Dr. Hedrick oversees advanced veterinary diagnostic training, research projects and veterinary care of fish from around the state.

Dr. Hedrick, 48, is the youngest scientist to receive the award, which usually acknowledges lifelong career achievement. The award committee cited Dr. Hedrick as a mentor to colleagues and a guiding force in starting fish health programs around the world.

Dallas Hyde, associate dean for research, received the 1999 Pfizer Research Excellence Award for his work on pulmonary disease.

Janet Ilkiw, associate professor, surgical and radiological sciences, received the 1998 Carl J. Norden Distinguished Teacher Award. Dr. Ilkiw is an expert in small animal anesthesia and pharmacology.

Mark Kittleson, professor, medicine and epidemiology, was elected to chair the Board of Regents of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. During his four-year term, he will serve as vice president, president-elect and president.

James MacLachlan, professor and chair, Department of Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology, was elected 1998 president of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists.

Bruce Madewell, professor, surgical and radiological sciences, was elected president of the American Cancer Society, Sacramento Chapter.

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