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SDVMA Holds Annual Meeting

Dr. Chris Chase named Veterinarian of the Year

Over 200 veterinarians and veterinary technicians attended the recent Annual Meeting of the South Dakota Veterinary Medical Association in Sioux Falls. Participants from South Dakota and surrounding states received cutting-edge continuing education updates from a lineup of nationally-known speakers. Companion animal, food animal, and equine sessions were presented and included important topics such as pain management and surgical techniques for cattle, vaccination programs for pets, current issues in the use of antibiotics in food animals, and veterinary practice management. Faculty members from the SDSU Animal Disease Research and Diagnostic Lab presented case reports involving current animal disease issues.

Dr. Chris Chase of Brookings was honored as Veterinarian of the Year. Dr. Chase served as SDVMA president in 2001-2002, chaired the search committee for the SDVMA Executive Director, is currently chair of the SDVMA legislative committee, and has served on multiple SDVMA committees over the past 15 years. A past president of the American Association of Veterinary Immunologists, Dr. Chase has served the profession nationally through membership on numerous American Veterinary Medical Association councils.

A faculty member in the Department of Veterinary Science at SDSU since 1992, his research at SDSU involves developing better methods of preventing viral infections in animals by understanding the initial events involved with those infections. In addition, he is the president

of Rural Technologies, Incorporated, works as a cattle and swine consultant, and continues veterinary practice by working part time for Dr. Tom Jueschke in Flandreau, SD.

Dr. Chase graduated from Sisseton High School in 1974, attended South Dakota State University for his undergraduate studies, and received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Iowa State University in 1980. After practicing in a large animal practice in Viborg, SD for five years, he returned to school at the University of Wisconsin – Madison, and completed a PhD degree in virology and immunology in 1990, followed by post-doctoral work at the University of Wyoming and the USDA Agricultural Research Service in Laramie, Wyoming. Dr. Chase and his wife, Mary, live in Brookings, SD. They have four children – Christopher, 26; Stephanie, 24; Erin, 22, and Jennifer, 20.

Nate Frederickson, St. Onge, SD, received the Bill Davis Award. This award is given annually to a sales representative of a veterinary supply company who has demonstrated an unusual degree of service and assistance to veterinarians and the veterinary profession in South Dakota. Fredrickson is employed by Novartis Animal Health as Territory Manager for western South Dakota, and has supported the SDVMA by helping with the annual steak fry and with the roping event at the Summer Meeting, in addition to excellent service as an industry representative.

Fredrickson, a native of Starbuck, MN, graduated from Minnewaska High School in 1996, where he was active in 4-H, FFA, and High School Rodeo. He achieved a degree in Agricultural Business in 2000 from North Dakota State University, where he served on the NDSU livestock judging team. After graduation from college, he worked for Land O'Lakes as a Beef Production Specialist and for Alpharma before taking his current position in 2006. Fredrickson lives near St. Onge, SD with his wife and two-year-old son.

Dr. Larry Corry, Georgia, the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) president, and Dr. Clark Fobian, Sedalia, Missouri, District 7 representative in the AVMA, attended the meeting and addressed the veterinarians on Tuesday.

The SDVMA Alliance raised \$8500 in a benefit auction as part of the event. The money is used for scholarships for veterinary and veterinary technician students.

Dr. Rich Hanson, Eureka; Dr. Jay Heezen, Plankinton; Dr. C. K. Kinsley, Murdo; Dr. Edward Kniffen, Tyndall; Dr. Larry Lounsbery, Beresford; Dr. James Myers, Belle Fourche; Dr. LeRoy Tesch, Watertown; and Dr. Susan Bieberly, Teec Nos Pos, Arizona attained life membership status in the SDVMA for their years of practice. The SDVMA also recognized Dr. Sam Holland for his years of service as state veterinarian and years in practice in veterinary medicine.

The following board members were elected for the coming year: Dr. Dick Rogen, Sioux Falls; president; Dr. Bill Baus, Redfield, president-elect; Dr. Penny Dye, Rapid City, vice-president; Dr. Cindy Franklin, Yankton, secretary-treasurer; Dr. Todd Carr, Dell Rapids, District 1 representative; Dr. Jeff Stolle, Groton, District 2 representative; Dr. George Twitero, Rapid City, AVMA delegate; and Jennifer Stalley, Pierre, executive director. Other board members include Dr. Christy Teets, Rapid City, District 3 representative; Dr. Jim Bain, Frederick, AVMA alternate delegate; and Dr. Vicky Wilkey, Pierre, past-president.

The 2010 SDVMA annual meeting will be held August 8 – 11 in Sioux Falls.

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SDVMA Officers

The new officers of the SDVMA are pictured, left to right: Dr. Cindy Franklin, Yankton, secretary-treasurer; Dr. Penny Dye, Rapid City, vice-president; Dr. Bill Baus, Redfield, president-elect; and Dr. Dick Rogen, Sioux Falls, president.

Life Members

Attaining life member status this year were, left to right, Dr. Jay Heezen, Plankinton; Dr. Rich Hanson, Eureka; Dr. C. K. Kinsley, Murdo; Dr. LeRoy Tesch, Watertown; and Dr. James Myers, Belle Fourche. Not pictured: Dr. Edward Kniffen, Tyndall; Dr. Larry Lounsbery, Beresford; and Dr. Susan Bieberly, Teec Nos Pos, Arizona.

Veterinarian of the Year

Dr. Chris Chase, Brookings, was honored as Veterinarian of the Year at the South Dakota Veterinary Medical Association annual meeting recently. Dr. Chase is pictured with his wife, Mary.

Bill Davis Award

Nate Frederickson, territory manager with Novartis Animal Health, was honored with the Bill Davis Memorial Award at the South Dakota Veterinary Medical Association annual meeting held in Sioux Falls recently.

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