

Big CVM presence at AVMA Convention in the 'Big Easy'



Narrow streets and ornate balconies line the French quarter in New Orleans.

This July, the second most widely seen symbol in New Orleans may have been the Powercat. The fleur-de-lis (or iris) is the city's official symbol (and can be seen on the helmets of the NFL's New Orleans Saints football team), but during the AVMA Conference, the Powercat was a fairly common sight, thanks to the presence of a strong contingent of K-State veterinarians who attended the conference.

Drs. Dan Thomson, Mike Sanderson, Hans Coetzee and Bob Larson were among those K-Staters who were presenting research or giving presentations during the convention. Beverly Richardson, wife of Dean Ralph Richardson, was installed as the president of the Auxiliary of the AVMA (see sidebar).

Dr. Melinda Wilkerson was formally recognized as the Outstanding Woman Veterinarian of the Year.

Dr. Cathy Hanlon was interviewed on AVMA TV in regards to rabies preparedness for clients and veterinarians. Mylissia Stuke gave a presentation about World Rabies Day. The Alumni and Development Office co-ordinated a K-State alumni reception and presented awards to two of our distinguished alumni (see story on next page), as well as attended a conference for fundraising and alumni relations at veterinary colleges.

Next year's convention is at Seattle.

Auxiliary to the AVMA installs Richardson as president



Beverly Richardson with K-State alumna Barbara Strahm at the Auxiliary meeting.

Beverly Richardson, wife of Dean Ralph Richardson, was sworn in as the new president of the Auxiliary to the AVMA during the AVMA Convention.

"My theme this year is, 'From Vision to Reality,'" Beverly Richardson said. "My goal is to set in motion a process of redefining our mission. I am excited about working with many wonderful Auxiliary members from across the country and hope that we can build a team that will move us toward a new purpose and passion as we serve our organization and promote the veterinary profession."

2nd Annual Veterinary Conference for Care of Llamas and Alpacas

Back by popular demand! The first day of this conference will provide up-to-date information regarding deworming, vaccination, nutrition, and herd management of alpacas and llamas.

We will also discuss tips for on-farm procedures and a variety of medical and surgical



problems of neonates and adults. The second day of this conference will focus on breeding and reproduction.

Detailed information will be presented on management of breeding adults, selection of replacement stock, evaluation of breeding soundness,

pregnancy diagnosis, plus a variety of medical and surgical problems of reproduction.

For a schedule, more information and a special K-State student, faculty and staff registration form go to: <http://ww2.vet.k-state.edu/Intranet/ce/pdf/2008/Camelid2008.pdf>. See Linda or Marci at VMCE, 1 Trotter Hall to register.

**Thursday
and Friday,
August 14 and
15, 2008**

Carters say goodbye to KSU CVM

The CVM held a farewell party for Drs. Bart and Mary Wight-Carter July 16. While at K-State, Dr. Bart Carter served as the CVM's laboratory animal



Dr. Melinda Wilkerson, left, gives her best wishes to Dr. Mary Wight-Carter.

veterinarian and director of its Animal Resources Facility. Dr. Mary Wight-Carter was a pathologist in the Department of Diagnostic Medicine/ Pathobiology. Bart accepted a very prestigious position with the University of Texas Medical School, Southwest in Dallas.



Dr. Bart Carter, left, reminisces with Dr. Michael Kenney. A caricature of Bart is projected on the screen behind them.

CVM honors two departed alumni at AVMA reception

Posthumous honors were the order of the evening at the July 21 alumni reception in New Orleans. The CVM presented alumni recognition awards to two distinguished alumni: Dr. Arnold S. "Rosy" Rosenwald, and Col. Cliff L. Walker, DVM.

The reception welcomed some special guests; several of Col. Walker's colleagues in the Army Veterinary Corps.

Col. Walker received his DVM from K-State in 1982. His assignments included Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Kolding Denmark; Vicenza, Italy; the Great Plains Regional Veterinary Command; Coalition Forces Land Component Command Veterinarian,

CENTCOM; and commander of the United States Army Veterinary Command. He died in May 2007.

Dr. Rosenwald was extension poultry pathologist emeritus at the University of California-Davis. He completed his DVM at Kansas State University in 1936.

In 1946, he joined the University of California as its first extension poultry veterinarian, initiating the Extension Poultry Disease Program. Dr. Rosenwald served at Berkeley for four years and then moved to Davis until retirement in 1977. During his career he emphasized the importance of poultry veterinary medicine. He died in January 2008.



Dr. Richard P. Chin, UC Davis associate professor, accepts the alumni award on behalf of Dr. Rosenwald.



Mette Walker, far right, speaks about her late husband, Col. Cliff Walker, who was honored with an alumni recognition award at the AVMA Convention in New Orleans. Dean Richardson presented the award and accompanies the Walker's children (right to left) Thor, Hannah and a family friend, XXX, who attends veterinary school at Texas A&M.



Members of VetCom, the Army Veterinary Command, and other colleagues and friends of Col. Walker show appreciation for their late comrade during the alumni tribute ceremony.

Epitopix's \$135,000 gift beefs up research

Dr. Thomson's program directs Ph.D. funds to Dr. Wileman



More beef is being added to Dr. Dan Thomson's program, thanks to Epitopix LLC, Willmar, Minn., who recently made a commitment of \$135,000 to establish the Epitopix Excellence Fund.

This fund supports the salary of Dr. Ben Wileman toward the completion of his Ph.D. program under the direction of Dr. Dan Thomson, Jones Professor of Production Medicine and Epidemiology and co-director of the Beef Cattle Institute.

Epitopix is a private company that specializes in the discovery and development of original veterinary vaccines to improve animal health and food safety.

"We have been absolutely thrilled with the professionalism and enthusiasm of the KSU academic team," said Jim Sandstrom, a DVM and general manager of Epitopix. "Dr. Thomson caught a vision for what he could do to further develop our SRP® technology at K-State, and he jumped into the driver's seat and hit the pedal."

"Epitopix and our research group have been in a great partnership for more than

five years," Dr. Thomson said. "We look forward to advancing SRP technology to improve the health and well-being of cattle while decreasing the risk of food-borne pathogens in beef products."

Dr. Wileman said, "My interest is in looking at total life cycle management of beef cattle to prevent disease, to improve health and performance and to improve food safety."

Dr. Wileman is a South Dakota native who did his undergraduate work at South Dakota State University in

biology and received his DVM from Iowa State University in 2005. He came to K-State in January 2008 to work on his doctorate in diagnostic medicine and pathobiology.

"This gift goes above and beyond typical industry-sponsored research," said Dean Ralph Richardson. "By providing support for Dr. Wileman's graduate studies, it represents a commitment to advanced-level veterinary education and an investment in the future of veterinary research."



Dr. Ben Wileman



By Carol Elmore

Many of us forget about all the helpful books and materials in the Animals in Society collection. As part of my series on recommended books, I asked Mary Girard, manager of Library Services and Collections, about items she would recommend from our collection.

One book was "Living with Blind Dogs: a Resource Book and Training Guide for the Owners of Blind and

Check it Out at the Library

Animals in Society suggestions

"Low-vision Dogs" by Caroline D. Levin (SF992.B56 L48 2003 Animals in Society). This is a comprehensive book with hints for owners of blind dogs and includes training help, suggestions for toys and games that work, ophthalmic veterinary medical information, low-vision resources, and other tips. The author has many years of experience as an ophthalmic nurse and dog trainer.

Another helpful book is "Without Regret: A

Handbook for Owners of Canine Amputees" by Susan Neal (SF991 .N43 2002 Animals in Society). It deals with ways to provide a normal life for a dog with an amputation. The author stresses that dogs don't have the emotional baggage humans carry and can often perform work and activities that they love without being affected by their amputation. Working farm dogs, for example, can still herd animals without any evidence of their disability

being known to the animals being managed because of eye contact and body posture, not the number of paws being used.

Mary also recommends the many books and media in the Animals in Society collection that deal with the loss of an animal and the grieving process. The library has books for veterinarians and others to use with animal owners both adults and children who must deal with their losses.

I encourage everyone to visit the Veterinary Medical Library and explore our Animals in Society collection. Our staff is always ready to help and will provide assistance in finding materials to help with difficult situations.



Under the
microscope:
**Brenda
Mayberry**
Senior Administrative
Assistant, DM/P



Place of birth: Belleville, Kan.

Family information: Grew up in a house of boys - not only my birth brothers, but all their friends. Both of my parents have died, but I have a beloved aunt that I check on who lives in Nebraska.

Favorite summer activity: I love to go swimming, go walking, do gardening and go to the Arts in the Parks Series — especially the jazz concert!

If you were to start your own business, what would you enjoy selling? I love to cook, so I would start a catering business. I've been talking about that with Shon at lunch time. Although I don't think I am as good a cook as she is.

As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up? I wanted to be a writer and musician. I do the writing, but am not a novelist — just stuff that amuses me. I play a clarinet, but only for personal pleasure — nothing in public. Music is, in my opinion, the language of the soul in many respects. Writers got my attention because my dad was an avid reader — I mean he read James Michener novels in no time at all. So I suspect I got my interest to be a writer from him.

A welcome addition

New residents arrive at the VMTH in July



Left to right, front row: Karen Brenner, Abbi Granger, Karie Vander Wert and Marjolaine Rousseau. Second row: Mariana Crumley, Emily Olson and Maria Sardoy. Third row: Bill Crumley, Marcos Unis, Steven Baker and Amy Armentrout.

CVM News Ticker

Jacob Biller, son of **Dr. David Biller**, professor of Diagnostic Imaging and **Dr. Diane Mason** associate clinical professor of Anesthesia, Department of Clinical Sciences, and Adam and Eric Gray, sons of **Drs. Kirk and Christine Gray** were part of the Manhattan Baseball Association Wildcats Under 12 AA State Championship team. Drs. Kirk and Christine Gray are both alumni of the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine (classes of 1982 and 1984, respectively) and owners of Cross Country Genetics.

Drs. Meena Kumari and Antje Anji, in the Department of Anatomy and Physiology, received notice of publication for their paper, "Supplementing the liquid alcohol diet with chow enhances alcohol intake in C57 BL/6 mice." It will appear in the September issue of Drug and Alcohol Dependence.

Dr. Mike Apley presented at the World Veterinary Congress (WVC) in Vancouver, Canada, on "Selecting and understanding antimicrobial regimens in cattle. Analgesic and ancillary infectious therapy in cattle: Is there something else we should (or shouldn't) be doing?"

Dr. Bob Larson spoke July 27-31 at the WVC in Vancouver, on BVDV in North American Beef Cow Herds; Assessing the Economic Impact of BVDV in North America; and BVDV Control Programs in North America.

new arrivals welcome

Amanda Sheets - VDL
Marion Schweitzer Noble - A&P
Rachel Allbaugh - Clinical Sciences
Chanran Ganta - DM/P
Huitao Liu - DM/P
Kalidou Ndiaye - A&P
Karen Brenner - VMTH
Thomas Wegman - Dean of Vet Med - ARF

recent departures thanks

Megan Hann - VDL
Michael Dinwiddie - DM/P-VDL
Tracey Jackson - VMTH
Greg Scott - DM/P
Samarina Alston - VDL
Pilar Gunter - VDL
Jepkoech Tarus - Clinical Sciences