



INTERIM NEWS & COMMENT

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WAHVM Congress, Engelberg, Switzerland

Dr. Susan Jones, AVMHS Delegate to WAHVM, and four other Americans presented papers at the WAHVM International Congress held in Engelberg, Switzerland on Sept. 11-14, 2008. They were Fred Born, Brian Caton, Lesley Ann Gentry, and Michael Mackay. Dr. Jones' full report of this congress, held in the beautiful, small town pictured at the right, will appear in the November issue of *Veterinary Heritage* later this fall.

Of special importance to AVMHS was the election of Dr. Susan Jones as a WAHVM co-president through 2012 with Peter Koolmees of The Netherlands. This required the AVMHS Board to name another member to serve as its delegate on the WAHVM Liaison Committee to work toward the 2010 Congress in Turkey. Our Society has already named Lesley Ann Gentry of Beliot, Kansas to complete Dr. Jones' term through 2010.

Another AVMHS member, Philip Teigen, was elected WAHVM Secretary. Historian Teigen is Deputy Chief of the History of Medicine Division at the U.S. National Library of Medicine. Also at Engelberg, Dr. Guus Mathijssen reported on progress of the WAHVM committee responsible for building an *International Dictionary of Veterinary Biography*. They commended our AVMHS Secretary, Susanne Whitaker, for her work promoting this project and collecting American autobiographies. Secretary-Treasurer Whitaker has put together a "pick list" and time-line of nearly 200 prominent deceased veterinarians or non-veterinarians who contributed to veterinary medicine between 1740 and the present, and about whom biographies might be written. Anyone interested in writing short bio sketches (1,500 words or less) should contact skw2@cornell.edu.

AVMHS at New Orleans in 2008

Dr. J. Alford ("Al") Moore from Humble, Texas, moved from President-elect to the presidency for the year July 2008-June 2009. He had a rough time communicating for nearly a month when power was out following Hurricane Ike this fall, but he has since successfully been recruiting members to fill vacancies.



Courtesy of the Tourist Center of Engelberg, Switzerland via Dr. Max Becker.

Outgoing Board member Dr. Howard Erickson became President-elect with responsibility for AVMHS programs for the year, and Secretary-Treasurer Susanne Whitaker was reelected for another two years. Two new Board members were elected for 2-year terms: Dr. Marianne Ash of the Indiana Board of Animal Health, and Dr. C.B. Chastain of the University of Missouri. Dr. Bob McClure has taken over as AVMHS Webmaster. You will learn more about these new leaders in the next *Veterinary Heritage*.

The costs versus values of having an AVMHS exhibit booth at the AVMA convention were debated. It was decided to continue to have a booth, but that expenses needed to be reviewed and kept to a minimum.



A video of Dr. Robert Leonpacher's father's veterinary practice in Lafayette, Louisiana in the 1930s and 1940s was featured. Cheryl Moore (left) kindly helped staff the booth on Monday during our meeting.



Dr. Tom Murnane speaking on James Law's role in veterinary epidemiology and the 1872 equine influenza epidemic. Photos by Dr. Zbig Wojcinski

Although the program was excellent, very few members and guests attended either the program or the business meeting. This led to the suggestion from one of the speakers, Brig. Gen. Dr. Thomas Murnane, that AVMHS hold its gatherings elsewhere. As a result, Program Chair Howard Erickson is arranging a trial full day program at Kansas State University on June 9, 2009, during that veterinary college's Annual Conference for Veterinarians, June 7-10. The Kansas program will be in addition to the AVMHS booth and annual business meeting during the AVMA Convention at Seattle in mid-July. A half-day program there is also being considered. If you have any program suggestions for Dr. Erickson, his phone is 785-532-4541, and his e-mail is Erickson@vet.ksu.edu. Ideas about future locations for annual AVMHS business meetings and programs can

be directed to President "Al" Moore at (287) 852-2395 or vetal@aol.com. News of our annual meeting also appears on page 1042 of the October 1, 2008 JAVMA convention issue.

Student Essay Contest

Dr. Russell Currier, Executive Vice President of the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine, has agreed to chair this important committee for 2008-2009 replacing Dr. Diana Davis. Announcements and posters are sent to deans and librarians at all veterinary colleges in the United States, Canada, and the West Indies encouraging participation.

Last year the number of essays submitted was smaller than usual. If you know any students, please provide them encouragement by dropping them personal notes or even sending a group e-mail if you are located on a campus. Submission guidelines, application form, and list of past winners are located on the AVMHS web site at <http://www.cvm.missouri.edu/AVMHS>.

News from Outside AVMHS

"The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research and a Change in the State of New Jersey's Animal Experimentation Laws in 1915," an article by AVMH member Frank F. Katz, PhD, was published on 21 February 2008 by the Medical History Society of New Jersey. The article is a secured pdf file available from the publications section of the society's web site, <http://www.mhsnj.org>.

The note above provides an example of a medical history paper that would be just as appropriate at one of our meetings and might be of interest to our members. *News & Comment* would like to be able to offer more material that other members encounter at meetings and in journals that may or may not normally feature veterinary history. For a further example, some of you may have attended the 2008 Hiram Lasher History Lecture at the American Association of Avian Pathologists meeting at New Orleans on the history of avian influenza. The title of that and other talks, and if possible along with where they can be read, would make our publication more widely useful to our members and beyond.

We have heard that some members appreciate the table of contents of veterinary history publications compiled by Susanne Whitaker. *N&C* will continue to include them as available. However, all AVMHS members have eyes, ears, minds, and voices or computers. Please think of yourselves as contributors whom this reporter would

like to hear from by phone/fax at 607-539-6181 or PHL9@cornell.edu, in order to share your findings with others.

Guest Editor for *Veterinary Heritage*

Dr. Debbie Tacium, former AVMHS board member essay contest winner and current judge will serve as Guest Editor of *Veterinary Heritage* for the May, 2009 issue. Dr. Tacium will cover for Professor David Williams who will be on sabbatical leave from Purdue University next spring. She can be reached at dtacium@sympatico.ca

New Members

We are pleased to welcome new members:

Dr. Gary Beard (Auburn, AL)

Patricia E. Miller (Ithaca, NY)

Dr. Ewan D.S. Wolff (Madison, WI--2nd year vet student and holds a doctorate in paleontology-paleopathology)

Dr. Gary Gluck became a Life Member this year.

New Book by Dr. Leo Lemonds

Dr. Lemonds recalls many small animal experiences in his practice in Hastings, Nebraska in his latest book. He was AVMHS Secretary-Treasurer for many years.

Lemonds, Leo L. *Doc's Dog and Cat Stories: Memories of a Nebraska veterinarian*. 1st ed. Hastings, Neb.: Cornhusker Press, 2008. 127 pgs.



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