



Biography

Lonnie King

Lonnie King, DVM, MS, MPA, ACVPM, is dean emeritus of the College of Veterinary Medicine and Academy Professor at The Ohio State University. He has served as dean for 3 colleges over 17 years. Most recently (2016-17), he was the interim dean of the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at The Ohio State University and was also the VP for Agriculture. He was also dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at The Ohio State University from 2009 – 2015. At Ohio State, Dr. King held the Ruth Stanton Endowed Chair and served as the Executive Dean for the 7 health science colleges at the university. Before becoming dean at OSU, he was the first Director of the National Center for Zoonotic, Vector-Borne, and Enteric Diseases at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. King led the Center's activities for surveillance, diagnostics, disease investigations, epidemiology, research, public education, policy development, and disease prevention and public health concerns. Before serving as director, he was the first chief of the agency's Office of Strategy and Innovation.

Dr. King served as dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, Michigan State University, from 1996 to 2006. He led the college's academic programs, research, the teaching hospital, diagnostic center for population and animal health, basic and clinical science departments, and the outreach and continuing education programs. In 1992, Dr. King was appointed administrator for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), U.S. Department of Agriculture, in Washington, DC. In this role, he provided executive leadership and direction for ensuring the health and care of animals and plants, to improve agricultural productivity and competitiveness. Dr. King also served as the country's chief veterinary officer for five years and worked extensively in global trade and closely with the World Animal Health Association (OIE). He also served as the deputy administrator for Veterinary Services of APHIS, USDA where he led national efforts in disease eradication, imports and exports, diagnostic labs and animal welfare. Before beginning his government career in 1977, Dr. King was in private veterinary practice for seven years in Dayton, Ohio and Atlanta, Georgia. As a native of Wooster, Ohio, Dr. King received his BS and DVM degrees from The Ohio State University. He earned his MS in epidemiology from the University of Minnesota and received his masters' degree in Public Administration from the American University in Washington DC. Dr. King is a board-certified member of the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine and has completed the Senior Executive Fellowship program at Harvard University. He served as president of the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges from 1999-2000 and was the vice-chair for the National Commission on Veterinary Economic Issues from 2000-2004. He has served on seven National Academy of Sciences' Committees and chaired 4 of these. Dr. King is currently the Vice-Chair of the National Academy of Medicine's Forum on Microbial Threats to Health. Commission. Dr. King was elected as a member of the National Academy of Medicine of The National Academies of Science in 2004. He was awarded the John Melcher Leadership Award in 2012 by the AAVMC and won the Global One Health Award presented in 2013 by the World Small Animal Veterinary Medical Association. He currently is the Vice-Chair for the President's Advisory Council Combating Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria and is serving on the boards or in advisory roles for 10 organizations and companies.