

Dr John Douglas Kelly AM

The degree of Doctor of Veterinary Science (*honoris causa*) was conferred upon Dr John Douglas Kelly AM, Chief Executive Officer of the Zoological Parks Board of NSW, a prolific writer of veterinary science material and an accomplished public sector manager, at a ceremony held at 9.30am on 28 February 1996.



Dr John Douglas Kelly AM giving the occasional address at the ceremony, *photo, 'The University of Sydney News', 14 March 1996.*

Citation

Presented by the Acting Vice-Chancellor and Principal Professor D J Anderson

Chancellor

I have the honour to present Dr John Douglas Kelly AM for admission to the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Science (*honoris causa*).

Soon after John Kelly graduated with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science with First Class Honours, he began research on the relationship of intestinal parasites and their hosts, particularly immunological aspects of this relationship. In 1972 his work led to the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

When he left the University in 1979, he was Associate Professor in Veterinary Pathology. During his years here Dr Kelly published prolifically, being the author of more than 100 papers. He became an internationally recognised authority in the field of Parasitology and Immunology.

Since leaving the University he has served in several public positions with great distinction. Since 1987 he has served as Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Zoological Parks Board of New South Wales.

He has served as Chief Executive Officer of the Bicentennial Park Trust for three years, Chief Executive Officer of the Royal Botanical Gardens and Domain Trust for four years, Chief Executive of the Centennial

Park Trust for three years, and Vice President and Deputy Chairman of the International Rhino Foundation of the World Conservation Union for five years.

His outstanding contributions in the field of management have been recognised by his election to Fellowship of the Australian Institute of Management in 1993, and the Australian Institute of Company Directors in 1994.

Dr Kelly has vigorously promoted research into the conservation of rare and endangered species. He has strengthened links between the University of Sydney and the Zoological Parks Board of New South Wales through the promotion and support of collaborative projects involving research staff of both institutions. The association between the Faculty of Veterinary Science and Taronga and Western Plains Zoos has been strengthened through his involvement in projects of conservation significance.

Chancellor, I have great pleasure in presenting Dr John Kelly AM for admission to the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Science (honoris causa).