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Phil Knight graduated in Zoology from Bangor University in 1976 and completed an MSc in Radiobiology at Birmingham University before moving to Reading University in 1977 for a PhD on avian reproductive neuroendocrinology. He grew roots in Reading staying there as a post-doc before taking a temporary lectureship to cover for the late Geoff Waites during his secondment to WHO in Geneva. He gained a full Lectureship in 1984, Readership in 1993 and Personal Chair in 1998. From 2003- 2005 he was head of the School's Cell and Molecular Biology Division and from 2011-2015 the School's Director of Research. His involvement with Geoff Waite's group back in 1983 introduced him to the delights of domestic ruminant research and since that time his work has encompassed both mammalian and avian reproduction with the focus shifting from hypothalamic-pituitary interactions to pituitary-ovarian and intra-ovarian interactions. He has published over 120 full papers and 16 invited reviews/book chapters and supervised some 20 PhD students.