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Dr. Edwin J. Andrews, V'67, former dean of the School, was honored as the 1993 Distinguished Veterinarian by the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association. He was cited for his "outstanding accomplishments in industrial veterinary medicine over the years: for his outstanding services as Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine from 1987 through 1993; and for his stellar performance in resolving the funding crisis of 1992-93 for the School when its very existence was threatened."

Dr. Gary A. Lavin, V'62, was installed as the 39th president of the American Association of Equine Practitioners during its Annual Convention in San Antonio, TX. Dr. Lavin had been serving as acting president of the AAEP since February 1993, after the death of then AAEP President **Dr. Dan Evans**.

Dr. J. Clyde Johnson, V'62, was installed as president-elect of the American Association of Equine Practitioners.

Dr. Anne Sylvestre, lecturer in surgery, and **Dr. Paul Orsini**, staff veterinary dentist at VHUP, are now Diplomates of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons. **Dr. Perry Habecker, V'81**, lecturer in pathology, is now a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Mark Haskins, V'69, professor of pathology, has been appointed acting chair of the section of pathobiology. Dr. Haskins received a University Research Foundation award for a project entitled "Gene Therapy in Mucopolysaccharidosis."

Dr. Samuel Chacko, professor of pathology, received a new four-year NIH grant entitled "Sex Hormones and Development of the Urinary Bladder."

Dr. Renate Reimschuessel, V'81, has been appointed director of the Aquatic Pathobiology Center at the University of Maryland in Baltimore.

Dr. Leslie Dierauf, V'74, has been named as coordinator of the Playa Lakes

Joint Venture. Dr. Dierauf is based at the Southwest Regional Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Albuquerque, N.M. She coordinates activities of the Service, five state wildlife agencies, conservation groups and others involved in a partnership to conserve playa lakes on the southern High Plains (eastern New Mexico, the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles, southwest Kansas and southeastern Colorado). Established in 1990, the Playa Lakes Joint Venture is working to protect, enhance and restore playas throughout the region, as part of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan - an international effort to restore declining waterfowl populations by restoring crucial wetland habitats across the continent.

Dr. Peter Dodson, professor of anatomy, has been invited to serve on Sigma Xi's 56th College of National Lecturers for a two year term. The National Lectureship Program offers an opportunity for scholars at the leading edge of science and technology to bring their insights and their excitement to diverse groups.

Dr. Wilbur Amand, V'66, retired vice president for animal health at the Philadelphia Zoo, has been honored with the prestigious Emil P. Dolensek Award. This award is presented annually by the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians to one of its members who has made an exceptional contribution to the conservation, care and understanding of captive and free-ranging wildlife.

Dr. Steven Levy, V'77, was named Practitioner of the Year for the American Animal Hospital Northeast Region for his contributions to veterinary medicine while in private practice.

Dr. Irwin Rothman, V'41, professor of psychiatry at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, recently addressed a national meeting of pain rehabilitation specialists during a national meeting on pain therapies held in Philadelphia.

Dr. H. Wesley Towers, Jr., V'68, received a number of honors in 1993. He was named outstanding alumnus by the University of Delaware. Dr. Towers was presented Delaware's Award for Excellence and Commitment to State Service by Governor Tom Carper. Delaware's Department of Agriculture named **Dr. Towers** Employee of the Year. Dr. Towers has been employed by the Delaware Department of Agriculture for 25 years and has served as the state veterinarian for 24 years.

Dr. Colin Harvey, professor of surgery and dentistry, was presented the Peter Emily Award of the American Veterinary Dental College at the annual meeting of the organization in October. Dr. Harvey was honored for "outstanding contributions to veterinary dentistry."

Dr. James W. Buchanan, professor of cardiology, presented a paper at the American College of Veterinary Medicine annual meeting in Washington. He presented an invited lecture to the Japanese Small Animal Veterinary Association in Gifu, Japan and lectured to faculty and students at Azabu University, Azabu, Japan in July. Dr. Buchanan presented several topics on clinical cardiology at the World Animal Hospital Association meeting in Osaka, Japan in August. In October Dr. Buchanan presented topics at the 12th Annual Meeting of the European Society of Veterinary Cardiology and at the World Small Animal Veterinary Association International Meeting in Berlin, Germany. Later in the month he presented a topic to faculty and students at the Veterinary School in Bern, Switzerland.

Dr. David Kritchevsky, Wistar Professor of Biochemistry, received a Special Recognition Award from the Council on Arteriosclerosis of the American Heart Association for his contributions to the study of arteriosclerosis.

A number of faculty and VHUP

staff members gave lectures at the recent Northeast Region Meeting of AAHA, held in Philadelphia in November. On the roster were **Drs. Darryl Biery, Mark Saunders, Charles Pugh and Lynn Walker** covering radiology topics; **Dr. Peter Felsburg** spoke on primary immune deficiency diseases and **Dr. John Wolfe** lectured on molecular medicine and gene therapy; **Dr. James Wilson** presented management seminars; and **Dr. Daniel Brockman, Marcia Finkelman and Jane Cohen** lectured in the technician program.

The General Session of the meeting had a preponderance of Penn speakers: **Drs. Daniel Brockman, Mary Beth Callan, Margaret Casal, Cynthia Otto, David Holt, Urs Giger, Katharyn Michel, Lesley King, and Gail Smith.** **Donna Oakley** also gave a presentation.

Milissa Cooper, V'96, has been named a Ballard Student by the Morris Animal Foundation; she helps inform her fellow students here about the work of the foundation.

Dr. Peter Hand, V'61, professor of anatomy, was invited to Taiwan, R.O.C. in March to participate, as a member of the nominating committee, in the ceremony of the First Lifu Academic Award in Chinese Medicine, held in Taipei. The three selected Lifu Award recipients were world leaders in the study of the biochemistry of herbal medicines, neurochemical basis of acupuncture, or in the practice and study of the historical perspectives of Chinese Medicine. Dr. Hand also chaired the Lifu Award scientific session on *Acupuncture in Neuroscience* and was invited to present a seminar for the Department and Institute of Anatomy at National Yand-Ming Medical College in Taipei.

Dr. Adrian Morrison, professor of anatomy, has been chosen president-elect of the Sleep Research Society of the United States. He will assume the presidency in 1995. In October Dr. Morrison delivered the annual John L. Polcyn Lecture at Franklin and Marshall College; the lecture was endowed for the purpose of presenting a current issue in medicine to the college community. Dr. Morrison spoke on the use of animals in biomedical research.

Dr. Grace Karreman, V'82, is in charge of CASH, the Cooperative

Assessment of Salmoid Health, a comparative database management system utilized by the British Columbia Salmon Farmers Association.

Dr. Gary Smith, associate professor of population biology and epidemiology, was awarded a four-year grant by NIH/National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for the study "Development and Mortality of *Ixodes dammini*."

Dr. Michael Tomasic, lecturer in anesthesia, and **Dr. Susan McDonnell,** research assistant professor of reproduction, each had their NIH grants renewed.

Dr. Joseph Dlugach, V'45, received the Jean Giono Award, the top honor in MasterCard's Master Planter Awards Program. Dr. Dlugach competed against honorees from 50 states and the District of Columbia and then against three other semi-finalists. The award was

established "to recognize individuals who unselfishly give their time and effort to improve the environment through the planting and nurturing of trees and forests." It is presented annually. **Dr. Dlugach** is an untiring volunteer to preserve the Wissahickon Valley.

Dr. Corinne Sweeney, associate professor of medicine, has been appointed co-chair of the Department of Clinical Studies, New Bolton Center.

Dr. Peter J. Ihrke, V'72, was honored by the American College of Veterinary Dermatology at the annual meeting and was presented the organization's 1994 Award for Excellence for Outstanding Contributions to Science and Education. Dr. Ihrke is professor of dermatology and chief of the dermatology service at the University of California School of Veterinary Medicine. ■



Dr. David Galligan, V'81, is presented the Merck Creativity Award by Dr. Carol K. Robertson of Merck, AgVet Division.

Clients Honor Retiring Practitioner

Dr. Edward Mikus, V'60, retired from practice recently and to honor this veterinarian, his clients established the Mikus Prize for the School to award for at least three years to a senior student who "exemplifies those qualities most valued by the veterinary profession. These qualities include proficiency in the practice of veterinary medicine and upholding the principles of veterinary medical ethics." The first recipient was **Lance Bassage, V'93.** ■



Dr. Mikus presenting the plaque to Dr. Lance Bassage, V'93.