

## **Dr John Pluske**

John obtained a Bachelor of Science (Agriculture) degree (H1) in 1988 and a PhD in 1995, both from The University of Western Australia. His PhD project investigated the physiology, morphology and enzymology of the small intestine in response to nutritional and social stress imposed on piglets at weaning. Following this, John undertook post-doctoral studies in the Department of Animal Science at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada (1993-1994), where he worked on nutrition/reproduction interactions in first-litter sows and continued his work with weanling pigs. John was then a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the School of Veterinary Studies at Murdoch University, Western Australia (1995-1996), where he worked on the nutritional modulation of some economically significant enteric diseases in pigs. Between 1996 and 1999, John was Senior Research Scientist in the Monogastric Research Centre at Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand, where he conducted research in pigs and chickens.

John moved to Murdoch University in Perth in 1999, reaching Professor in 2009, where he held numerous senior administrative and research positions whilst continuing to conduct research and teaching into the nutrition and digestive physiology of pigs, particularly piglets and weanling pigs, but he also worked in other species including dogs and chickens. Other research interests encompass alternatives to antimicrobials in pig diets, role of nutrition and the environment in modifying immune function and the gastrointestinal microbiota, feedstuff evaluation, and controlling enteric diseases in pigs without antimicrobials.

In 2014-15, John was the Australian-American Fulbright Commission Inaugural Distinguished Chair in Agriculture and Life Sciences at Kansas State University, where he worked with staff in the Departments of Animal Sciences and Industry and Diagnostic Medicine and Pathobiology on swine nutrition and the role of feed additives on antimicrobial resistance.

John resigned from Murdoch University in January 2021, and is continuing in his roles as Chief Scientist and CEO of the Australasian Pork Research Institute Ltd. (APRIL) as well as working as a private consultant (SciEcons Consulting) in the animal agriculture industries. John maintains a position as an Honorary Professorial Fellow in the Faculty of Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences at The University of Melbourne.