

News and Comment

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AVMHS Annual Meeting

This year's AVMHS business and program meeting at the AVMA Convention will be held at the Omni Hotel at CNN Center, 100 CNN Center, Atlanta, GA. The room assignment will be made in June.

Our business meeting has a full agenda with many important topics for information and discussion. Among these are: Presentation of a new Oral History Project (Fred Bom); Registry of Heritage Veterinary Practices (Lesley Gentry); VIN Time-Bites (Phyllis Larsen); reprinting of Dr. Burt W. Bierer's book (Russell Currier); Vet2011 International Veterinary Year (Howard Erickson & Russell Currier); digitization of *Veterinary Heritage* (Susanne Whitaker).

History Congress in Turkey

The XXXIXth Congress of the World Association for the History of Veterinary Medicine (WAHVMM) is scheduled for September 20-23, 2010 in Antalya, Turkey. The keynote speaker will be the President of the World Veterinary Association, Dr. Tjeerd Jorna of The Netherlands.

The Congress focuses on "the historical development of scientific disciplines in veterinary education" and "the history of intercontinental veterinary medicine and animal disease." Papers selected will be published in the Congress Proceedings. Thus far, four abstracts are known to have been submitted by members of our Society: Lesley Gentry, Howard Erickson, Susan Jones, and Phil Teigen.

For further information, please visit <http://www.wahvm.umn.edu>, or contact the AVMHS liaison

to WAHVMM, Lesley Gentry at lgentry@nckcn.com, or 785-738-8584.

2010 Essay Contest Results

This year's Essay Committee Chair, Dr. Russell Currier, received 23 essays from 6 colleges: 18 from Kansas State with one each from Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia-Maryland, and Purdue. Among the wide variety of topics represented were: Trichinella, Feral cats, One Health, Rabies history, Military veterinarians, Rabies in wildlife, Hyperkalemic paralysis, Maggot debridement, EIA, Condors, Monkeypox, Temple Grandin, Animal research in Antiquity, Perspectives on pain, Louise Sklar, Blackleg vaccine, Herriot, Disaster, vCJD, BSE, West Nile Virus, Strangles, and Pasteur.

Essays have been judged by Drs. Raffaele Roncalli, Debbie Tacium, and Wolfgang Jochle. The judging was done blind and the judges did not know author's names or schools of veterinary medicine. The 2010 winners are:

First Place: Elizabeth Williams '12, Kansas State University

"The Forgotten Giants behind Louis Pasteur: Contribution by the Veterinarians Toussaint and Galtier."

Second Place: Gail Gobel '13, Kansas State University

"Mad Cows and vCJD: A Tale of Two Epidemics."

Third Place: Jaime Stevenson '13, Kansas State University

"West Nile Virus: A Progression from Unknown to Endemic."

Members are reminded that the prizes for essays (\$750, \$500, and \$250), as well as a copy of *The Merck Veterinary Manual* for all who submit appropriate essays, are generously provided by Merck & Company.

Oral History Project

Dr. Fred Born is energetically organizing an Oral History Project, proposed by him and approved by the Society's Board of Directors in April. The aim is to produce a sizable collection of interviews of veterinarians who lived through some of the most rapid changes in medical history, and who are now at least in their late 70s. Dr. Born has been surveying individuals and is preparing a "How to Get Started" packet that will include sample interview questions and other helpful information. State veterinary associations will also be asked to add to the collection with the target date of 2013 for compilation. That is the year in which the AVMA will be celebrating its 150th anniversary.

Dr. Born's proposal will be posted on the AVMHHS website at <http://www.cvm.missouri.edu/avmhs>, or it can be obtained in hard copy from the Secretary/Treasurer.

International Veterinary Year

The United States, as represented by the AVMA, appears to be ahead of most countries in getting ready for Vet2011. President Howard Erickson and President-elect Russell Currier both are representing the AVMHHS on the AVMA Vet2011 National Committee. Dr. Erickson is also on the US Vet2011 Accreditation Subcommittee that is chaired by Dr. Beth Sabin of the AVMA staff. The subcommittee has drawn up an Events/Activities/Publications Accreditation process and criteria. It provides a form for applying for accreditation and the use of the Vet2011 logo representing the International Veterinary Year.

The Accreditation Subcommittee has already approved the Association for Women Veterinarians Foundation "AWVF 2011 Recognition Award" to be given to a female veterinarian residing in the United States who has shown exemplary work in international veterinary medicine. This special, one-time award would represent the spirit of cooperativeness and oneness sought by the Vet2011 committees worldwide.

AVMHHS members, who believe that AVMHHS, or some other group, will be having an event, activity, or publication which warrants applying for accreditation should contact Dr. Howard Erickson (Erickson@vet.ksu.edu), or Dr. Russell Currier (rucurrier@yahoo.com), with a copy to Susanne Whitaker (skw2@cornell.edu).

AMVM on the Move

Unable to purchase necessary space for its more than 5,000 historic and rare books, its thousands of veterinary instruments and artifacts, and its successful programs, the American Museum of Veterinary Medicine is in the process of moving from Birdsboro near Reading, Pennsylvania, to a location not far from Harrisburg. AMVM President Max Herman says that the museum has found a new and more visible home in "Agrarian Country," a tourism destination in Lebanon County. There it will be among a variety of agriculturally related museums, an equine breeding center, a dairy cattle operation, and event venues, which will give it more visibility and financial security. Its exhibits and activities will remain in the hands of veterinarians, who established it to educate the public about the past, present, and even the future of the profession.

The AMVM, and its precursors, have been closely related to our Society for many years. Largely through efforts of former AVMHHS President Richard Detwiler, it obtained a remarkable collection of history books amassed by Dr. Robert Shomer, himself a former president and benefactor of AVMHHS.

To learn more about the AMVM and its future, search online for American Museum of Veterinary Medicine or Agrarian Country, or contact Dr. Max Herman at 610-212-3417.

It's Time for More Time-Bites

At last, our Time-Bites have begun appearing on the Veterinary Information Network (VIN). If you are a member of VIN, please take a look at them, and let us know what you think.

VIN kicked them off in March, 2010 with Dr. Tom Murnane's history of lip-tattooing horses, which featured a spectacular illustration of a modern lip tattoo. It followed with the Time-Bite

on bicycle pumps and milk fever by Dr. Debbie Tacium. At the present time VIN has 13 in hand and another 11 are in various stages of readying by AVMHS. Susanne Whitaker is coordinating production details and has prepared a work list with three stages: text by contributors, edits by Dr. Tacium, and illustrations, some of which were sent in by the text contributors, while some await completion or permission to use.

VIN is already asking for more finished Time-Bites. If you know of promising historical nuggets or ideas for a Time-Bite, please contact Phyllis Larsen (phl19@cornell.edu, 607-539-6181) or Susanne Whitaker (skw2@cornell.edu, 607-253-3499). They are happy to work with you in creating this informative mini-story.

Successful AVMHS Meeting in Texas

Immediate Past President Dr. "Al" Moore, who organized this second annual Regional Meeting of our Society, was especially pleased to have in attendance Dr. James Steele (often called the Father of Veterinary Public Health), just a few days before Dr. Steele's 97th birthday. Also present, all the way from Japan, was Mr. Junya Yasuda, a soon-to-be veterinary student with a background and interest in history. In addition, both AVMH President Howard Erickson and President-elect Russell Currier were among the 25 or so present.

Dr. Moore tells us that the meeting in conjunction with the Texas Veterinary Medical Association on March 6, 2010, began with a discussion of "Texas Fever and the Origins of Veterinary Medicine in Texas" by Dr. Joe E. West. This was followed by Joe Jaros, the Veterinary Historical Collection Librarian at the Texas A&M University (TAMU) Medical Sciences Library, who gave an overview of the life of Dr. Mark Francis, the first veterinarian on the faculty of TAMU. Dr. Thomas G. Murnane then gave his very informative presentation on some of the animal plagues in Texas and the Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak in 1924-25.

During the break for the "TVMA Historical Luncheon," the state's two oldest active veterinary practitioners and four new Texas Heritage Practices were recognized. Then Dr. J.D. McCrady

spoke on "The History of the College of Veterinary Medicine Texas A & M University." The day was topped off by a "Historical Tour of the College of Veterinary Medicine TAMU" led by Dr. Oscar Woytek, it's Senior Director of Development.

Thus far, a regional meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place at Iowa State University in 2011, and there is an arrangement for one in Canada, at the Ontario Veterinary College in 2012. If you would like to organize or host a regional meeting sometime, please first contact Susanne Whitaker at skw2@cornell.edu or 607-253-3499.

Hoofbeats and History

A tribute to the life and work of Elizabeth Atwood Lawrence took place at the Center for Animals and Public Policy of the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, Tufts University on May 15-16, 2010. The Elizabeth Atwood Lawrence Symposium, "Hoofbeats and Society: The Horse-Human Relationship" focused on an area about which Dr. Lawrence had written three books and numerous articles. Earlier, she had included both horses and small animals in her practice in Westport, Massachusetts from 1960-1978. Dr. Lawrence was twice president of AVMHS, 1986/1987 and 1992/1993.

Best Wishes

On September 9, 2009, former AVMHS President Sebastian Heath was married to Michelle McMurry at Le Chateau de Pizay, an old castle in wine country north of Lyon, France. Dr. Heath, who published *Animal Management in Disasters* in 1999, now serves the Federal Emergency Management Agency as its Section Chief for Program Development for FEMA Preparedness Grants. Dr. McMurry-Heath is with The Aspen Institute where she directs two programs: Health, and Biomedical Science and Society Initiative. They live in Washington, D.C.

New Members

Boris Brglez, DVM (San Antonio, TX)
 Pamela L. McInroy, DVM (Westminster CA)
 Michael W. Smith, DVM (Lithonia, GA)

New Books

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