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Dr. Prescott graduated from the University of California Berkeley with a degree in English literature and forestry. During his time at Berkeley, and after graduation, he worked with the US Forest Service as a fisheries biologist doing research and working on environmental impact statements for grazing allotments and logging concessions. From 1993-1995 Mark served as a US Peace Corps volunteer in Lesotho where he worked on the Small Scale Intensive Agriculture Production Project, a USAID funded project, created to promote community gardens and increase family nutrition. Upon completion of Peace Corps, he entered veterinary school at Tufts School of Veterinary Medicine. There, in addition to his regular course of veterinary study, he conducted research and aided in the eradication efforts of Rinderpest in Kenya and Sudan through the development of a heat stable, filter paper based, ELISA for Rinderpest. After graduating from Tufts Veterinary School in 1999, Mark entered private practice where he practiced for two years. In 2001 he began work for USDA once again, working for USDA FSIS for six months before joining USDA APHIS in the spring of 2002 as the veterinary medical officer for the State of New Hampshire and parts of Massachusetts. In 2006 Mark was selected as APHIS' Attaché to Tokyo Japan where he served until 2009, working to develop and negotiate new protocols for the expansion of the export of US agricultural products to Japan. From 2009 to July of 2013 Mark was reassigned to head up APHIS' offices in Brasilia, Brazil. In addition to the trade work he was involved in managing the Brazilian mango preclearance program, as well as developing various capacity building activities in throughout South America. In August of 2013 Mark was asked to join APHIS' International Trade and Regulatory Capacity Building (ITRCB) staff as the Director. As the Director of ITRCB, Mark was responsible for helping direct APHIS capacity building efforts globally. In July of 2017 Mark reported to Brussels, Belgium where he serves as the Agricultural Attaché to the US Mission to the EU as well as the Acting Regional Manager for Europe, Africa and the Middle East.