



Bellwether Magazine

Volume 1
Number 3 *Spring 1982*

Article 17

4-1-1982

Rosettes & Ribbons

Rosettes & Ribbons



Dr. David Kronfeld, professor of nutrition, was the Abbott Lecturer of the Nutrition Society of Australia on November 25, 1981 in Sydney, Australia. The topic of Dr. Kronfeld's lecture was "Ketosis and the Efficiency of Lactation," in which he explained how a metabolic disorder (ketosis) has led to new lactation concepts. Dr. Kronfeld, with his colleague, Dr. William Chalupa, recently received a three-year grant from the United States-Israel Binational Agricultural and Research Development Fund to continue studies on relationships between lactational efficiency and metabolic disorders in dairy cows.

Dr. Robert J. Rutman, professor of biochemistry, was recently reappointed, by Provost Thomas Ehrlich, as the liaison for and co-chairman of the Agreement Committee for the University of Ibadan/University of Pennsylvania Exchange Agreement. In accepting this appointment, Dr. Rutman said that to his knowledge, this is the "most comprehensive agreement with an African university in existence and is the only one forged with meticulous concern for equalitarian principals, rather than on the basis of aid and service motifs."

Dr. John McGrath, professor of veterinary pathology, has been appointed graduate group chairman for pathology at the University of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Helma Weeks, a *Bellwether* writer, was recently honored by the Dog Writers Association of America for her bi-weekly column in the *Daily Intelligencer*, a Bucks County newspaper. Mrs. Weeks's award was for the best column on dogs appearing in a newspaper in the United States. The *Daily Intelligencer* was named as Newspaper of the Year for its contributions in promoting the care of dogs. The awards, made possible through the Gaines Dog Research Center, were presented on February 7, 1982 in New York City.

Dr. Charles Reid, former acting chairman, of Clinical Studies, New Bolton Center is now chairman.

Dr. William Donawick was installed as President of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons during the College's annual meeting in San Diego in February 1982. Dr. Donawick is the Mark Whittier and Lila Griswold Allam Professor of Surgery.

Dr. Robert Eckroade, associate professor of poultry pathology, has been elected secretary-treasurer and business manager of the American Association of Avian Pathologists.

Dr. Leon Weiss, professor of cell biology and chairman of the department of animal biology, was the fifth non-veterinarian to receive honorary membership in the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association's ninety-nine-year history. The honorary membership certificate was presented to Dr. Weiss at the association's annual meeting in October 1981. Honorary membership is accorded to individuals who are not veterinarians but who have made significant contributions to the veterinary profession.

The German-speaking Group of the World Small Animal Veterinary Medical Association (WSAVA) has established an annual prize in the name of **Dr. David K. Detweiler**, professor of physiology and director of the comparative cardiovascular studies unit. It will be known as the **D.K. Detweiler Prize**, and the first award will be made in Frankfurt, Germany in October 1982 by Dr. Detweiler. The prize, which carries a stipend of 1,000 DM, will recognize "outstanding scientific work in the field of cardiovascular research, especially as applied to small animals." Dr. Detweiler is a world authority on comparative cardiology.

The School of Veterinary Medicine has received a \$300,000 grant from the Robert J. Kleberg Jr. and Helen C. Kleberg Foundation to continue research on bovine leukemia. This work is directed by **Dr. J.F. Ferrer** whose most recent publication appeared in *Science*, 215, 405-407, 1982. In the report Dr. Ferrer described the discovery of a soluble factor which blocks expression of the bovine leukemia virus genome. In accepting the grant, Dean Robert R. Marshak stated that "it will allow Dr. Ferrer and his colleagues to accelerate and amplify their contributions to studies on fundamental aspects of leukemogenesis and on the possible public health significance of the bovine leukemia virus."

Dr. Robert Whitlock, associate professor of medicine and chief of medical services, New Bolton Center, has been named president-elect of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. At the same time, **Dr. R.L. Pyle** (V'65) was elected secretary-treasurer of the College.

Dr. Robert J. Eckroade, associate professor of poultry pathology and head of the poultry diagnostic laboratory, New Bolton Center, has been appointed adjunct associate professor of veterinary science at Pennsylvania State University.

Dr. Stephen Hitchner (V'43) was honored upon his retirement in February 1981 from the New York State Veterinary College at Cornell University. From 1966 to 1976, Dr. Hitchner served as professor and chairman of avian diseases. After relinquishing the chairmanship of the department in 1976, Dr. Hitchner initiated a program for research and teaching in the field of pet-bird medicine, with a special interest in viral diseases and the development of vaccines for their control. Dr. Hitchner is one of the most respected avian pathologists in the country and is particularly noted for many years of work in developing and improving vaccines for poultry respiratory diseases. On his retirement, the Cornell Veterinary Medical Alumni Society honored Dr. Hitchner by presenting a photoportrait of him to the veterinary college.

In the winter of 1981, an exhibition—"Glorious Horsemen: Equestrian Art in Europe, 1500-1800"—was held at the Museum of Fine Arts, Springfield, Massachusetts. The purpose was to examine official equestrian art in continental Europe from the fifteenth century through the reign of Louis XV. Two books—*The Anatomy of the Horse* (A. Snape, 1683), and *The Anatomy of the Horse* (George Stubbs, 1766)—from the famous **Fairman Rogers Collection on Equestrianism**, which resides in the Jean Austin duPont Library at New Bolton Center, were on loan to the museum.

Hats off to **Mrs. Doris Boucher**, wife of Dr. William Boucher, emeritus professor of medicine. Each Thursday Doris offers home-baked goods and other delicious items for sale at New Bolton Center; proceeds go to the student scholarship fund. A great idea by a grand person!

Dr. Chung Wha Lee Iyengar, a research associate, was recently honored by the Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations for her work as founder and first president of a group that helps protect the civil rights of Korean women married to native Americans and aids their cultural adjustment. Dr. Iyengar, the daughter of a celebrated Korean novelist, also engages in educational efforts on behalf of Korean-American children.

Dr. Gerhard Schad, professor of parasitology, participated in the Dahlem Workshop on the Population Biology of Infectious Disease Agents in Berlin, Germany, March 14-19, 1982. His role was that of discussant on a panel concerned with the transmission of infectious agents. An alumnus of the veterinary school also participated in the workshop. Dr. Paul Fine (V'70), who is presently at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, participated in the Section on Control of Infectious Agents.

Dr. Robert Altman, adjunct professor of zoological medicine, was named American Animal Association Region I Practitioner of the year. Dr. Altman practices in Franklin Square, NY, and is a specialist on birds.

