

Biographical Sketch of Pierre Comizzoli

Education

Veterinary College of Maisons-Alfort, France, D.V.M., 1994

University of Paris VI, France, M.S. Reproduction, 1997

University of Tours, France, Ph.D. Life Science, 2000

Professional History and Interests

Pierre Comizzoli started his career 25 years ago as a research veterinarian in French Guyana and in the African Sahelo-Saharan region where he was in charge of health and reproduction monitoring programs for wild and domestic species. Dr. Comizzoli then completed a PhD on in vitro fertilization in bovine and deer species. In 2002, he joined the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute at the National Zoological Park in Washington, DC as a staff scientist to develop new cryo-banking projects on gametes and gonadal tissues from rare and endangered species. His comparative research on gamete biology and fertility preservation builds new bridges with human reproductive medicine.