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Leading through connections 2007 Penn Annual Conference: Issues in Critical Care

Penn Vet hosted its 107th Penn Annual Conference on March 1 and 2, 2007, at the Sheraton City Center Hotel in Philadelphia, welcoming more than 1,200



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veterinarians and veterinary technicians. The theme for this year's conference was "Issues in Critical Care" and offered two days of more than 70 educational sessions. Educational tracks included emergency surgery, behavior and ophthalmology. In addition, more than 90 vendors were featured in the exhibit hall, displaying the latest in veterinary products and technology.

For the first time ever, Penn Vet partnered with the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association, who hosted

a pre-conference session that addressed risk management, as well as a dinner with presentations on animals in ancient Egypt, followed by exclusive entrance to the *Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of Pharoahs* Exhibit at the Franklin Institute.



A conference on global health held in November 2006 featured a host of distinguished experts discussing the far reaching environmental, infectious disease

and social problems that are emerging as the population of developing countries expands, gains prosperity and increases demand for animal protein. The keynote speaker was Dr. Henning Steinfeld of the Food Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, who spoke about Livestock Sector Trends and Implications for Veterinary Public Health. The goals of the conference were to stimulate new

ways for the profession to think about the world, and to acknowledge the many different stakeholders with which it must learn to collaborate to develop effective strategies to protect human and animal health as well as the environment.



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Sketch of

R. O. Davies

Retirement Party for Dr. Richard O. Davies

On October 13, 2006, Dr. Richard O. Davies, professor of physiology/animal biology was the guest of honor at his retirement party at the Ryan Veterinary Hospital in Philadelphia. Dr. Davies, known mostly as "R. O.," had

been at Penn since 1960, when he began work on a Ph.D. in physiology. Although he initially was an assistant instructor

> and teaching fellow in Penn's Medical School, after earning his doctorate, he transferred to the Vet School, where taught physiology in the Department of Animal Biology. In 2005, he was named emeritus professor of physiology, and served as the chair of the building committee during the planning and construction of

the new Vernon and Shirley



Above, Dr. R. O. Davies makes a

Scott, professor of immunology, associate dean for research, and chair of the Department of Pathobiology.



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