John Madigan Delivered Milne Lecture

This past December, Distinguished Professor John Madigan delivered a rousing Milne Lecture at the 60th annual American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) Convention in Salt Lake City. A capacity crowd of more than 3,000 gathered in the convention center’s largest auditorium to hear “Gumshoe Sleuthing in the World of Infectious Disease and Neonatology: Discoveries That Changed Equine and Human Health.”

Madigan gave attendees an inside glimpse into the process of infectious disease investigation, specifically related to mysterious clusters of fevers of unknown origin and pursuit of causes of colitis symptoms in adult horses. He also discussed specific disorders of neonatal foals and practices that veterinarians in the field can implement.

Madigan’s significant accomplishments in the field of equine medicine over the past 40 years include 160 peer-reviewed scientific publications and the 4th edition of Manual of Equine Neonatal Medicine. He has received numerous awards throughout his career, including the Pfizer Award for Research Excellence, AVMA Animal Welfare Award, Red Cross Hero Award, AAEP Distinguished Service Award, Legend of Academic Medicine Award from Kansas State University and SVM Alumni Achievement Award, the school’s most prestigious award.

Named after AAEP past President Frank J. Milne, the Milne Lecture is a hallmark tradition at the convention, drawing thousands of spectators. The lecture is also known as the State-of-the-Art Lecture for its groundbreaking qualities and potential to change the paradigms by which veterinarians and researchers understand that topic in the horse. The AAEP Convention is the largest gathering of equine practitioners in the world.