

2002 Penn Annual Conference

As the country's oldest continuing education conference for veterinarians and veterinary technicians, the **102nd Penn Annual Conference**, held on January 30-31, 2002, at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Philadelphia, attracted 740 veterinarians and 235 veterinary technicians. In addition, 100 faculty, 125 technicians, and 75 fourth-year students attended from the School of Veterinary Medicine.

Internationally recognized speakers addressed a wide range of topics to veterinarians in the Small Animal, Equine, and Food Animal sessions. Some of the areas covered this year included Current Diagnostic and Treatment Methods for Dogs with Shoulder, Elbow, and Hip Disease; Equine Lameness Diagnosis; and Differential Diagnosis of Vesicular and Encephalitic Disease. Small animal technicians had a specialized two-day seminar that covered the understanding and management of canine aggression to people, cardiopulmonary disease, and pain management. Many sessions were standing room only.

The first day concluded with a well-attended Dean's Reception hosted by **Dean Alan Kelly**. During the reception, Dean Kelly presented gifts to **Ashra Markowitz**, assistant dean for student affairs, and **Debra Lefferts**, associate director of student affairs, to publicly recognize and show appreciation for the many years that their office successfully organized the Penn Annual Conference. Management of the Conference was returned to the Office of Development and Alumni Relations this year.

The Office of Development and Alumni Relations hosted several popular alumni and donor appreciation events: "Successful Retirement Planning for Veterinary Professionals Luncheon," the "Rush Shippen Huidekoper Society Breakfast," and a "Pacesetter and Class Agent Luncheon."

The Conference gratefully acknowledged the financial support of sponsors, patrons, and exhibitors who sold out our exhibit hall.

The 2003 Conference is scheduled for January 29-30, 2003, at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Philadelphia. Please bookmark the web site, <<http://alumni.vet.upenn.edu/pennannualconference.htm>>, and check your mail in the fall for the 2003 Penn Annual Conference brochure.



In the exhibit hall



Dr. Gail Smith, Chair, Department of Clinical Studies-Philadelphia, presents plaques to sponsors and patrons of the Penn Annual Conference.



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