

**The Veterinary Medical Alumni  
Society of the University of  
Pennsylvania Salutes**

**David A. Meirs II, V.M.D.,  
Class of 1954**

*For your efforts to uphold a higher level of veterinary medicine and education through your membership on the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners and your service on other boards.*

*For your contributions to veterinary medicine through the publishing of scholarly articles in publications of professional note that promote the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.*

*For your service to your community through membership on civic and agricultural boards and commissions.*

*For your receipt of numerous honors that further advance the good name of your alma mater, among them the 1998 Governor's Trophy, New Jersey Horse Person of the Year, and the 1997 Citation from the New Jersey State Board of Agriculture for Distinguished Service to Agriculture.*

*The Alumni Award of Merit is presented to you this 16th day of May 1999.*



*Dr. Suzanne Smith presents the 1999 Alumni Award of Merit to Dr. David Meirs.*



*Passing the gavel.*

**The Veterinary Medical Alumni  
Society of the University of  
Pennsylvania Salutes**

**Michael P. Ratner, V.M.D.,  
Class of 1959**

*For your outstanding career, distinguished by dedicated service to the veterinary medical profession and your community at large.*

*For your service as a board member of the School of Veterinary Medicine's Veterinary Medical Alumni Society and the State of Connecticut's Veterinary Medical Association.*

*For your commitment to sharing your professional knowledge with students at the University of Bridgeport; for mentoring and encouraging young people through an outreach program at the University of Connecticut.*

*For your service to youth and society through your leadership of the Boy Scouts of America, the Probus Club and the Rotary Club.*

*The Alumni Award of Merit is presented to you this 16th day of May 1999.*



*Dr. Suzanne Smith presents the 1999 Alumni Award of Merit to Dr. Michael Ratner.*



*Dr. Ray Sweeney accepts the Excellence in Teaching Award from Dr. Suzanne Smith.*

**The Veterinary Medical Alumni  
Society of the University of  
Pennsylvania Salutes**

**Gail K. Smith, V.M.D., Ph.D.,  
Class of 1974**

*For your illustrious career, distinguished by your logical scientific approach and adroit teaching in the field of orthopaedic surgery.*

*For your commitment to sharing your exemplary scholarly contributions with students, colleagues and society as inventor and director of Penn HIP® at the University of Pennsylvania.*

*For your contributions to veterinary medicine through the publishing of prodigious scholarly articles that promote professional inquiry and distribution of knowledge.*

*For your numerous honors that advance the good name of your alma mater, among them the 1996 American Veterinary Medical Foundation and the AVMA Council on Research "Excellence in Research Award" and the 1994 SmithKline Beecham Award for Research Excellence.*

*The Alumni Award of Merit is presented to you this 16th day of May 1999.*



*Dr. Suzanne Smith presents the 1999 Alumni Award of Merit to Dr. Pamela McKelvie who accepts it for her husband, Dr. Gail Smith.*

**Correction:**

In the story about the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Historical Society in *Bellwether* 44, we stated that Dr. Otto Stader's son, Robert, had graduated from Penn's School of Veterinary Medicine in 1990. In fact, it was Dr. Stader's grandson, Dr. Alan Stader, who graduated from Penn in 1990. Dr. Robert Stader, also a veterinarian, graduated from Ohio State University Veterinary School in 1946.