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The Veterinary Medical Alumni Society of the University of Pennsylvania presented the Award of Merit to five graduates on Alumni Day on May 15, 1993.

Honored were **Dr. Gustavo Aguirre**, professor of ophthalmology and director of the Baker Institute at Cornell University's New York State College of Veterinary Medicine, **Dr. Gregory Bossart**, chief veterinarian and pathologist at the Miami Seaquarium, **Dr. Katherine A. Houpt**, professor of physiology, New York State College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University, **Dr. Alfred Kissileff**, a retired veterinarian from Flourtown, PA., and **Dr. Julius P. Kreier**, professor emeritus in microbiology, Ohio State University.

Dr. Aguirre, a member of the Veterinary School's Class of 1968, was honored for his prodigious scholarly achievements in the fields of comparative ophthalmology, retinal cell biology, and retinal pathology.

Dr. Bossart, a member of the Veterinary School's Class of 1978, was honored for his contributions to wildlife medicine and comparative pathology as a teacher, researcher, and practicing veterinarian, and for his willingness to share his expertise with other wildlife organizations, ranging from the Dolphin Research Center to the Guyana Zoologic Park. He was an invited member of the United Nations Oil Response Team, UNESCO workshop on the rehabilitation of oil affected wildlife following the Persian Gulf war in Bahrain/Saudi Arabia.

Dr. Houpt was honored for her tireless efforts to promote understanding of animal behavior among veterinarians and the public. Dr. Houpt, a graduate of Penn's Veterinary School Class of 1963, is the director of Cornell's Animal Behavior Clinic and the first woman to be appointed to a full professorship at Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Kissileff was honored for his long and varied professional career encompassing private practice, public service, the U.S. Army, and business. A member of the Veterinary School's Class of 1933, Dr. Kissileff discovered that fleas are the etiologic agent of summer eczema. He also did much of the early work on artificial insemination of cattle, and designed an instructional aid to enhance food inspection. Dr. Kissileff died on September 30, 1993.

Dr. Kreier was honored for his outstanding academic career marked by dedicated teaching and exemplary research, notably in the area of host-parasite interactions, and for his strong commitment to the training of young scientists. A graduate of Penn's Veterinary School Class of 1953, Dr. Kreier has published extensively and lectured widely in this country and abroad.

The Alumni Awards of Merit were presented by VMAS President Dr. George L. Hartenstein IV, V'68, Awards Chairman Dr. Jack Bregman, V'66, and Immediate Past President Dr. Daniel D. Bleicher, V'53.



Dr. Gustavo Aguirre, V'68, receives the award.



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