

2016 CCUBC Career Achievement Award
Dr. Anthony P. Russell,
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Tony Russell completed his PhD in 1972 at the University of London, UK. Immediately thereafter he taught at the University of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland and then was appointed as an Instructor in the Department of Biology, University of Calgary, taking up his position there in August of 1973. He attained the rank of Full Professor in 1987. His main teaching roles were in vertebrate anatomy, vertebrate diversity, and vertebrate palaeontology, although he also taught in many other areas. Administratively he served as Associate Dean (Students) in the Faculty of Science (for six years), Head of the Department of Biological Sciences (for six years), a member of the Board of Governors (for six years) and a member of Senate (for three years). He served outside the University of Calgary as President of the Canadian Society of Zoologists, and President of the International Society of Vertebrate Morphology. Over his career he has published well over 300 fully-refereed papers, three books (including “The Amphibians and Reptiles of Alberta: A Field Guide and Primer of Boreal Herpetology”), and numerous reports. In August 2013 he retired from his Faculty position at the University of Calgary and is now Professor Emeritus and Faculty Professor, in which roles he continues to conduct research on the structure and function of geckos.

