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Keynote Speakers

- **Dr. Chris RIGGS**

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Chris studied Veterinary Science at the University of Bristol, UK, in the early nineteen eighties. He received further training in Equine Surgery at the Royal Veterinary College, UK and was awarded a PhD for research into the causes of racehorse fractures in 1991. He subsequently worked as a Senior Lecturer at the Philip Leverhulme Equine Hospital, University of Liverpool, where he developed specialist skills in equine surgery. He gained further clinical experience at several equine referral centres in the United Kingdom and Australia before joining the Hong Kong Jockey Club as Head of Veterinary Clinical Services in 2003. He was appointed to a new role in the Club as Director, HKJC Equine Welfare Research Foundation/ Chief Advisor, Mainland Veterinary Engagement in 2019.

Chris has a particular interest, and specialist qualifications, in surgery and orthopaedics. He has published over 80 scientific papers about fatigue damage in bone and its role in racehorse fractures, among other topics. He also cares deeply about helping to provide opportunities for young colleagues to further their clinical skills, with a focus on Mainland China.

Chris is a Fellow of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, UK and holds positions as Adjunct Professor at the College of Veterinary Medicine and Life Sciences, City University, Hong Kong, Special Professor at the School of Veterinary Medicine and Science, University of Nottingham, UK, and Guest Professor at Inner Mongolia Agricultural University. Chris is currently Secretary of the World Equine Veterinary Association and Chair of AO VET Asia Pacific Board.