

Dr Paul Wood – Chair of AusAg & Foodtech Committee

Prof Paul Wood obtained his PhD from the JCSMR, Australian National University, in 1982. After a post-doc at Melbourne University, he joined the CSIRO Division of Animal Health as Leader of the TB diagnostic and Vaccine Development program, where he developed the platform TB diagnostic technology now successfully commercialised by CSL and the Australian company, Cellestis. Paul received a number of awards for this research including the CSIRO medal, ASM Diagnostic award and in 2013 The Clunies Ross award. Paul was also the Deputy-Director of the CRC for Vaccine Technology from 1993-2000 and has published over 100 scientific papers.

In 1997, he became Vice President, Global Research and Development in Animal Health at CSL, and in 2004 joined Pfizer AH as Senior Director, A/NZ Biologicals R&D. In 2008, he left Australia to become Executive Director, Global Discovery, Pfizer AH, Kalamazoo, Michigan. In this role he led the Global Discovery team for both pharmaceutical and biological products with a staff of 200. Paul returned to Australia in 2012 and established his own consultancy company and accepted an Adjunct Professor position at Monash University. He was also a Director of a start up AH company Nexvet Biopharma and is one of the Director's of the IMNIS mentoring Initiative. In 2015 he was elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (FTSE). He is on the Board of Women in STEMM Australia and the Global Alliance for Livestock Veterinary Medicines as well as the Chair of AusBiotech's Ag & Foodtech Committee. In 2016 he was elected to the Board of Dairy Australia and joined the Scientific Advisory Board for AACo. Paul is also a consultant to the Agriculture program at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

