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World Veterinary Year

The official Vet2011 celebration began in France at the Palace of Versailles on January 18th, 2011. The veterinary world community is using the 250th anniversary of the first veterinary school in the modern world to focus on contributions of the veterinary profession to animal and human health. To follow the year's events and programs, see its website at <http://www.vet2011.org>. Also, see issues of *JAVMA*, our AVMHS emphases in *Veterinary Heritage*, in *Interim News & Comment* columns, in special member communications, or on our new website, www.avmhs.org, to keep abreast of developments.

At this time, the Accreditation Committee of the National Vet 2011 Committee, organized by the AVMA, has approved a total of about 19 publications, programs, or activities by veterinary associations or organizations. These are eligible to bear the Vet2011 logo. Check http://vet2011.org/calendrier_pays.php to view the latest list in countries around the world.



Where ours are announced or discussed by AVMHS, they will sport the logo and, wherever possible, include some words relating them to contributions to animal or human health. For instance, already the logo appears on our Society's website announcement of the J. F. Smithcors student veterinary history essay contest. (See below)

“The Early History of the Horse Doctor”



Dr. Claude Grandmontagne, General Secretary of Vet 2011 Activities has informed Dr. Fred Born, a second term board member of the AVMHS, that he has received a signal honor. Dr. Born's complete

PowerPoint of “The Early History of the Horse Doctor”, covering over 2,200 years of the evolution of the study of veterinary medicine, has been placed on the Vet2011 web site <http://www.vet2011.org>

For directions to download: Go to the Home Page and locate the Member Area box on the left side of the page. Enter the word “member” in the Member box. Enter “Vet2011” in the Password box. Click on “GO” button. Click on the download red button for the PowerPoint presentation. Its window will appear in the lower left corner of the monitor. Click on it. When the title page appears, click on “Slide Show” at the top of the screen, then click on “From Beginning”. The first Power Point slide will appear in full screen.

The AVMA is also making 500 copies of the CD of Dr. Born's impressive work for distribution at events during the year. The copies are being funded by the Northern Illinois Librarians and Archivists. Not just veterinarians are helping to celebrate World Veterinary Year.

Student History Essay Contest



Dr. Russell Currier reports that he received the first entry in the 2011 J. F. Smithcors Student Veterinary History Essay Contest before the end of January. He hopes it is a good omen, since the deadline doesn't come until April 1. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the history essay contest, with prizes generously funded by Merck and Company.

Although no special topic has been assigned for the World Veterinary Year, student essays have routinely educated readers about ways that veterinarians, or the veterinary profession, have furthered the health of animals or people. For example, last year's first prize winner, Elizabeth Williams (KSU '12), reminded us that crucial work by veterinarians Henri Toussaint and Pierre Galtier led Louis Pasteur to his development of vaccines against fowl cholera, anthrax, and rabies, the latter two having been rampant zoonoses in the 19th century.

Vet2011 at Texas A&M

In honor of Vet2011, Texas A&M University will hold the first of its World Veterinary Year Lecture Series on Friday, March 4, 2011. The Texas A&M University Libraries/Medical Sciences Library and the College of Veterinary Medicine are co-sponsoring the inaugural lecture, "Glimpses of Veterinary History: The Story Postcards Tell". It will be presented by C. Trenton Boyd, head of the Zalk Veterinary Library, University of Missouri, and a former board member of the American Veterinary Medical History Society. For more information, contact Sandy Samford, Tel: 979-845-7485, Email: ssamford@library.tamu.edu

The poster for the 2011 World Veterinary Year Lecture Series features a central graphic with a globe and a caduceus, surrounded by the text "WORLD VETERINARY YEAR CELEBRATING 250 YEARS". It lists three events:

- MARCH 4, 2011 OPENING LECTURE:** "Glimpses of Veterinary History: The Story Postcards Tell" by C. Trenton Boyd, head of the Zalk Veterinary Medical Library, University of Missouri. College of Veterinary Medicine Lecture Hall 201, 4-5:30 p.m.
- APRIL 27, 2011:** "The Global Impact of Veterinarians" by Dr. Clay Ashley (Associate of the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences Veterinary Medical Research Park), Dr. Phillipa Sprake (Veterinary resident/instructor in Food Animal Medicine), and Dr. Juan Romano (Associate professor in Food Animal Medicine). Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Building (ILSB) Auditorium, 4-5:30 p.m.
- OCTOBER 12, 2011:** "Future of Veterinary Medicine" Speaker to be announced. ILSB Auditorium, 4-5:30 p.m.

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Regional AVMHS Meetings.....

2011 -- with Texas VMA

Last year Dr. J. Alford "Al" Moore put together a day long regional AVMHS history program in conjunction with the Texas Veterinary Medical Association's March meeting at Texas A & M University. Dr. Moore, a past-president of our Society, tells us that this will happen again on Saturday, **March 5, 2011**, the day following the lecture referenced above.

Also, there will be a joint luncheon, arranged by AVMHS member Dr. Charles Pipes, who is the Historian for the Texas Veterinary Medical Association.

TVMA Second Annual History Meeting

Saturday, March 5, 2011
Hilton Hotel, Brazos Room
College Station, Texas

- 9:00 am Welcome: *J. Alford Moore, DVM*
- 9:15 am Texas Fever and the Origins of Veterinary Medicine in Texas
Joe E. West, DVM, MS, PhD, Col., USAF, Veterinary Corps (Ret.), TVMDL, TAMU System (Ret.)
- 9:15 am **History of the TVMA**
Dr. Elbert Hutchins, Past TVMA Executive Director
- 10:00 am **History of The Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratories**
Konrad Eugster, DVM, PhD, Past Executive Director TVMDL
- 11:00 am **The Military Heritage of Veterinary Medicine in Texas**
Thomas G. Murnane, DVM, DACVPM. Brig. Gen, US Army (Retired)
- 12:00 pm **TVMA HISTORICAL LUNCHEON**
- 2:00 pm **How Mixed Practice has Changed in the Last 50 Years**
Frank Mann, Jr., DVM, Mixed Animal Practitioner, Wharton, Texas
- 3:00 pm **Veterinary Historical Collections at Texas A&M: Before and After the Wood Collection**
Joe Jaros, Veterinary Historical Collections Librarian, Medical Sciences Library, Texas A&M
C. Trenton Boyd, Head, Veterinary Medical Library, University of Missouri, Columbia
Esther Carrigan, Associate Dean and Director, Medical Sciences Library, Texas A&M
- 3:45 pm **Tour of the Veterinary Historical Collections, Medical Sciences Library, Texas A&M**

This meeting is open to anyone interested in veterinary history. No registration fee is required.

For more information about registration, directions, and other arrangements for this meeting, luncheon, and tour, contact: Dr. J. Alford "Al" Moore, Tel: 281-852-2395 ; Email: vetal@aol.com or Texas Veterinary Medical Association, Special Programming http://www.tvma.org/Continuing_Education/special_programs.phtml

2011 – with Iowa VMA

In addition to the regional AVMHS program in Texas, AVMHS President Russell Currier is presently working on another regional program with the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association. The planned program will emphasize both human and animal health and is scheduled to be held on **September 16, 2011** in Ames, IA in conjunction with the second day of the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association annual conference.

2012 – with Ontario Veterinary College

Drs. Brian Derbyshire, Zbigniew Wojcinski, and Helen Wojcinski are well along in planning an informative program oriented toward international veterinary medicine as part of the fourth OVC symposium series in May, 2012. (see *Interim News & Comment*, June 2009, pg.2-3.) More details will be forthcoming as the date approaches.

Other OVC Anniversary Symposia

In celebration of OVC's 150th Anniversary, the second year of this series, "Changing Cultures... Veterinary Medicine & Literature", was held on May 9-11, 2010. Dr. Debbie Tacium, former AVMHS board member, gave a presentation. Topics included enriching relationships among veterinarians, animal owners and animals and creating the opportunity for reflection in the veterinary curriculum.

This year, on **May 28, 2011**, the Ontario Veterinary College will be hosting the third of its 150th Anniversary Symposium Series, celebrating the "Changing Roles of Animals in Society—The Human and Animal Bond". For more information, please contact Tara O'Brien, Tel: 519-824-4120 ext 54402, Email: tlobrien@uoguelph.ca.

One Health at NAVC



According to President Russell Currier, Dr. Donald F. Smith, a member of AVMHS, presented a fine keynote address during the one-day One Health Symposium at the North American Veterinary

Conference (NAVC) on Monday, January 17, 2011. Called "Our Veterinary Legacy: One Health", it showed how veterinary medicine was close to human medicine in the late 19th century, but moved away from it when horses left the cities and when land grant colleges became dominant. More recently, there has been a reawakening of one medicine, one health.

In addition, after several other speakers and "Case Studies in One Health" that day, Dr. Smith closed this symposium sponsored by the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) with a presentation titled, "Moving Ahead Towards a One Health Future." He acknowledged that "a one health future should accommodate three themes: zoonotic diseases, comparative biomedical research, and the human-animal bond. Focusing on just one of these priorities (historically, zoonotic diseases....) is one of the reasons we have been unable to break through barriers of one health with our physician and public health counterparts...."

U.K. Humanities Exploratory Workshop

Notice has been received of an exploratory workshop for European academics working on early modern (c. 1500-1800) veterinary history in their own regions to "share their expertise, establish new links and to explore the possibilities of future collaborative actions". This ESF workshop will be held at Winchester, U.K. on **July 7-9, 2011**. While this meeting is not open to the public, more information and program can be obtained from the convener, Professor Louise Hill Curth at Email: louise.curth@winchester.ac.uk

AVMHS Booth at AVMA



Given emphasis on Vet2011 and the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the veterinary school at Lyon, our exhibit booth this year will focus on the contributions of Claude Bourgelat and the Lyon school. Plans are currently being made by Dr. Fred Born to display many historical illustrations along with several souvenir handouts for booth visitors.

Personals

We have learned with deep regret that **Dr. Ole H. V. Stahlheim** died last fall. He served as AVMHS President in 1985-86 and was one of the most regular attendees of its meetings for many years. Most recently, his 1996 book *Veterinary Conversations with Mid-Twentieth Century Leaders* has provided 28 of the

interviews that will be listed on the forthcoming AVMHS oral histories website for any person or organization wishing to learn more about individuals and the profession.

Cornell Dean Emeritus and new AVMHS member, **Dr. Donald F. Smith**, has branched out from presenting oral histories of Cornell graduates on-line to teaching a large class in veterinary history. He has also been dealing with his new internationally active blog at <http://veterinarylegacy.blogspot.com>.

For those who may be wondering what **Dr. Leo L. Lemonds** has been up to since turning over his orderly notebooks to Secretary/Treasurer Susanne Whitaker some years ago, the answer is “plenty”. He has written veterinary history articles, more practice memoirs, and family booklets, in addition to working on Kiwanis projects, celebrating his 65th wedding anniversary to Marcella, attending Nebraska football games, and playing golf a couple of times a week, weather permitting.

A former AVMHS President **Dr. Richard “Dick” Detwiler** is busy in a new way since preparing the collections of the American Museum of Veterinary Medicine for eventual relocation to a building in Agrarian Country near Harrisburg, PA. After 62 years of practice, he fully retired last November. Now he and Grace are gradually moving from their farmhouse to a comfortable cottage in a retirement village about ten miles away. He says that they feel at home because the Phoebe Birch Village is populated with many of his former clients. His new phone number is 610-678-1368.

“Global One Health Opportunities for Students” is the topic of a talk to be given by **Dr. Gary Vroegindewey** at the 2011 Student AVMA Veterinary Symposium at the University of California at Davis on March 25, 2011. Retired Colonel Vroegindewey is a former president of our history society.

New AVMHS Member

We are pleased to welcome:

Ana Alcaraz (Claremont, CA)

New Registry of Veterinary Heritage Practices

We welcome new Registry members:

Glendale Small Animal Hospital (Glendale, CA)

Estab. 1925 (Tanveer Hussain, DVM)

Green Acre Animal Clinic (Wahoo, NE)

Estab. 1898 (Ron Dobesh, DVM)

Meeting Calendar

2011

- Jan 18 Vet2011 Kickoff Celebration, Versailles, France
- Mar 4 TAMU Vet2011 Lecture Series
- Mar 5 TVMA 2nd Veterinary History Meeting
- May 28 OVC 150th Anniversary Symposium series on human-animal bond
- Jul 7-9 ESF Exploratory Workshop, Winchester, U.K.
- Jul 18 AVMHS Program, Annual Meeting, and AVMA exhibit booth, St. Louis
- Sep 16 Iowa VMA Regional History Program

2012

- Feb Medical History of WWI Conference
- May AVMHS-OVC 150th Anniversary Symposium series
- Aug AVMHS Program and Annual Meeting, San Diego
- Aug 22-25 40th WAHVM International Congress, Utrecht, The Netherlands
<http://www.veterinaryhistory.nl/pages/scientific-program>

2013

- July 20-23 AVMA Sesquicentennial Convention, Chicago

President’s Commentary

---- by President Russell W. Currier

I wish to share with AVMHS members a letter I sent to the Editor of the *Des Moines Register* on January 28, 2011 in response to recent medical problems with the University of Iowa’s varsity football team. Late 19th to early 20th century equine practitioners in cities would have seen hundreds of cases of azoturia in working horses. This example beautifully illustrates our need to understand history and “One Health”. You may know of similar connections in your experience. Reprinted with permission.

Sir,

RE: Hawkeye Football Team Hospitalizations

The diagnosis of muscle breakdown in University of Iowa football players offers a teachable moment to highlight a renaissance for ‘One Medicine’ also more appropriately termed ‘One Health.’

One of the classic horse diseases for centuries was exertional myopathy and more specifically

rhabdomyolysis characterized by a syndrome of muscle fatigue, pain, or cramping associated with exercise, and discolored urine reflecting toxicity to the kidneys and muscle breakdown components. It often was referred to as tying up or Monday morning disease and observed after long periods of rest and inactivity followed by being worked too hard usually in the spring before sufficient conditioning was gradually achieved.

Prior to establishment of the veterinary profession as a distinct entity in the 1760s, physicians frequently addressed the needs of animals as well. This continued well into the early 20th century even after veterinary medicine was a well established profession. In contemporary times, many visionary scientists are again recognizing the value of comparative medicine in achieving better health for humans, animals and plants as well for the betterment of mankind.

*Signed, Russell Currier, DVM, MPH
President, AVMHHS*

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“A regularly updated guide to the Wellcome Library's archival and manuscript holdings relating to animals: medical and scientific use of, including medical uses of animal products, animals used for serum production, pregnancy testing, regulation of experimental use of animals, nutritional research.”

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