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In Memoriam: Harry Rozmiarek, DVM, PhD

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In addition, Dr. Vite spoke at the ACVIM June conference in Seattle, WA about treating Niemann-Pick type C in multiple species and neurolocalization, neurophysiology, and neuropathology.

Dr. Vite also spoke at the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation about intrathecal 2-hydroxypropylbetacyclodextrin therapy in aged cats, and at the National Niemann-Pick Disease Foundation on treating NPC disease with intrathecal cyclodextrin.

P. Jeremy Wang, MD, PhD, was promoted to Professor of Developmental Biology.

Emily Zug, CVT, received the Harcum Award for Excellence in Teaching.

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Harry Rozmiarek, DVM, PhD
Emeritus Professor and Director of University Laboratory Animal Resources, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine

Sadly, we report the sudden passing of Harry Rozmiarek, DVM, PhD, on June 15, 2013. For those of us who knew Harry, this was shocking and very sad news.

Harry was highly active in many professional circles throughout his entire career. Directly and indirectly, Harry’s influence and leadership has benefitted many professionals and organizations across the globe. He was a mentor to many of us in the field and helped establish guiding principles and performance standards for organizations in which he was active.

Harry grew up on a dairy farm in Wisconsin and attended the University of Wisconsin and then the University of Minnesota, where he received his DVM. He was awarded a PhD from Ohio State University and was a diplomate of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine. It was during this time that Harry forged strong principles on improving the welfare standards for the care and use of lab animals.

Harry had a successful career in the US Army, achieving the rank of Colonel. He then served as Professor of Laboratory Animal Medicine and Director of University Laboratory Animal Resources at Ohio State, followed by 17 years at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, where he served as Professor and Director of University Laboratory Animal Resources. He most recently was the Director of Laboratory Animal Medicine and Facilities at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia.

Harry was a particularly successful leader because he always found a way to build consensus and persuade and influence others through a common sense approach to complex issues and problems. His quiet demeanor did not belie his underlying knowledge and depth of understanding of the matters at hand. Many of us in the field learned this intuitively through our interactions with Harry. He has directly or indirectly touched many of us in our careers, and his influence will last for many years in the future.

Harry is survived by his wife, Jane, and their four children and grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the Harry Rozmiarek Animal Science Scholarship to be presented to graduates of Pulaski High School in Pulaski, Wisconsin – Harry’s alma mater. Donations may be mailed to Salem Five Bank, 495 Cabot Street, Beverly, MA 01915.

— DR. HILTON KLEIN, V’80, AND DR. BILL COLE