

News and Comment

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Late breaking news....

Congratulations to Dr. Fred Born! We have just learned that Drs. Claude Grandmontagne and Jean-François Chary were very impressed with Dr. Born's extensive 95+ slide PowerPoint presentation on *The Early History of Horse Doctor* with information on Claude Bourgelat. They have asked for authorization to post it on the official Vet2011 Web site. This PowerPoint presentation has also received accreditation by the subcommittee of the US National Vet2011 Organizing Committee.

At the request of the New York State Veterinary Medical Society, a 40-minute version of Dr. Born's *The History of the Horse Doctor* made its way to The Great New York State Fair in August 2010 through the efforts of Dr. Ed Chapman of Fayetteville, New York.

New Website

Thanks to President Russell Currier and Dr. Kevan Flaming, the American Veterinary Medical History Society now has a website with its own domain (www.avmhs.org). Dr. Flaming, who will be our web assistant, is Veterinary Specialist in the Iowa State University Center for Food Security and Public Health. Messages for Dr. Flaming to put on the website are best sent through AVMHS Secretary Susanne Whitaker at skw2@cornell.edu or 607-253-3499.

We sincerely thank the University of Missouri for carrying our Society's web address on its site for nearly a decade and Dr. Robert C. McClure for serving all those years as webmaster, sometimes with the help of librarian, Trenton Boyd. In addition, the College of Veterinary Medicine at

Oklahoma State University and the University of Texas at Austin provided valuable web access when Drs. Sidney Ewing and Diana Davis chaired the Smithcors Student Essay Contest. Professor David Williams at Purdue also deserves credit for creating the Web site for the XXXVI WAHVM International Congress which AVMHS hosted in Minneapolis in 2005. To all we extend appreciation, and to all members, we extend encouragement to suggest material to put on our own website.

AVMHS at Atlanta

By all accounts the AVMHS meeting and booth at the AVMA Convention in 2010 were both educational and enjoyable. At the booth Dr. Michael W. Smith and Vicki Smith provided examples of a wide variety of veterinary collectibles. To learn how to get his bi-monthly publication, illustrated with numerous pictures from veterinary practice history, you can contact him at 7431 Covington Hwy, Lithonia, Georgia, 30058, or 779-482-5100.

In the business meeting President-elect Russell Currier assumed the presidency for 2010-2011, and the Society will have the continuing useful service of Dr. Howard Erickson as Immediate Past President. With appreciation, Susanne Whitaker was returned to the position of Secretary/Treasurer for another two years. Drs. Marianne Ash and C.B. Chastain were re-elected to second two-year terms as At-Large Board members while Drs. Fred Born and Linda Schlater continue on the Board for another year. Representative Lesley Gentry, from whom we have a thorough report below, was elected to the Liaison Committee of the World Association for the History of Veterinary Medicine for 2010-2014.

Our educational program acquainted us with the history of veterinary medical teaching at the University of Georgia by Dr. J. Robert Duncan. Dr. Raffaele Roncalli gave us his lauded story of the dog in veterinary medicine and art in Japan, and Dr. Michael Smith presented examples of treatments used by quacks and non-quacks in veterinary medicine in the 19th and early 20th century.

Recognitions at Atlanta

At the risk of missing others, your reporter notes that two past-presidents of AVMHS received accolades at the AVMA Convention. For 2010 the AVMA awarded the XIIth International Veterinary Congress Prize to Col. Gary Vroegindewey, DVM for his work assigning members of the Veterinary Corps and visiting missions on all continents, including wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. His award noted that he is a member of the International Affairs Committee of the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges and the AVMA Committee on International Affairs, as well as a past-president of our society. AVMHS has received word that Col. Vroegindewey has just retired from the military, and looks forward to finding time for his long-standing interest in veterinary history.

At the AVMA session on diversity, Dr. Eugene W. Adams, AVMHS President in 1998-99, presented a paper on some of the history of earlier efforts to include people from wider backgrounds in the veterinary profession. He is an expert on the history of African Americans who earned veterinary degrees and how they fared subsequently. In his talk, Dr. Adams emphasized that achieving diversity requires being open-minded toward other cultures, being willing to embrace nonconformity, and having determination to break down barriers. During the Tuskegee University Veterinary School reception, Associate Dean Ronnie Elmore of Kansas State University Veterinary College presented Dr. Adams (KSU-44) with a piece of glass artwork as a formal salute to his many years of notable service to the profession, including his writing of *The Legacy: A History of the Tuskegee School of Veterinary Medicine*.

Call for Papers for St. Louis 2011

By AVMHS President Russell W. Currier

The AVMHS continues to have a business meeting at AVMA Conventions followed by two plus hours of presentations on historical studies of our profession. This next year in July, we will be meeting in St Louis and honoring the establishment of the first college of veterinary medicine in Lyon, France. This year-long celebration and showcasing of our profession's birth is titled Vet2011.

At this time speakers remain to be determined and I solicit offerings of topics from our membership to share on this most auspicious occasion. In fact any topic that might fit in with our special recognition of Claude Bourgelat and the Lyon CVM would be most welcome. Presentations of 30 to 45 minute length would be most preferred.

You are welcome to respond with an offering to include a title, brief description of content, your name and contact information, and proposed length of time needed. We will supply an LCD projector and screen. If any other AV equipment is needed, please inform us in advance. The hotel in St Louis and meeting location on Monday morning, 18 July 2011 remain to be determined. Send any expression of interest to Russ Currier DVM, P.O. Box 71003, Clive IA 50325 or email: ruscurrier@yahoo.com.

WAHVM Congress Report

By Lesley Ann Gentry, USA Liaison to WAHVM
The XXXIX International Congress of the World Association for the History of Veterinary Medicine and III National Symposium of the Turkish Association for the History of Veterinary Medicine and Professional Ethics were held on 20-23 September 2010 in Anatalya, Turkey.

Four delegates from USA presented papers at the Congress---Dr. Howard Erickson, *The Kansas City Veterinary College (1891-1918): The Foundation of the Kansas City Animal Health Corridor*; Dr. Philip M. Teigen, *How the Rabies Virus Came to the North American Colonies*

1750-1820; Dr. Susan Jones, *Ecology of Anthrax and the Burden of Disease Control in Turkey, 1880-1920*; and Lesley Gentry, *Reflections of the Old School: Dr. (Winifred) Mary Brancker, CBE DUniv (hc) FRCVS*.

All papers were informative and well received. The sessions consisted of three keynote speakers and 74 presentations, 61 of those related to veterinary history and the balance to professional ethics, medical ethics and bioethics.

It was an honor to meet and listen to keynote speaker Dr. Tjeerd Jorna, President of the World Veterinary Association, who spoke on *The World Veterinary Association and its History*.

The Congress was a great undertaking for the Conference Chair. Dr. R. Tamay Başağaç Gül. We were all appreciative for the kind hospitality that she and the Turkish delegates showed us. The meeting was interesting not only for the informative sessions, but for its location on the beautiful Mediterranean.

One evening, delegates were invited to attend the musical Troy show, a famous Turkish folk dance group, held in an outdoor theatre. The last day of the congress some delegates went on a historical tour to see the old Roman aqueduct near Aspendos and the outdoor Aspendos Theatre, built during the reign of Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius (161-180 A.D.), and many other historical sites.

Much discussion was included in our General Assembly meeting. Key discussion focused on charges for membership to WAHVM and its restructuring, Young Scholar Awards, progress of working groups, including the International Dictionary of Veterinary Biography, the WAHVM website, etc.

Plans for the XXXX International Congress of WAHVM are well underway. The Netherlands Veterinary History Society invites you to attend the 40th Congress on 22-25 August 2012 in Utrecht, The Netherlands. Information regarding this Congress can be found at: <http://www.veterinaryhistory.com>.

A big thank you to Dr. Phil Teigen, WAHVM Secretary, and co-presidents Dr. Susan Jones and Dr. Peter Koolmes, for all their hard work.

Oral History Continues

As reported in the July *News & Comment*, AVMHS and AVMA, at the instigation of Dr. Fred Born, have embarked on a cooperative effort to produce as many history interviews of retired veterinarians as possible for the AVMA's 150th anniversary in 2013. To get things moving, Dr. Beth Sabin, J. B. Hancock, and others at AVMA arranged for its communications office to send out a short survey to all 50 state VMAs and other veterinary groups to determine their interest in participation. AVMA also plans to videotape interviews at next year's convention.

The AVMHS is in the early stages of drafting web pages that will assist interested groups in setting up interviews at their local or regional levels. It is also seeking already existing veterinary oral histories to create a national catalog. For example, *DVM Newsmagazine* described "An Enduring Veterinary Legacy" in which Dr. Donald Smith at Cornell University has interviewed and prepared biographies for over 50 alumni to date. Digitalized ones are freely available on the web at <http://ecommons.library.cornell.edu/handle/1813/11807>. In Louisiana Dr. Martha Littlefield has rescued "bags" of audiotapes compiled by Dr. Everett Besch which need attention.

On another front, we have identified 17 oral interviews done by Dr. J. Fred Smithcors at AVMA meetings from 1958 to 1960 that are held by Manuscripts, Archives, and Special Collections at Washington State University. Susanne Whitaker and Dr. Born have begun transcribing them.

If you often meet retired veterinarians and would like to participate in collecting oral interviews, contact Dr. Fred Born at fjbom@att.net or 920-921-6534.

Call for History Book Proposals

The University of Winchester Press (U.K.) is beginning a series on the history of veterinary medicine which will cover a wide range of interdisciplinary studies from social and political history, archeology, medicine, zoology, and literary and cultural topics. More information and manuscripts can be sent to Dr. Louise Hill

Curth, Series Editor for *New Perspectives in Veterinary History*, louise.curth@winchester.ac.uk or from the online announcement at: <http://www.revolution.h-net.msu.edu/announce/show.cgi?ID=178378>.

Call for Papers: Medical History of WWI

In February 2012, the Army Medical Department Center of History and Heritage will be co-sponsoring a conference with the Western Front Association (USA) on the medical history of World War I. Papers on all facets are sought, including veterinary medicine.

Contact Dr. Sanders Marble, Office of Medical History, US Army, 2050 Worth Road, Attn: MCSC-MH; Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234; Tel. 210-295-0983; Email: sanders.marble@us.army.mil.

Heritage Practice in the News

Dr. Robert N. Gouge reports that his practice, G & G Veterinary Hospital, established in Sedalia, Missouri in 1915 was featured in a Fall 2010 article in *Missouri Veterinary Quarterly* titled, "Drive Into Veterinary History on US Highway 50," published by the Missouri Veterinary Medical Association. A similar article by Dr. Steven Joseph will appear in the Kansas City Veterinary Medical Association's quarterly publication in January 2011. In addition to being listed in the *AVMHS Registry of Veterinary Heritage Practices*, Dr. Gouge is pursuing an application for 'National Registry of Historic Places' status.

New AVMHS Members:

Teresa Carmichael, DVM (Oskaloosa, IA)
 Fred A. Cesana, DVM (New Hartford, CT)
 Janver D. Krehbiel, DVM (Mason, MI)
 David L. McCrystle, DVM (Healdsburg, CA)
 Marjorie O'Neill, DVM (Metuchen, NJ)
 Noreen A. Pazderski, DVM (Buffalo, NY)
 Donald F. Smith, DVM (Ithaca, NY)

New Registry of Heritage Veterinary Practices

Clearview Animal Hospital (Bloomfield, IA) estab. 1940s

Concord Animal Hospital (St. Louis, MO) estab. 1959

G & G Veterinary Hospital (Sedalia, MO) estab. 1915

Ord Veterinary Clinic (Ord, NE) estab. 1909

Steckelberg Veterinary Clinic (Conrad, IA) estab. 1960

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Ings, Bud. *Vet Behind the Years*. Charlottetown, P.E.I.: Acorn Press, 2010. ISBN: 9781894838528

Jones, Susan D. *Death in a Small Package: A Short History of Anthrax*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2010. 329 pgs. ISBN: 9780801896965

Lane, D.R. *A Victorian Veterinary Student's Diary*. Cirencester, Gloucestershire, UK: Granville Penn Press, 2010. 241 pgs. [The Granville Penn Press is a new imprint of the Veterinary History Society (U.K.) launched in October 2010. More at <http://www.veterinaryhistorysociety.org.uk/press.htm>.]

Mahoney, James. *From Elephants to Mice: Animals Who Have Touched My Soul*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley, 2010. 248 pgs. ISBN: 9780470501580

Mitchell, Ralph and Christopher J. McNamara, editors. *Cultural Heritage Microbiology: Fundamental Studies in Conservation Science*. Washington, DC: ASM Press, 2010. 348 pgs. ISBN: 978-1-55581-476-2. "...ideal for anyone concerned with recognizing and dealing with microbial deterioration of heritage materials."

Perrin, David and Wendy Liddle. *When the Going Gets Tough: Still More Adventures from a Country Veterinarian*. Creston, B.C.: Dave's Press, 2010. ISBN: 9780986656903

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