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Dr. Robert H. Whitlock of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine has been named to the School's newly created Marilyn M. Simpson Chair in Equine Medicine. Whitlock, chief of the Large Animal Medicine section in the department of clinical studies at the School's New Bolton Center, is known for his research on metabolic and gastroenterologic problems in horses and dairy cattle.

The chair was created with a $1.25-million gift from the Marilyn M. Simpson Charitable Trust, with contributions from members of the Rockefeller family. Before her death, Mrs. Simpson of Katonah, N.Y., daughter of the late Abby Rockefeller Mauze, helped establish the Center for the Interaction of Animals and Society at Penn's Veterinary School in 1977. "It's a double honor and pleasure to announce at the same time the Marilyn M. Simpson Chair and the appointment of Dr. Whitlock as its first holder," said Dr. Robert Marshall, dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine. "Mrs. Simpson was intensely interested in equine medicine, research and treatment. She wanted this work to be of the highest caliber and visited our campus many times to see for herself the advances being made. It's very appropriate that her long-time interest in equine medicine will be carried forth here through the establishment of this chair bearing her name."

The appointment of Dr. Whitlock, he said, "adds further significance to the Simpson Chair."

His studies have contributed to the New Bolton Center's international reputation for excellence in equine medicine. Since the founding of the center in 1952, there has been a major thrust to provide in a rural area—as an adjunct to the facilities of a metropolitan medical and research complex—a campus where students, teachers and research scientists could focus on the health and productivity of our large-animal populations. The New Bolton Center is located in Chester County, 30 miles south of the University's main campus in downtown Philadelphia.

"It's a tremendous honor and challenge to be chosen as the first person to fill the Simpson Chair," said Dr. Whitlock. "I will pursue my research with added energy and sense of responsibility to equine medicine."

Whitlock has written extensively on chronic gastroenterologic problems which pose a perplexing diagnostic problem and are difficult to treat. He is also known for his studies of botulism and salmonellosis in horses and for his extensive search for the cause and cure of Potomac Horse Fever.

Whitlock received his D.V.M. in 1965 and his Ph.D. in 1970 from Cornell University. He is a member of the American Academy of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics and the Animal Health Advisory Committee for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Note: *This Equine Reproduction program is a complete, 8-hour, Professional Continuing Education course. The $75 Penn Annual Conference registration fee does not qualify for admission to this seminar. A registration fee of $150 entitles you to:

1) Complimentary Penn Annual Conference registration on Wednesday and Thursday
2) Course Admission on Thursday
3) Lunch on Thursday

Terry Blanchard, Wendell Cooper, Katrin Hinrichs, Patricia Sertich, Dickson Varner/Equine Reproduction
9:00 a.m. 12:00 noon

Douglas Byards/Fecal Diseases
9:00 a.m. 12:00 noon

Clive Gay/Food Animal—Trace Element Problems in Ruminants
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ray Sweeney/Thomas Divers/Lawrence Hutchinson/Herd Investigation and Clinical Research Presentation

Intensive one-day seminars for the small animal practitioner are planned through the Spring:

Surgical Approaches to the Bones and Joints of Dogs—A Laboratory: Dr. Charles Newton—Wednesday, February 19, 1986.


Small Animal Radiology—Lecture and Film Reading Session: Drs. Darrel Bier, W. Harker Rhodes, and Jeffrey Wortman—Wednesday, June 5, 1986.

The Nutrition Department at New Bolton Center will present a seminar on "Nutritional Interactions with Productivity and Health of Dairy Cows" on Wednesday, May 28, 1986, at New Bolton Center.

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