from the position of Assistant Director (Laboratory Services).

He is replaced by Dr Peter O'Hara, who from 1974 was superintendent of the Animal Health Reference Laboratory at Wallaceville, and in 1979 was also superintendent of the Central Brucellosis Laboratory.

The new superintendent of the Animal Health Reference Laboratory is Mr Don Cordes, who last year was on leave at Cornell University, United States, and before that was superintendent of Ruakura Animal Health Laboratory.

When Mr David Collins retired from the position of Superintendent (Quarantine Services) in July 1979, his job was split into two parts.

The exportation of livestock is now handled by Mr Gordon Schwarz, who used to be senior veterinary officer in Christchurch Region, and whose work also involves exotic disease contingency planning.

The importation of livestock falls under the domain of Mr Tony Keay, who was formerly veterinary officer (quarantine).

Mr Ian Houldgreaves joined Head Office as veterinary staff officer (laboratory services) in July 1979, after having been a senior veterinary partner of the North Taranaki Veterinary Club.

The executive of the National Hydatids Council has been reorganised since the retirement in April 1979 of Mr George Thomson, superintendent of hydatids control.

Most of Mr Thomson's duties are now carried out by Mr Kees Kasper in the new position of senior field advisory officer, based in Wellington, and he is helped by the secretary of the council, Mr Wim Ketel.

Mr Kevin Corrin has become veterinary advisor to the council, while continuing his other veterinary work, which is mainly concerned with infectious diseases other than tuberculosis and brucellosis.

It is with regret that we record the death in September 1979 of Mr Bawa Singh, who, after holding various positions in the Animal Health Division, retired from that of chief advisory officer (infectious diseases) in May 1978. He was working part-time for the Meat Division at the time of his death.

List of AHD veterinarians at 1 May 1979**Head Office, Wellington**

Director – Adlam Dr G.H.

Assistant Director (Field Services) – Salisbury R.M.

Assistant Director (Laboratory Services) –
O'Hara Dr P.J.Superintendent (Nutritional Diseases) –
Money D.F.L. (stationed at Wallaceville Animal
Research Centre)

VSO – Christiansen Ms K.H.

VSO – Corrin K.C.

VSO – Hellstrom Dr J.S.

VSO – Houldgreaves I.D.

VSO – Johnston B.G.

VSO – Keay A.J.

VSO – Schwarz G.

Auckland Region

Regional Veterinary Officer – Davenport P.G.

VOs (Whangarei) – Bell K.C.
Kearns M.P.
Lindsay A.B.Senior Veterinary Officer
(Auckland) – Fumpston W.A.VOs (Auckland) – Brookbanks E.O.
Lord B.E.T.

VO (Papakura) – Brakenridge D.T.

VO (Pukekohe) – Harkness A.C.

Hamilton Region

Regional Veterinary Officer – Williams F.M.

Senior Veterinary Officer (Hamilton) –
Helean N.J.VOs (Hamilton) – Jones D.L.
Owens E.L.
Ryan T.J.
Sproule R.A.

VO (Thames) – Mason H.

VOs (Tauranga) – Lowe J.S.
McNab P.J.

VO (Rotorua) – Morton R.O.

VO (Taumarunui) – Bullians Ms J.A.

Hastings Region

Regional Veterinary Officer – Shortridge E.H.

Senior Veterinary Officer (Hastings) –
Andersen H.C.VOs (Hastings) – Davis G.B.
Price M.C.

VO (Gisborne) – Neilson F.J.A.

VO (Dannevirke) – Beckett F.W.

VOs (Masterton) – Jones J.S.L.
Pannet G.R.
Turnham Ms G.
Wilson W.D.**Palmerston North Region**

Regional Veterinary Officer – Davidson R.M.

Senior Veterinary Officer (Palmerston North) –
Hart K.E.VOs (Palmerston North) – Bruce R.A.
Lornie D.VOs (New Plymouth) – Ker J.
Montgomery J.F.
Whyte S.L.

VO (Hawera) – Doe I.

VO (Wanganui) – Wallace J.

VO (Levin) – Cahill P.

Christchurch Region

Regional Veterinary Officer – Stockdale H.G.

VOs (Christchurch) – Barnard R.T.
Evans M.H.D.
Gregory R.V.

VO (Nelson) – Muir J.

VOs (Greymouth) – Cooper E.A.
Williams Ms V.B.

VO (Timaru) – Beatson N.S.

Dunedin Region

Regional Veterinary Officer – Twaddle K.A.

VOs (Dunedin) – Bolger J.
de Zwart J.

VO (Invercargill) – Fraser D.

Reference Laboratory

Superintendent – Cordes D.O.
(arrives June 1980)

VIOs – Anderson C.D.
De Lisle G.W.
Julian A.F.
Oliver R.E.

Whangarei Animal Health Laboratory

Superintendent – Martinovich D.

VIOs – Belton D.J.
Black H.
McSporrان K.D.
Sutherland R.J.

Ruakura Animal Health Laboratory

Superintendent – Moxham J.W.

VIOs – Clark R.G.
Ellison R.S.
Hodges Dr R.T.
Horner G.W.
Howell L.J.
Jackson R.A.
Lake D.E.
Read D.H.

Palmerston North Animal Health Laboratory

Superintendent – Simpson Dr B.H.

VIOs – Brooks H.V.
Nuttall W.O.
Orr Dr M.B.
Vickers M.C.
Watson P.R.

Lincoln Animal Health Laboratory

Superintendent – Allan C.M.

VIOs – Cox B.T.
Gumbrell R.C.
Hutton J.B.
Smith S.R.H.

Invermay Animal Health Laboratory

Superintendent – Shirley G.

VIOs – Gill J.M.
McAllum H.J.F.
Montgomery R.H.

Training Unit, Palmerston North

Veterinarian (Technical Training) – Cook T.F.