

SCHOOL'S HIGHEST HONOR

TWO RECEIVE ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

A pioneer in zoological medicine and an expert in companion animal medicine were chosen to receive the 2003 Alumni Achievement Award, the highest honor bestowed by the School of Veterinary Medicine.

■ Mitchell Bush, DVM, was recognized for leadership and exceptional contributions in modern zoological medicine. ■ Gerald Ling, DVM, was honored for excellence in teaching, research and service as a school faculty member for 35 years. Each earned a DVM degree from UC Davis in 1965.

Dr. Bush joined the staff of the National Zoological Park of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, in 1972 and has served as chief of veterinary services of the Conservation and Research Center for 10 years. He has been active in research studies in zoological and comparative medicine, and has developed training programs for zoo veterinarians and around the world. Dr. Bush is also assistant professor in the Department of Comparative Medicine at the Johns Hopkins Medical School, Baltimore. As visiting scientist at Kruger National Park, South Africa, he serves as veterinary advisor for Species Survival Plans for the cheetah, golden lion tamarin, maned wolf, tree kangaroo, red panda and lion. Dr. Bush is a charter diplomate of the American College of Zoological Medicine and former president of the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians.

Dr. Ling joined the UC Davis faculty in 1968, influencing the early development of training programs for veterinary students and veterinarians in endocrinology, hematology and internal medicine. He also helped establish both the Small Animal Emergency and Small Animal Outpatient Services at the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. Dr. Ling's research focused on diseases of the lower urinary tract in dogs and cats. He devised several techniques now routinely used by clinicians for diagnosis and treatment of small animal urinary problems. He developed a laboratory to analyze urinary stones of dogs and cats and to provide suggested treatments. Dr. Ling, who received the 2002 Faculty Teaching Award, has helped educate an estimated 3,600 veterinary students during his career.



Mitchell Bush



Gerald Ling



Harold Davis



Ken Pawlowski



Salvatore Cirone



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Kudos

Barry Ball, professor, who holds the John Hughes Endowed Chair in Equine Reproduction, received the 2003 Carl J. Norden Distinguished Teacher Award.

Richard Breitmeyer (DVM 1980, MPVM 1990, UC Davis), California State Veterinarian and Director of Animal Health and Food Safety at the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), received the Golden Rooster Award from the California Poultry Federation last September for his leadership in battling an outbreak of Exotic Newcastle Disease in Southern California. Dr. Breitmeyer oversees CDFA programs for animal health, milk and dairy foods control, meat and poultry inspection, and livestock identification.

Jeffrey Bryan (DVM, UC Davis, '93), won the E. Gregory MacEwen Memorial Award for the Outstanding Basic Research Project in Oncology, given by the Veterinary Cancer Society at its 2003 Annual Conference. His research project was titled "Copper-64-labeled Antibodies for Radioimmunotherapy of Cancer."

Carol Cardona, assistant professor and Veterinary Medicine Extension specialist, received the Bayer-Snoeyenbos New Investigator Award from the American Association of Avian Pathologists in July, 2003, for meritorious research contributions to the North American poultry health program. Dr. Cardona's research emphasizes infectious diseases in poultry, particularly those of viral origin.

Salvatore Cirone (MPVM, UC Davis, '76), received the 2003 James A. McCallam Award by the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments in the field of medicine and health, and for his medical support and policy development during more than 36 years government service, including nearly 30 years in the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps. Dr. Cirone, currently with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), has oversight of health sci-

ence policy for one of the largest medical systems in the world. Dr. Cirone also has played a key role in preparing senior political leadership for Senate and House of Representatives hearings, and in developing policy for DNA testing for remains identification, new drug investigation, and animal care and use.

Autumn Davidson, associate clinical professor of internal medicine and reproduction, and director of veterinary medicine for the San Rafael campus of Guide Dogs for the Blind, received the 2003 Hill's Animal Welfare Humane Ethics Award from the American Animal Hospital Association.

Patricia Conrad, professor, is one of 20 academic environmental scientists and the first veterinarian to be awarded the 2004 Aldo Leopold Leadership Fellowship. The Aldo Leopold Leadership Program provides scientists with intensive training in effective communication with non-scientific audiences, especially policy makers, the media, business leaders and the public. Dr. Conrad's research emphasizes protozoans—one-celled parasites that infect wildlife, humans and domestic animals.

Harold Davis, RVT, supervisor of the Small Animal Emergency Nursing Service and coordinator and instructor of the Hospital Practices course for veterinary students, was honored by Hill's Pet Nutrition as the inaugural Jack L. Mara Memorial Lecturer last January. Dr. Mara, long-time director of veterinary affairs for Hill's, recognized the huge role veterinary technicians play in quality patient care. Mr. Davis is one of the first technicians to receive certification as a Veterinary Technician Specialist, and he is board certified both in Emergency & Critical Care and as a Veterinary Technician Anesthetist. He cofounded the Academy of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Technicians and has written, published and presented on emergency, critical care, nursing and technical topics for more than 20 years.

Douglas DeBoer (DVM, UC Davis, 1981), associate professor of vet-