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Professor Roger Pickup is a molecular microbial ecologist working for the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (CEH). CEH is the UK's Centre of Excellence for research in the land and freshwater environmental sciences and is a component institute of the UK Natural Environment Research Council. His research interests, and those of Dr Glenn Rhodes, include the behaviour of microbial pathogens in the environment, particularly *Mycobacterium avium subspecies paratuberculosis* and its association with Crohn's disease. Interest in *Mycobacterium chelonae* complex and metal working fluids was initiated through a now successful collaboration with Blaser Swissslube (Switzerland).