

SEBA Conference Speakers 2008

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Nick graduated in 1972 from Bristol University Veterinary School. He then worked in the Department of Veterinary Surgery at Bristol before undertaking a year's clinical research funded by a Horserace Betting Levy Board Scholarship. Working with subfertile Thoroughbred mares and pony mare controls, a lifelong interest in equine reproduction developed resulting in publications on endometrial cytology and bacteriology. In 1973 he joined Rossdale and Partners. Released in 1975/76 to work for the Imperial Stables in Iran and Sykes and Partners in Australia, he returned to Newmarket and became a partner in 1979. His workload since has covered the full range of horse practice. Areas of particular involvement include gynaecology, growth problems in foals and yearlings, auction sales work and acting as an adviser to the insurance industry. He is a Trustee of Beaufort Cottage Educational Trust and a member of the scientific sub committee of the Home of Rest for Horses.

Dr Andy Matthews FRCVS

Andy graduated from the University of Edinburgh 1976 with Distinction, and graduated PhD from the University of Edinburgh 1981.

He became a Fellow of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons 1994, based upon expertise in Equine Ophthalmology, and was awarded Diplomate status of European College of Equine Internal Medicine 2003.

Andy worked as a Lecturer in Veterinary Surgery at the University of Edinburgh from 1979 to 1981, and has been in full-time Equine Practice in England and in Ayrshire since 1981. He is a Member of the Faculties of Veterinary Medicine of Universities of both Glasgow and Edinburgh, and is the Senior Veterinary Surgeon at Ayr Racecourse.

Dr Matthews has published widely on the subject of Equine Ophthalmology, co-authored a major textbook on Equine Ophthalmology and co-authored the Equine Section of the major international textbook on Veterinary Ophthalmology. He has lectured on Equine Ophthalmology in the UK, Europe and the US.