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AVMHS Exhibit for AVMA Sesquicentennial

Dr. Fred J. Born (left) and Dr. Howard H. Erickson (right) are shown below with the impressive “History of the AVMA” exhibit designed by Dr. Born, and produced commercially for the AVMA. He spent nine months of research developing a PowerPoint program and during this time requested Dr. Howard Erickson to assist him in the research on the history of the AVMA. Also, several AVMHS members helped in researching for better images and additional text.

With this PowerPoint, Dr. Born designed the display, featuring 43 panels divided into seven categories for the ease of reading the details of this large display. He constructed a scale model, which was sent to AVMA headquarters in November. The exhibit was then produced by GES, a commercial graphics company in Chicago, in time for its unveiling at the AVMA Veterinary Leadership Conference in Chicago on January 3-6, 2013.



The completed exhibit stands four ft. high, eight ft. wide, and is fully illuminated. There will also be a 14-minute continuously loop presentation with 54 slides the original AVMA history PowerPoint program that Dr. Born developed with help from Mal Hoover, a graphics technician at Kansas State.

Following the Leadership Conference, it was shipped for exhibition at the North American Veterinary Conference (NAVC) on January 19-23, and will grace

the Western Veterinary Conference (WVC) on February 17-21, before returning to Chicago for the AVMA 150th Anniversary Celebration from July 19-23. We have been told that the display will be prominently displayed in the center of the AVMA Registration area in the McCormick Place conference center in Chicago.

Dr. Born indicates that “It is my understanding that this year will be the first time in the history of the AVMA conventions, at least since the founding of AVMHS in 1978, that an AVMA-AVMHS display booth has been shared. I feel this is a historic display in many ways. As a charter AVMHS member, I don’t remember this ever happening before.”

Our Society won’t have an additional booth in the exhibit hall this year because of this major contribution to AVMA history. Members of our Society are encouraged to volunteer to help staff it, preferably by letting Susanne Whitaker at skw2@cornell.edu or President-elect Dr. Helen Wojcinski know in advance at Helen.Wojcinski@hendrix-genetics.com so sufficient coverage can be scheduled.

As required by our Bylaws, a short AVMHS Annual Business Meeting will be held on Monday morning, July 22 at a location and time to be announced.

AVMHS Symposium on Veterinary History

Two years in the making, Dr. Howard Erickson has organized a day-long “Smithcors History of Veterinary Medicine Symposium” for Sunday, July 21, 2013, to celebrate AVMA’s 150th anniversary.

Introduced by AVMA President Douglas G. Aspros, it will be part of the official convention program. While Dr. Erickson will give a presentation on AVMA history, the symposium is not just a history of the AVMA. Rather, it includes a wide variety of visions and examples of happenings and trends during the 150 years of the existence of the AVMA. The program that was proposed and accepted by the AVMA program committee is presented below.



**Smithcors History of Veterinary Medicine
Symposium**
AVMA Sesquicentennial Convention
Chicago, Illinois
Sunday, July 21, 2013

Morning Session-----

Moderator: **Donald F. Smith**, Austin O. Hooley Dean Emeritus of Veterinary Medicine and Professor of Surgery, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

8:00 a.m.

Welcome and Introduction

Douglas G. Aspros, AVMA President
Dr. Aspros will welcome those in attendance and review the leadership of Dr. J. Fred Smithcors to preserve the history of veterinary medicine.

8:15 a.m.

From Craft to Profession, the Transition from Horse Farrier to Professional Veterinarian

Michael North, Head of Rare Books & Early Manuscripts, History of Medicine Division, National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, MD

8:45 a.m.

The History of the AVMA: A Slow Shaky Beginning

Howard H. Erickson, Emeritus Professor of Physiology and History of Veterinary Medicine, Kansas State University

9:15 a.m.

What Veterinarians Did: Proven in Postcards

C. Trenton Boyd, Distinguished Curator Librarian, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

10:00 a.m.

Bo and Earlier Presidential Pets

Ronnie G. Elmore, Associate Dean for Academic Programs, Admissions, and Diversity, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

11:00 a.m.

How Did African-Americans, Women and Minorities Enter Veterinary Medicine?

Michael Blackwell, Emeritus Dean of Veterinary Medicine, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.

12:00 noon Lunch break

Afternoon Session-----

Moderator: **Ronnie G. Elmore**, Associate Dean for Academic Programs, Admissions, and Diversity, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

1:30 p.m.

The Majesty and Power of the Veterinarian's Story through Oral History

Donald F. Smith, Austin O. Hooley Dean Emeritus of Veterinary Medicine and Professor of Surgery, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

2:10 p.m.

C. Barnwell Robinson (1859-1921): District of Columbia Fire-Department Veterinarian

Philip Teigen, Former Deputy Chief, History of Medicine Division, National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, MD

2:40 p.m.

History of Pasteurization of Milk

Russell W. Currier, Past President, American Veterinary Medical History Society and Past Executive Vice President, American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine, Des Moines, IA

3:20 p.m.

The Cedar County Cow War

Kimberly Porter, Professor of History, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND

4:00 p.m.

Panel Discussion: Heritage Veterinary Practices

Carla Case-McCorvey (Case Veterinary Hospital, Savannah, Georgia, 1909)

Luke Hagyard Fallon (Hagyard Equine Medical Institute, Lexington, Kentucky, 1876)

All AVMA convention attendees as well as AVMHS members are invited to attend. So, come to hear the speakers in Chicago in July.



AVMA 150th Convention Registration Open

You can either register online now at <http://www.avmaconvention.org/avma13/public/enter.aspx> Or, if you do not have access to a computer, call the AVMA office at (800) 248-2862 and ask for a paper registration form to be mailed to you. If the operator doesn't know how to handle it, ask for Membership Services (extension 5).

One-day registration is available if you want to attend only the Smithcors History of Veterinary Medicine Symposium on Sunday, July 21.

Student History Essays Due April 15

Do you know students or faculty at a veterinary college? If you do, please ask them to look at <http://www.avmhs.org/smithcoessay/13essay.html> that tells students how to enter the J.F. Smithcors Student Veterinary History Essay Contest. Entry guidelines, advice from Contest Committee Chair Dr. Russ Currier, and the submission form are provided. Now there are four prizes instead of three, and the first is \$1200, followed by \$1,000, \$800, and \$500, thanks to a grant from the Donaldson Charitable Trust, which has funded Elizabeth Atwood Lawrence Prizes for the next two years.



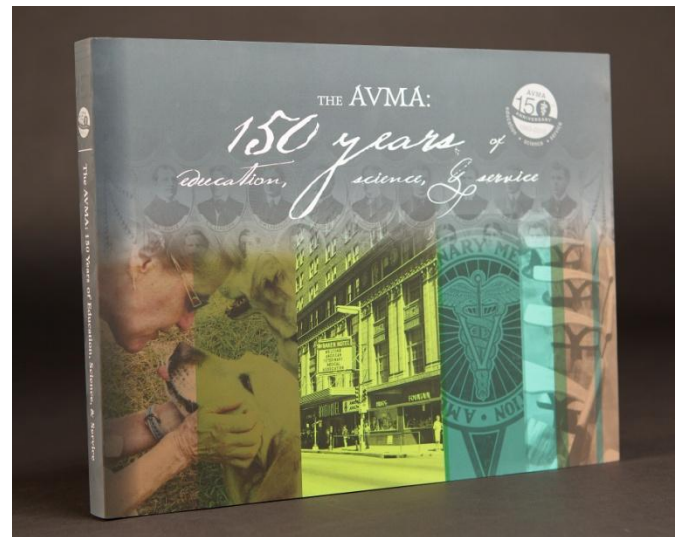
Elizabeth Atwood Lawrence, VMD, PhD, a solo small animal and equine practitioner, was an expert on

human/animal relationships. She served as AVMHS President twice and was an essay contest judge.

A new brochure and poster about these changes have been placed on updated AVMHS web pages at <http://www.avmhs.org/2013/AVMHS%20essay%20contest%20brochure%202013%20rev%20Jan-7-2013.pdf> ; <http://www.avmhs.org/2013/AVMHS%20essay%20contest%20poster%202013%20rev%20Jan-7-2013.pdf>

AVMA 150th Anniversary Book

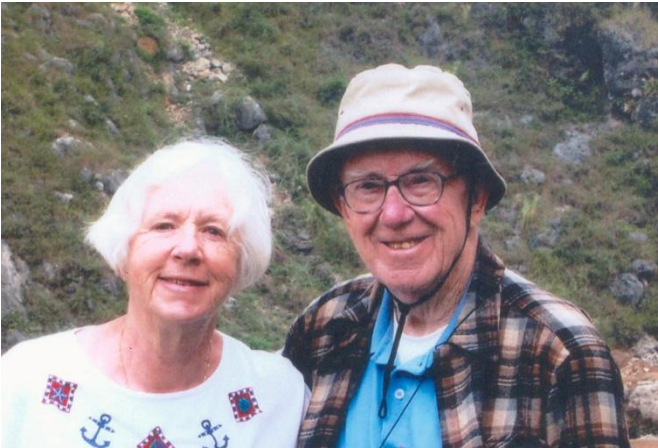
Lori Goszczynski, AVMA Marketing Specialist, has sent us the following information about a new book --- "The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) was founded in 1863. 150 years later, the AVMA continues to be a voice of the profession and continuously provides veterinarians and veterinary professionals with guidelines and resources for use in their everyday practice. 2013 marks the 150th anniversary and to celebrate this milestone, the AVMA is offering a limited edition 150th Anniversary coffee table book to commemorate this event. This 9x11", full color, 200+ page, hard copy publication includes historical information and photos throughout the past 150 years of the AVMA and the veterinary profession."



"Available to AVMA members for \$25, and non-members for \$35 (plus shipping & handling). Ideal as a gift for the veterinarian, veterinary professional or aspiring veterinarian in your life, or for a commemorative, historical resource. Quantities are limited, so purchase yours today through the AVMA store at www.avma.org/products while supplies last!"

We Can All Reach Out

Your reporter had a nice telephone visit recently with Ann Smithcors, the widow of Dr. J.F. Smithcors. Even our newer members recognize his name from the title of our twenty-one-year-old student veterinary history essay contest, and now from the AVMHS day-long program scheduled for the AVMA Convention in Chicago next July. But some may not know that Fred Smithcors co-founded our Society, wrote newsletters until he had a nucleus to help keep it going, and later served as the *Veterinary Heritage* editor for 13 years.



Ann and Fred Smithcors on one of their many trips to distant places.

Ann also told me something worth thinking about. After she reads *Veterinary Heritage* from cover to cover, she lends it to her doctor if it includes something like a caduceus article because he is interested in classical medicine. Also, she lends it to another doctor who lends it to his twin brother, who is a veterinarian. Thus, Ann, is making veterinary history and AVMHS known to others. Maybe someday, one or both will help us out by joining our Society and even writing an article for *Veterinary Heritage*.

Monthly JAVMA Articles on Leaders in Veterinary Medicine in 2013

Watch forthcoming issues of *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association* during this anniversary year for profiles of 12 legendary individuals who have made substantial contributions to the American veterinary profession. Featured so far are Alexandre Francois Liautard (January 1) and James Law (February 1) with Daniel Elmer Salmon to appear in March 1.

Searching Hint: Retrieving History of Medicine Citations from PubMed MEDLINE

Produced by the National Library of Medicine, PubMed MEDLINE indexes about 110 important veterinary journals. It also includes many articles on the history of human medicine and life sciences from 1950.

Finding history-related journal articles can be done in two ways from <http://pubmed.gov>

1. Add “historical article” to any disease, disorder and/or animal species subject search
Ex. *pleuropneumonia cattle historical article*
2. Use filter (on left side) to limit articles to the “History of Medicine” subject subset or add the **history [sb]** subset to the beginning of a search
Ex. *history[sb] (rabies OR hydrophobia) dogs*

See further instructions see “Retrieving History of Medicine Citations in MEDLINE/PubMed”

http://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/pubmed_subsets/history_strategy.html

Registry of Veterinary Heritage Practices

With all of the interest in history these days, AVMHS continues to seek information about veterinary practices that have been in continuous operation for more than 50 years to add to our *Registry of Veterinary Heritage Practices*. The practices included to date are posted on our Web site at <http://www.avmhs.org/registry>

If you noticed the recent AVMA staff request for information about practices with long histories in *JAVMA* news issue (2013 Feb 1;242(3):289), Lesley Gentry reports that AVMHS and AVMA will be coordinating efforts. The AVMA will feature practices for current promotional purposes and AVMHS will continue to document and recognize them in our long-term *Registry*.

If AVMHS members know of heritage practices in your locale, region, and state, please contact Lesley Gentry at lgentry@nckcn.com or by phone 785-738-2640 (home) or 785-738-8584 (cell).

Veterinary Heritage Needs Papers

Editor Prof. David Williams asks members and other readers to look at talks they have given at our past meetings, or other appropriate events, put them into articles, and submit them to *Veterinary Heritage* for all to read. Instructions for authors appear at the end of each issue. Contact David at djw@purdue.edu or 765-494-1156



WAHVM biennial meeting in London 2014

After a successful conference at Utrecht this year, it has been announced that the next WAHVM 41st International Congress will be hosted in London in September 2014. The two major themes will be:

History of One Health

To include: the history of zoonotic diseases, comparative medicine, veterinary public health, antimicrobial resistance, the animal as experimental model, veterinary-medical relationships, examples of particular individuals and institutions that exemplify the One Health Approach, recent history of One Health.

War, Animals & the Veterinary Profession

To include: the use of animals in warfare, their acquisition, training, transport, breeding, and their management in health and disease. The wartime roles of vets in military settings, agriculture, and general protection of animal health and welfare. The relationship between war and the development of veterinary knowledge and institutions.

So it's not too soon for AVMHS members to begin thinking about paper topics to research and submit for in-person presentation consideration. Proposals with abstracts are due in September 2013. More information is available at <http://www.veterinaryhistorylondon.com/> Or, by contacting: info@veterinaryhistorylondon.com, Abigail Woods at abigailwoods@yahoo.co.uk or Lesley Ann Gentry in U.S.A. at lgentry@nckcn.com or by phone 785-738-2640 (home) or 785-738-8584 (cell).

AVMA joins International Bourgelat Committee (IBC)

Following the World Veterinary Congress in Cape Town, South Africa in October 2011, the International Bourgelat Committee (IBC) was founded to carry on the spirit and work of Vet2011 which celebrated the profession's 250th anniversary worldwide. Its purpose is to "promote one or more global events featuring the profession" each year. As noted in January 15, 2013 *JAVMA* news

(<https://www.avma.org/News/JAVMANews/Pages/130115f.aspx>), the AVMA has joined along with France, Brazil, and other countries for 2013 and will be represented by the U.S. Delegation to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE). According to French inspector-general of agriculture, IBC founder, and President of the Vet2011 Committee Jean-Francois Chary, IBC will preserve the "tangible and intangible scientific and cultural heritage and its mediation to the widest possible public."

Meeting Calendar

<u>2013</u>	
July 20-23	AVMA Sesquicentennial Convention, Chicago, IL
	Saturday, July 20 8:00am-5:00pm AVMF-150 th Anniversary Student Scholarship Educational Symposium, "Understanding Our Past to Transform Our Future"
	Sunday, July 21 8:00am-5:00pm AVMHS Smithcorks History of Veterinary Medicine Symposium
	Monday, July 22 8:00am-12noon AVMHS Annual Business Meeting Location and time to be announced
<u>2014</u>	
July 26-29	AVMA, Denver, CO
Sept. tba	41 th WAHVM International Congress, London, England
Sept. 17-20	World Veterinary Association (WVA) 150 th Anniversary, Prague, Czech Republic

New AVMHS Members

We are pleased to welcome:

Mary-Elizabeth Ellard (Atlanta, GA)

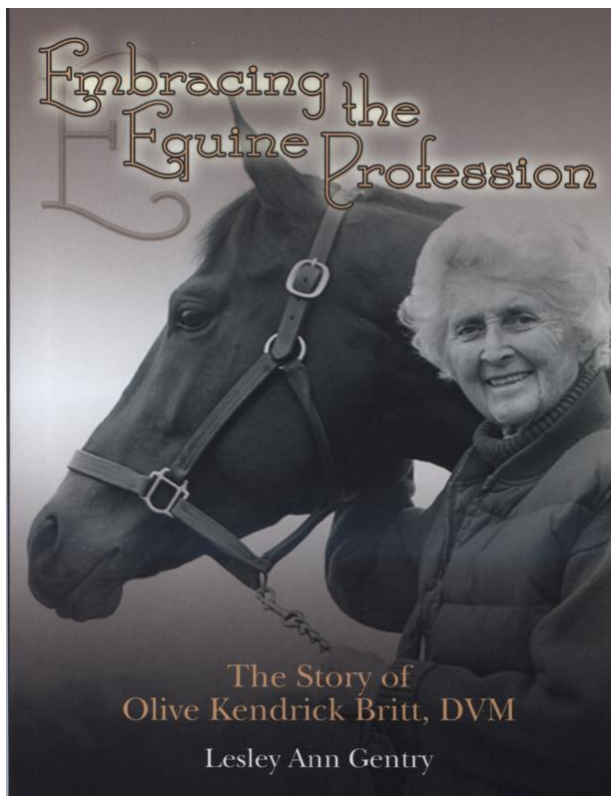
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