

Dr Keren Rachel Bar-Yaacov
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Dr Keren Bar-Yaacov qualified as a veterinary medical doctor in 1986 from the Norwegian School of Veterinary Science, have taken CPD in Dermatology at the European School of Advanced Veterinary Studies in Luxembourg and in Management and Organisational Theory at Harstad College, Norway.

Following approximately eight years in mixed large and small animal clinical practice in the North of Norway Dr Bar-Yaacov was recruited to the Regional Government Veterinary Office in the North of Norway where she worked with aquaculture regulation and general contingency planning.

In 1996 Dr Bar-Yaacov was recruited to the Head office of the Norwegian Animal Health Authority and was quickly appointed head of the Imports and Exports Unit there. In 2000-2001 she spent a secondment year in the UK, with the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (then MAFF), working first with international trade issues, but following the outbreak of FMD Dr Bar-Yaacov was moved to the National Disease Control Centre in London and was part of the central veterinary team effort there until she returned to Norway in August 2001.

On her return Dr Bar-Yaacov was appointed International Coordinator at the Norwegian Animal Health Authority and worked in that capacity until she was appointed Chief Veterinary Officer and delegate to the OIE in the newly established Norwegian Food Safety Authority in January 2004.

In November 2009 she joined the first OIE-PVS aquatic evaluation which was performed in Vietnam.