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2008 Annual Meeting Program

Monday, July 21, 2008
 Marriott New Orleans at the Convention Center
 New Leveé Room
 New Orleans, LA

- 7:45am Arrival.
- 8:00am Welcome--Dr. Zbigniew W. Wojcinski, President AVMHS
- 8:15am AVMHS Business Meeting, Dr. Zbigniew W. Wojcinski, presiding.
- 9:30am Break
- 10:00am Presented Papers I
 "Louisiana History with a Veterinary Perspective". —Dr. Everett Besch, Dean Emeritus, LSU School of Veterinary Medicine.
- 10:45am "Folk Veterinary Medicine in Louisiana" —Dr. Martha Littlefield, Louisiana State Veterinarian.
- 11:30am "James Law: America's First Veterinary Epidemiologist and the Equine Influenza Epidemic of 1872".--Thomas G. Murnane, DVM, Brig. Gen. U.S. Army, Ret.
- 12noon Lunch break
- 1:30pm Presented Papers II
 "My Father's Practice in Lafayette, Louisiana" with rare video footage of veterinary practice in the 1930s and 1940s.—Dr. Robert J. Leonpacher.
- 2:30pm "Katrina—Its Effect on the Veterinary Profession": Mississippi—Dr. Brigid Elchos ; Louisiana—Dr. Robert C. Gros.
- 3:30pm Adjourn for beignets, coffee, and good fellowship at a famous local New Orleans restaurant.

2008 Essay Contest Winners

Dr. Diana Davis, Essay Contest Committee Chair, announces the winners of the J. Fred Smithcors Student Veterinary History Essay Contest for 2008.

1st Prize **Hattie Kugler**, Washington State
 "Scratches, Grease Heel, and Grapes: Or Chronic Pastern Dermatitis Then and Now".

2nd Prize (tie) **Kevin Koernig**, Tufts
 "The Bureau of Animal Industry and Veterinary Professionalization at the Turn of the 20th Century".

2nd Prize (tie) **Michael Walsh**, Kansas State
 "The Emergence of Animals Rights in Veterinary Medicine".

We extend appreciation to the three judges, Drs. Debbie Tacium Ladry, Wolfgang Jöchle, and Raffaele Roncalli along with Gary Zelko at Merck & Company for their ongoing support for our contest.

Manuscripts and Records

The summary of an article in a recent issue of *Argos*, the bulletin of the Veterinary History Society in The Netherlands pointed out that "only a very small part of veterinary historical studies is based on manuscript or archival materials". *Argos* 36(4):255. The summary encourages us to think twice before destroying handwritten or electronically printed materials that could clarify our time for future historians.

I'm happy to report that the Rev. Dr. Robert Lawrence has enthusiastically contributed twenty years of practice records carefully maintained by former AVMHS President Elizabeth Atwood Lawrence. After sensitive information about individual clients has been redacted, they are to go to the archive of the Association for Women Veterinarians (AWV). That archive is a small part of the Washington State University Veterinary History Collection, which began with more than 1,200 books and pamphlets, as well as manuscripts and ephemera, donated by Dr. J. Fred Smithcors.



As do many other veterinary organizations, AVMHS has an archive of its own at Iowa State University. If you are retiring, or just clearing an office, consider shipping some things off for preservation to an archival center near you or the AVMHS archive at Iowa State at:

Special Collections
Iowa State University
403 Parks Library
Ames, Iowa 50011-21240
Attn: Tanya Zanish-Belcher
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AVMA Sesquicentennial Cooperation

President Zbigniew Wojcinski contacted Executive VP Dr. Ron DeHaven and Jim Flanagan in Marketing concerning AVMA's Sesquicentennial in Chicago in 2013. Although plans are still in the very early stages, they were receptive to having AVMHS involved in event planning in whatever form that would take and be part of a committee should one be formed. Further discussion will take place this fall and they will keep in touch with our Society as plans take shape.

Dr. R.H. Detwiler is "Person of the Week"

The *Reading (Pa.) Eagle* has honored Dr. Richard H. Detwiler as a recent "Person of the Week". Dick is a long time member of AVMHS and currently treasurer of the American Museum of Veterinary Medicine. For the complete write-up and photo of Dick in the Museum, go to: <http://www.readingeagle.com/article.aspx?id=92988>

AMVM Museum Open House

The American Museum of Veterinary Medicine at Ridgewood Farm near Reading, PA held an Open House on Saturday, June 14, 2008 from 10am to 4pm. It featured a day of family fun with animals and animal stories, including museum tours, dog training, animal rescue, photography, crafts, and book signing by Todd Addis, DVM. For more information, see <http://www.amvm.org>

Mara Lecture Award for Harry Latshaw

Harry Latshaw, an AVMHS member and retired Veterinary Technology Program advisor and clinical coordinator at Purdue University, was awarded the Jack L. Mara Memorial Lecture Award at the North American Veterinary Conference in Orlando in January 2008. The award recognizes Mara Lecture speakers

annually at the veterinary technician's portion of NAVC. A photo of Harry Latshaw receiving the award from Dr. Mary Beth Leininger appears on page 4 of the spring 2008 issue of *SVM Report* available at <http://www.vet.purdue.edu/svmreport/index.html> or <http://www.vet.purdue.edu/svmreport/archive/spring08/ReportSpring2008.pdf>

WAHVM Meeting Deadline

WAHVM Liaison Susan Jones reminds AVMHS members that June 30 is the early registration deadline for the WAHVM Congress, to be held in Engelberg, Switzerland, September 11-13. To register and reserve hotel space, go the website <http://congress.svgvm.ch/>, <<http://congress.svgvm.ch/>>

where a form can be printed out to send (by post) with credit card number for reservations. We have at least two representatives attending from the AVMHS; we will also be contributing at least four papers to the program. Contact Dr. Jones with questions: jone0996@umn.edu

AAVP Lasher History Lecture

Dr. David Halvorson will deliver the Lasher History Lecture titled "The History of Avian Influenza in the USA" on Tuesday, July 22 from 10:00-10:30am in the Morial Convention Center, New Orleans. This lecture is an annual event at the American Association of Avian Pathologists Scientific Program.

New Books

Convery, Ian. *Animal Disease and Human Trauma: Emotional Geographies of Disaster*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008. ISBN: 9780230506978

Tasker, John B. *Standing on the Shoulders of Giants: Foundations in Veterinary Medicine for the Advancement of Human Welfare*. Wrightsville, NC: Lumina Press, 2008. 280 pgs. ISBN: 9781595269065

New Member

We are pleased to welcome a new member:

Dr. Walter C. Cash (Manhattan, KS)

Dr. Cash has been sent a copy of Dr. Fred Born's *The History of the Horse Doctor* CD-ROM along with one to Dr. Howard Erickson who encouraged him to join.

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