

## Speaker Biography



### **Ian Sayers BVSc CertZooMed MRCVS**

Ian graduated from Liverpool University in 1992 after completing the first Exotic Final Year Elective held there. After a period seeing exotics in mixed practice in North Devon, he went to Tanzania to research cheetah in the Serengeti National Park.

On returning to England he worked as a locum for several years, including a period at an RSPCA Wildlife Hospital, before settling in Paignton in 2000. Subsequently he was employed at the University of Bristol Veterinary School for nine years, where he taught students First Opinion Medicine and Surgery for dogs and cats as well as lecturing on 'Exotics'. Whilst there he was an integral part of the RAAF Rabbit Referral Clinic, the UK's first Rabbit Only Referral Service. He was also supervisor for Rabbit & Zoo Medicine, and Avian residents. He has lectured nationally and internationally, on both exotic and small animal topics. He has contributed to various publications, on all aspects of 'exotic' medicine and surgery. He has worked with a number of Zoological collections in the South West and continues to be a veterinary consultant for Paignton Zoo, he is also a guest lecturer at the Royal Veterinary College in London.

In 2006 he was awarded the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Certificate in Zoological Medicine. He is based in Paignton and sees both first opinion and referral exotic caseload. His main interests are small mammal, reptile and avian medicine and surgery.