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AVMHS 2022 Program and Annual Meeting
Program-chair/President-elect Dr. Marianne Ash (mash@boah.IN.gov) is delighted to share information about this year’s AVMHS Virtual Annual Meeting.

**Monday, July 18, 2022**
6pm-8pm EDT (3pm-5pm PT)

From 6pm–7pm EDT, there will be a presentation by
Craig N. Carter DVM, PhD, DACVP, FNAP
on
THE EMERGING CONCEPT OF ONE HEALTH:
The Interface of Animal, Human and Environmental Health

A long-time AVMHS member, Dr. Carter (craig.carter@uky.edu) is Professor, Epidemiology, Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, Department of Veterinary Science, College of Agriculture, Food & Environment at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky.

His talk and Q&A period will be followed in the next hour from 7pm-8 pm EDT (4pm-5pm PT) by our annual AVMHS business meeting chaired by President Dr. Pat Kennedy Arrington. An agenda will be provided later.

Prior to the meeting, members will receive an invitation with instructions on how to connect via Zoom to the annual meeting. All members are encouraged to participate.

Also, watch your mailboxes for a postcard specially created for Dr. Carter’s presentation at this meeting. It is the 8th postcard in a growing series associated with our annual meetings since 2015. See all of the postcard images at https://www.avmhs.org/meetings

2022 Smithcors Student Essay Contest
Essay Contest Committee Chair Dr. Jessica (Zeiger) Garrett (jzeigervet@gmail.com) is pleased to announce winners of the 2022 Smithcors Student Veterinary History Essay Contest.

1st Place ($1,200) Kristyn Burton ’25 Oklahoma State University
*Out of the Ice Age and Into the Ice Box: Przewalski’s Horses Emerge From Frost a Second Time*

2nd Place ($1,000) Ginifer O’Bryan-Schultz ’23 Oklahoma State University
*The Wonder Drug: The History of Ivermectin from a One Health Viewpoint*

3rd Place ($800) Hadley Watson ’24 Kansas State University
*Developments in the Understanding and Treatment of Feline Infectious Peritonitis: 1963-2021*

4th Place (tie) ($500) Victoria Hoaglin ’24 Oklahoma State University
*Fish through the Scales of Time - Diving into the Origins of Aquaculture*
4th Place (tie) ($500) Nathan Jackson ’24 Kansas State University
Glanders: A History

Honorable Mention Danielle Keerbs ’26 Cornell University
One Health, Bushmeat, and Illegal Wildlife Trafficking: An Overview

Because the quality of the 18 essays submitted and ranked by blinded judges was so high, it was determined appropriate to award two 4th place winners and recognize an Honorable Mention this year. All six essays will be published in future issues of Veterinary Heritage. According to tradition, the Society will also seek copies of a relevant book to be presented to all students who entered the contest as a symbol of appreciation for their effort.

Sincere thanks is extended to our four judges: Dr. Pat Kennedy Arrington, Sam Hendrix, Dr. Cynthia G. Hoobler, Dr. Linda Schlater, and also to Dr. Susan Aiello, who served as tie-breaker judge. We also wish to extend appreciation to Dr. Jessica Garrett for serving as Committee Chair for the past three contests.

It is also gratifying that our winners’ colleges are honoring their students and helping to promote the history contest. In particular, please see the article (scroll down) appearing in the May-June 2022 issue of Lifelines: News from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University newsletter intended for their college community and alumni at https://www.vet.k-state.edu/about/news-events-publications/lifelines/2205.html

REMINDER: Membership Committee Survey
It’s not too late to submit your responses to the Membership Committee’s survey. It was first distributed to members this past March, but is part of an ongoing, open-ended process.

The objectives of the Membership Committee are to increase membership in our Society, retain existing members, and encourage more member involvement in committees and the board. These three goals are important to ensure the sustainability of the AVMHS. +

In order to accomplish these goals, we need YOUR input. Please complete the short 5+ min. online Membership Survey at: https://form.jotform.com/220724082747052
(Note: Depending on your browser, this survey may take a few minutes to load, so please be patient.)

If you are not able to connect to the internet or have any problems accessing the survey online, contact Dr. Helen Wojcinski, Membership Committee Chair, at helenwojcinski@gmail.com or by telephone 734-730-5565. A printed questionnaire will be mailed upon request to those not using email. Your input is IMPORTANT.

Members of the Membership Committee include Dr. Helen Wojcinski (chair), Drs. Pat Arrington, John de Jong, Shannon Greeley, Jerry Owens, and Bob Treat.

Guideposts for Veterinary Professionals 2022 College Distribution
With academic schedules more normal this year, Dr. Peggy Carter (peggycarterdvm@aol.com) is already distributing copies of Guideposts for Veterinary Professionals to colleges for veterinary students in the teaching at St. Matthew’s University on Grand Cayman. She was AVMHS President for 2012-2013.

Dr. Martha Littlefield, Photo courtesy Louisiana Tech

Dr. Martha Littlefield New Contest Chair
As of the upcoming 2022-2023 year, Dr. Martha Littlefield (drmarthalittlefield@gmail.com) has volunteered to become the new chair of the Smithcors Essay Contest replacing Dr. Garrett. Dr. Littlefield was Clinical Associate Professor of Anatomy in the Department of Comparative Biomedical Sciences of Louisiana State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She currently is...
US and Canada for the second year. Last year, she shipped 3800 books to 16 veterinary schools.

Members may be interested to know that a suggestion has been made to investigate producing an audio version of our book. If interested, please contact Dr. Susan Aiello

Print copies of *Guideposts for Veterinary Professionals* can be ordered (price $15 with member discount) from the AVMHS website at [https://www.avmhs.org/guideposts-for-vet-professionals](https://www.avmhs.org/guideposts-for-vet-professionals)

**Where is Veterinary Heritage?**
The June issue is currently in page design and should go to the printer shortly for mailing later in July. Thank you for your patience.

**History Column Murals at Texas Tech SVM**
Congratulations are extended to Texas Tech University on the official ribbon cutting held on April 22, 2022, for its new School of Veterinary Medicine in Amarillo, Texas ([https://www.depts.ttu.edu/vetschool/](https://www.depts.ttu.edu/vetschool/)).

AVMHS member Dr. Ronald D. Warner (Ronald.Warner@ttuhsc.edu), Professor Emeritus (epidemiology), reports that their DVM program is “off and running” and the inaugural class has now completed its first year. They look forward to welcoming the second class of 88 students the second week of August.

Dr. Warner also provides background on some spectacular historical column murals. He writes, “Thanks for your March 2022 issue of AVMHS’s Interim News & Comment. I appreciated the new mural at Kansas State University and wanted to share with you the 14 “veterinary “history” columns recently installed at the “Headquarters” building of our new TTU School of Veterinary Medicine in Amarillo, TX. These panels fit between the floor-to-ceiling windows in the hallway of the building’s East wing, telling an ’annotated story’ of both U.S. and Texas veterinary history. You may want to increase the file size to 300-400%.”

Columns 1-4 relate to the “History of American Veterinary Medicine.” Columns 5-8 to the “History of Veterinary Medicine in Texas,” and the remaining Columns 9-14 cover the “History of the Texas Tech University School of Veterinary Medicine.” **Enlarged images of columns 1-10 are shown on pages 8-9 below.**

Dr. Warner extends an invitation to one and all to visit their school and view the columns up close and personal.

**AVMHS Virtual Board Meeting, December 13**
On December 13, 2021, from 7-9pm EST, a virtual Board Meeting was convened by President Pat Arrington via Zoom videoconferencing. In addition to committee updates and introductions of new board members, Dr. Karen Hassan provided an overview and update on the status of the Fort Ord Equine Foundation’s bid to establish a living museum in Marina, California.

There was also discussion about how to handle periodic inquiries regarding vintage veterinary instruments, books, and other memorabilia and what assistance the Society could offer. Rather than establishing a new committee, the present Museum Committee will investigate this matter and compile some suggestions regarding maximizing these older items.

In response to a presentation regarding approval for AVMHS to serve as publisher for a small book on the lives of five 19th-century Irish veterinarian brothers, a more specific cost estimate will be needed.

Those present also talked about whether the Society should host a booth at the AVMA convention in Philadelphia this summer.

**2022 WAHVM Congress in Brescia, Italy**
The 45th International Congress sponsored by the World Association for the History of Veterinary Medicine (WAHVM) and Italian Association for the History of Veterinary Medicine and Farriery will be held on August 31-September 3, 2022, in Brescia, Italy.
Please see flier and other information at: https://www.wahvm.co.uk/_files/ugd/abced2_9ed41095ca514487bb2ab4388c341fa8.pdf

Topics for presentations include:
1. History of Animals, Veterinarians, and the Military
2. Historical Intersections of Human, Animal and Environmental Health
3. Free Topics
4. Informal Contributions

“Informal Contributions” is a new category for short papers or posters that discuss memories, anecdotes, oral histories, and biographies.

The daily schedule of speakers and topics is available at https://www.wahvm.co.uk/_files/ugd/abced2_a0ef23a92dda4ebe468d6cafe755760.pdf

AVMHS members are encouraged to join WAHVM individually and, if interested, to attend this and future biennial congresses. Not only would the presentations be informative, but this forum provides an international opportunity to meet veterinary historians and colleagues in person from around the world in pleasant settings.

Early registration ends on June 30 and regular registration on July 31. See payment schedule and travel accommodations on the website.

Pre-Publication Announcement
This August, the online version of the latest book on veterinary history will be released by the Cambridge University Press. Titled A Concise History of Veterinary Medicine, it has been compiled by authors Susan D. Jones and Peter A. Koolmees and is a volume in the series, “New Approaches to the History of Science and Medicine.” A print version will follow later but can already be preordered in hard or soft cover.

AVMHS past president and life member Dr. Jones is professor at the University of Minnesota while Dr. Koolmees is on the faculty at the Universiteit Utrecht in The Netherlands. They convey expert knowledge about veterinary medical history in a single volume that should be of considerable value to veterinarians, students, and anyone in understanding the history of this field.

The description states, “In this broad-ranging and accessible study spanning 400 years of history, Susan D. Jones and Peter A. Koolmees present the first global history of veterinary medicine and animal healing. Drawing on inter-disciplinary perspectives, this book addresses how attitudes toward animals, disease causation theories, wars, problems of food insecurity and the professionalism and spread of European veterinary education have shaped new domains for animal healing, such as preventive medicine in intensive animal agriculture and the need for veterinarians specializing in zoo animals, wildlife, and pets. It concludes by considering the politicization of animal protection, changes in the global veterinary workforce, and concerns about disease and climate change. As mediators between humans and animals, veterinarians and other animal healers have both shaped, and been shaped by, the social, cultural, and economic roles of animals over time.”


More information at: https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/concise-history-of-veterinary-medicine/34F8B95A3C522E697A3C3BD8F8AE0A0

Meeting and Event Calendar
2022
July 18 AVMHS 45th Annual Program and Business Meeting

Aug 31-Sep 3 World Association for the History of Veterinary Medicine 45th International Congress, Brescia, Italy

2023
April 15 Student History Essay Contest Deadline

New AVMHS Members (as of June 23)
We are pleased to welcome:
Emily Lawless (Oxford, NC)

New AVMHS Life Members (as of June 23)
Jacqueline Paritte, DVM (Asheville, NC)
New Registry of Heritage Veterinary Practices
** no new practices to list at this time**

New Books and Videos


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Send news, comments, and suggestions for the next *News & Comment* to Dr. Helen Wojcinski helenwojcinski@gmail.com, or to AVMHS Secretary-
Treasurer Susanne Whitaker, 23 Wedgewood Drive, Ithaca, NY 14850-1064, phone 607-257-9248 or email skw2@cornell.edu or avmhs.info@gmail.com.

“The farther backward you look, the farther forward you are likely to see.”
Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

Contents of Recent Veterinary History Journal Issues
Copies of articles may be obtained through interlibrary loan services provided by your local college or public library, or from the AVMHS Secretary-Treasurer if unavailable from other sources.

Recent Journal Articles and Chapters Related to the History of Veterinary Medicine


Major Discovery

The one major medical discovery is the use of radioactive radium in the treatment of cancer and other diseases as an antitumor agent. Further research is being done on other radioactive minerals. This valiant effort is being carried out by the University of Texas and other institutions.

Dr. Alfred A. Mead became the first human volunteer for Bemis's radioactive radium treatment in September 1910. The patient was a New York City financier who had refused all medical help until Dr. Bemis offered him the opportunity to participate in this new form of therapy.

The first treatment of a cancer patient with radioactive radium was performed on Dr. Mead on September 12, 1910. The patient was given a dose of 0.1 milligram of radium in a single injection.

The use of radioactive radium in the treatment of cancer and other diseases is a major discovery and a major accomplishment of the University of Texas. It is a true eulogy to the men and women who have worked so hard to achieve this goal. It is a true tribute to the work of all the individuals who have contributed to the development of radiotherapy.

National Research University

Texas Tech University has made tremendous strides in establishing itself as a research institution, achieving record total research dollars in recent years. The University has established itself as a national leader in research and development.

Texas Tech University has won multiple National Science Foundation grants for its research initiatives. The University has also established partnerships with other institutions, such as the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Energy, to further its research goals.

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