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I am currently wearing 2 hats. The first, as a visiting scientist at The Babraham Institute in Cambridge, completing my research papers. My second, since my semi-retirement in 2001, as the co-founder (with Anne McLaren) and current managing Trustee of The Frozen Ark Project at Nottingham University. This project collects and stores the cells and DNA of the many thousands of endangered wild animals that are predicted to go extinct in the future.



After leaving school, I took a job as a research technician in the Department of Zoology at Oxford. During this time I did my science A levels at evening class. I went on to Edinburgh University to do my BSc in the mid 60's, as a mature student. I was then awarded Medical Research Council studentship to do a PhD in The Genetics Department with Anne McLaren as my supervisor. Since then I have been involved with scientific research in immunology in Nottingham and Cambridge.

I am keen to finish writing up my research because the data is interesting and needs to be published. Thereafter, I would like to be involved with securing the long term future of the Frozen Ark Project so the information stored in the genomes of endangered animals will be available for future generations of biologists and conservationists and will not be irretrievably lost. I am also motivated to try and achieve these aims to justify the immense investment made by others in time and money over the years in getting me thus far. One longer term aim of mine is to create an English native wood and flower meadow.



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