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Research Awards

Penn Annual Conference

Over 600 veterinarians and 150 veterinary technicians attended the Penn Annual Conference in January. A special thanks to the following exhibitors who sponsored lectures at the Conference:



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Keith Wacker and Betsy Summers receiving the certificate from Dr. Charles Newton.*



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Dr. John Pantalo receiving the certificate.*



*Hills Pet Products
Dr. Louise Gerrell receiving the certificate.*



*The Upjohn Company
Dr. Bruce Beachnau receiving the certificate.*

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Dr. Sherril Davison received funding from the Animal Health Commission of Pennsylvania for a project entitled "The Use of Contraceptive Techniques to Reduce or Eliminate the Rodent Reservoir of *S. enteritidis* in Poultry Houses." Dr. Charles Benson and Robert Eckroade are co-investigators.

Dr. Robert Washabau received funding from the Trustees of the Estate of Pamela Cole to study hepatic encephalopathy in dogs. Dr. Washabau received funding from the Robert H. Winn Foundation to study the "Pathogenesis of Colonic Smooth Muscle Defect in Feline Idiopathic Megacolon." The Winn foundation also provided funding for another project undertaken by Dr. Washabau, in cooperation with Dr. Chantal Parent: "Serum Trypsinogen Immunoreactivity in the Diagnosis of Acute Pancreatitis in Cats."

The Research Foundation of the University of Pennsylvania awarded funds to three researchers at the School: Dr. Peter J. Felsburg for "Model of X-Linked Severe Combined Immunodeficiency;" Dr. Paula Henthorn for "Comparative Gene Mapping of Canine-Linked Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SXCID);" Dr. Gerhard Schad for "The Role of Chemosensory Neurons in the Development of Parasitic Nematodes."

Researchers at the Laboratory of Aquatic Animal Medicine and Pathology at Woods Hole received a number of research awards. Drs. Donald Abt and Wade Lawrence received a two-year grant to study the "Pathology and Epidemiology of Eye Diseases in Captive Pinnipeds" (seals). Dr. Roxanne Smolovitz received a two-year grant from the USDA and a one-year grant from the National Marine Fisheries to study "Diseases of Oysters."

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