

## Faculty News

**James Case**, professor, California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory System (formerly known as the California Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory System) has developed the first formal veterinary information model for scientific data related to non-human animals, environmental samples and food safety samples.

**Andrew Hendrickx**, professor of cell biology, returned to his research laboratory full time in June after serving for 13 years as director of the California Regional Primate Research Center.

**Dwight Hirsh**, professor of veterinary microbiology, retired in June. Dr. Hirsh was twice honored with the Norden Distinguished Teacher Award (1980 and 1992) and received the UC Davis Academic Senate Distinguished Teaching Award in 1994.

**Bradford Smith**, professor of medicine, will serve a second five-year term as director of the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital and associate dean for Clinical Programs.

## Kudos

**Alan Buckpitt**, chair of the Department of Molecular Biosciences and professor of toxicology, received the 2000 Pfizer Animal Health Award for Research Excellence.

**Chao-chin (Joe) Chang**, DVM, received the Ray Bankowski Memorial Fellowship Award for outstanding graduate research in epidemiology for his studies of the infectious disease organism, *Bartonella*.

**Jody Hallstrom** received the Lloyd's London Bursary Award last February. The award is presented to outstanding senior veterinary students who intend to specialize in an area related to the equine industry.

**Richard LeCouteur**, professor of neurology/neurosurgery, received the 2000 Carl J. Norden Distinguished Teacher Award.

**Frederick Murphy**, dean emeritus and professor in pathology, microbiology and immunology, received the Doctor of Science Honoris Causa from the University of Guelph.

**Bennie Osburn**, dean of the school, received the American Feed Industry Award during the July AVMA convention. The award recognizes outstanding research done by a veterinarian on nutritional problems or diseases affecting livestock or poultry production.

Dr. Osburn, a special research fellow in ophthalmology at Johns Hopkins University 1968–70, was selected as a Johns Hopkins University Society of Scholars inductee—he was recognized for his contributions to both veterinary and human pathology and medicine, especially regarding the origin and development of viral diseases.

**John Pascoe**, executive associate dean, was named Distinguished Practitioner in the National Academy of Practice in Veterinary Medicine.

**UC Center for Animal Alternatives**, working to reduce the use of animals in research and to improve animal care, has been honored by an international animal welfare organization. The center received a \$2,000 grant from Our Animal WARDS to support the development of bibliographic computer search templates to provide efficient access to literature and to help scientists keep abreast of improved methods of animal care.

**Hanspeter Witschi** is the 2000 recipient of the UC Davis School of Medicine Faculty Research Award.

**Joseph Zinkl**, professor in pathology, microbiology and immunology, received the 2000 School of Veterinary Medicine Faculty Teaching Award.

## Alumni Notes

**Eric Davis**, '77, received the AVMA 1999 Animal Welfare Award in recognition of his work with the Rural Area Veterinary Medical Volunteers. Dr. Davis, a faculty member at the University of Tennessee, has helped to improve the health and welfare of animals on Indian reservations across the U.S. and in rural areas of Guatemala.

**Robert Garcia**, '72, was installed in July as the new California Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) president, and **Jon Peek**, '66, was installed as president-elect.

## In Memoriam

**Clarence Chrisp**, '67, professor of comparative veterinary pathology at the University of Michigan, died in February of pancreatic cancer. He was 65.

**Kenneth Maddy**, who served in the California State Senate from 1979–98, died February 19. Senator Maddy's contributions to the horse racing industry and the School of Veterinary Medicine include legislative support for the Center for Equine Health and the Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory named in his honor.

**Darryl Sheldon Rath**, '91, died in January at age 36. He interned at the Animal Medical Center in New York City and worked as an emergency veterinarian and clinician at several practices in Manhattan. He also established Pet Trekkers, a house-call practice.