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Jacques Godfroid received a DVM degree from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Liège, Belgium, in 1981. He was also awarded a Masters degree in Molecular Biology by the University of Brussels, Belgium, and a PhD in Veterinary Science by the University of Namur, Belgium. After spending 3 years in West Africa at the International School of Veterinary Medicine in Dakar, Senegal, he returned to Belgium and worked on brucellosis and mycobacterial infections in livestock and wildlife at the Veterinary Institute in Brussels for 14 years. He was a member of the EU task force on bovine brucellosis (expert) and sheep and goat brucellosis (chairman) from 2000 to 2004.

In 2004, he moved to South Africa, where he was appointed Professor in Microbiology at the Department of Veterinary Tropical Diseases (DVTD), Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria. He mainly worked on bovine tuberculosis in South African conservation areas as well as brucellosis in terrestrial and marine mammals.

In January 2008, he moved to Norway, where he is currently Professor in Microbiology and Head of the Section for Arctic Veterinary Medicine at the Norwegian School of Veterinary Science in Tromsø. In January 2014, the section was transferred to the University of Tromsø as a research group in Arctic infection biology. Since 2009, he has been Extraordinary Professor at the DVTD, Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria, South Africa.

His research interest has always been zoonotic brucellosis and mycobacterial infections (mainly bovine tuberculosis) at the livestock/wildlife/human interface "from the Arctic to the Antarctic".