...from the president

Winter is waning and Spring is near!
For Theriogenology, Spring is always a busy time, no matter what your favorite species.

Your Executive Board just returned from a very busy Winter Board meeting in Charleston, SC, and we are excited about the future for the SFT. We welcome new board members Dr. Tamara Dobbie, equine practitioner from New York, Dr. Scott Pretzer, small animal practitioner from Kansas, and Dr. Richard Hopper, Assistant Professor at Mississippi State University, to their first SFT Executive Board meeting. Dr. Walter Zent and his program committee have an excellent Annual Conference planned for our August meeting. The 2005 Annual Conference is rapidly approaching. The Francis Marion Hotel, located in the historic district of scenic Charleston, S.C., provides an outstanding venue for our next conference. Make your hotel reservations now so not to miss this excellent CE opportunity. Charleston is a charming city that everyone will enjoy. Thanks to the generosity of Pfizer, Inc. Family Night will be at the Charleston Aquarium, a fabulous facility boasting one of the largest tanks in the United States. The evening proves to be a fun and entertaining evening for everyone to relax and visit with old friends and new.

The SFT Executive Board approved 2 important new initiatives for our organization.

Dr. Tom Riddle chairs a task force establishing the Society for Theriogenology Foundation, providing a tax-deductible, non-profit avenue by where we ensure the future of our discipline. As funds accrue the foundation will be able to expand educational, promotional and service opportunities for our membership. Over the next several months the Foundation Task Force will work to establish this fund within Internal Revenue Service guidelines. Typically this process requires about 18 months to complete submission and to receive IRS approval. Many thanks to Dr. Riddell and his Foundation Task Force for this effort which is so important to the future of Theriogenology.

Since I joined the SFT more than 20 years ago there have been recurring discussions such as the following:

“What is Theriogenology?”
“What do we?”
“What do Theriogenologists do?”
“Should we change the name Theriogenology so that people know what we do?”
“What is the difference between the Society for Theriogenology and the American College of Theriogenologists”

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Come and Join Your Colleagues for Some True Southern Hospitality in Beautiful Charleston, South Carolina

Having just spent a weekend at the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston, SC, the site of the 2005 SFT convention, I can’t help but think what an enjoyable venue it will be. The hotel has a lot of southern charm being one of the Historic Hotels of the United States. It is located downtown in walking distance of many restaurants, the battery, wharf, market, many beautiful southern homes and many other attractions that will interest the entire family. The staff at the hotel went out of their way to be helpful and had plenty of suggestions for places to eat and things to do. For the experience of the city alone this meeting will be worth the trip.

The continuing education portion of the meeting will be full of practical and scientific information. There will be a considerable amount of information on genetics, which is the overall theme of the meeting; however, we have made a considerable effort to keep the information practical and useful for the practitioner and academician alike. Other topics will include the handling and evaluation of frozen semen in several different species, the diagnosis and treatment of placentitis and endometritis in the mare. The small animal program will have papers on both feline and canine reproduction with most of the emphasis on the male. The food animal program has new information on the economic and practical value of using natural service in the dairy industry along with some good information on congenital defects in cattle. The small ruminant program will be combined with the cattle program and contain information on the use of biotechnology in these species.

There will be a slight change in the conference with the first symposium on pharmacology beginning on Tuesday afternoon the 9th of August; the Happy Hour Abstracts will be Tuesday night. The main program will begin Wednesday morning. Two post convention programs are planned for the Saturday following the convention. A small animal symposium will be held at the convention hotel with the presentation of new information on canine and feline semen and insemination. An equine symposium and wet lab will be held on Saturday that will cover new information on the mare and the stallion and some new diagnostic uses for the ultrasound machine.

Family night will be at the South Carolina Aquarium on Thursday evening which should be an enjoyable and informative evening for young and old alike — so bring the whole family there will be plenty for everyone to do in Charleston.

I am looking forward to a very enjoyable and informative meeting in Charleston and hope that many of you will join us.

NEWS FLASH

The new Stallion Reproductive Evaluation Form is now available on the Society website. This form (copyright © 2005) is available to members of the Society at no charge. To access the form, go to www.therio.org and click on the left navigation link “Buy Forms/Books.” The form may be downloaded as either a PDF or a Word document. Permission is granted to members to maintain a copy on your computer for your personal or clinic use for as long as you are a member of the Society.
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• Charleston IMAX Theater
• Fort Sumter National Monument
• Harbor Boat Tours
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- Diagnostic Applications Of Ultrasonography Of Stallion’s Scrotum, Malgozata Pozor
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- Update On Estrus Synchronization Of Cattle, Dan Givens

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SMALL ANIMAL
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Society for Theriogenology Selects Elsevier as Publishing Partner

PHILADELPHIA, PA. (February 1, 2005) — Elsevier, world-leading scientific and medical publisher, is pleased to announce a new partnership with the Society for Theriogenology (SFT), the leading professional organization for veterinarians dedicated to furthering advances in the science and practice of animal reproduction.

According to Fulvio Gandolfi and John Kastelic, the two Co-Editors in Chief of Theriogenology, the merger was a logical and positive development for both entities. The journal and the society share the same name and many members of the society strongly identify with the journal.

The journal has broadened over the years to include articles in areas such as biotechnology, basic reproductive biology, wild animal, fish, and avian reproduction, and continues to publish many articles of interest to veterinary practitioners. In that regard, the journal frequently publishes papers on topics, including in vitro fertilization, cryobiology of spermatozoa and embryos, and clinical theriogenology. Ranked by ISI as a top veterinary publication, the journal also serves as an important source of support and continuing education for veterinarians and veterinary students.

The partnership merger with the society will undoubtedly increase the readership of the journal. The increased readership, coupled with the implementation last year of the web-based Elsevier Editorial System (enabling increasing the ease for authors to submit papers on-line and facilitating the peer-review process and the speed at which they are processed), are expected to further increase the number of high-quality manuscripts that are submitted to the journal.

“We’re excited about the opportunities afforded to the membership through this arrangement,” reports Charles F. Franz, DVM, Executive Director of the SFT. “This member benefit provides the Society membership with access to some of the best information currently available in animal reproduction. We constantly strive to bring useful programs and services to our membership; and the relationship between Elsevier and the Society provides an unequalled benefit for all of our members.”

“The Society for Theriogenology is one of the premier international organizations dedicated to the study and practice of animal reproduction,” says Anthony Trioli, Executive Publisher of Veterinary Journals for Elsevier. “We at Elsevier are very pleased and proud to partner with the SFT and help support the Society in its mission of furthering advances in the science and practice of theriogenology.”

About the Society for Theriogenology

The Society for Theriogenology is a 2500-member organization of veterinarians with a special interest in animal reproduction. The Society’s mission is to “provide leadership in veterinary reproductive medicine for all species”. Founded in 1954, The Society’s current membership consists of veterinarians in all 50 states and 35 countries. Visit the SFT website at www.therio.org.

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Do You Know Someone Who Would Make A Great Director on the SFT Board?

In accordance with SFT policy, the Society requests your suggestions for the Board of Directors. Names received from the general membership will be forwarded to the Nominating Committee for consideration. Directors serve a term of three years beginning at the Annual Conference.

If you would like to suggest an active SFT member for service as a director on the SFT Board, please submit the following information to the SFT office no later than April 30, 2005. Please insure the individual’s willingness to serve on the Board (if elected) prior to submission. Please direct any questions to Dr. Fred Lehman, chair of the Nominating Committee, at 212-733-8714 or fred.d.lehman@pfizer.com.

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David E. Bartlett Award Nominations Are Needed by April 15

Nominees are now being sought for the 2005 David E. Bartlett Award, presented annually to a distinguished individual who has made important contributions to the field of theriogenology.

The Award - intended to cement the efforts of the SFT and ACT toward common goals in animal reproduction, to reward and inspire excellence, improve the visibility of theriogenology, and to annually recognize the efforts of SFT’s and ACT’s charter members and diplomates - particularly honors Dr. David E. Bartlett, ACT’s first president. Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Bartlett was responsible for deriving the terms “theriogenology” and “theriogenologist,” and was instrumental in gaining hard-won AVMA recognition for ACT and SFT in 1971.

As is tradition, the 2005 David E. Bartlett Award will be presented during the Annual Conference. The recipient will be notified in advance, allowing family and friends to be on hand. The honoree will address those in attendance at will have the option of submitting a contribution to the conference proceedings.

The honoree will receive a $1,000 cash award, an engraved statue of Nandi, and complimentary registration, hotel accommodations and transportation to the 2005 Annual Conference in Charleston.

Please submit the accompanying Preliminary Entry Form on the opposite page and nominate an individual to add to the list of preeminent recipients.
## 2005 David E. Bartlett Award Preliminary Entry Form

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*If your nominee is selected as a finalist by the Selection committee, you will receive a final entry form to assist you in gathering the appropriate documentation.*
IN MEMORIUM

Dr. Stephen J. Roberts
Charter Member ACT.
1915 - January 21, 2005

We have lost two stellar contributors to theriogenology. Each spent productive professional careers in academia: teaching, researching, and contributing significant resource texts to the current international veterinary literature.

Dr. W. L. Williams, their predecessor at Cornell, published the initial texts from the USA, Veterinary Obstetrics, first edition in 1917 and further editions in 1931, 1940, and 1943, and The Diseases of the Genital Organs of Domestic Animals, first edition in 1921 and second in 1939.

Dr. Roberts published Veterinary Obstetrics and Genital Diseases, first edition in 1956 and further editions in 1971 and 1986. He changed the title to Veterinary Obstetrics and Genital Diseases (Theriogenology) in 1971.

Dr. McEntee published Reproductive Pathology of Domestic Animals in 1990, based on examination of more than 20,000 cases of reproductive diseases in the International Registry of Reproductive Pathology founded by the author.

The legacies of Dr. Roberts and Dr. McEntee are the decades of students they inspired and enlightened and their additions to the fund of knowledge supporting contemporary theriogenology.

Their books, notable books and papers of others, and the periodical, The Journal of Theriogenology, provide not only ready sources of information, but credibility, integrity, and visibility to our field of interest.

Both Drs. Roberts and McEntee were progeny of Cornell’s “incubator of reproductive studies” as well as were numerous other notable veterinarians and non-veterinarians.

While we mourn the loss of Dr. Roberts and of Dr. McEntee as leaders, respected colleagues, and valued friends, we must be grateful and honor all they have left behind.

—Dave Bartlett

Dr. Stephen J. Roberts

Stephen J. Roberts, DVM MS passed away on January 21, 2005. Dr. Roberts was a man of many accomplishments: known as veterinary clinician and scholar, teacher and a major figure in collegiate polo. Born in Indianapolis, Indiana on August 5, 1915, Dr. Roberts was raised in Hamburg, NY where his father, Dr. James Roberts, also a Cornell graduate (DVM 1912), practiced veterinary medicine. Dr. Roberts attended Cornell University, earning his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 1938. While a student at Cornell, he enrolled in the ROTC field artillery unit and captained the first national championship polo team (1937). In 1938 he married Betty Jane Harris (Cornell ’38) and they moved to Manhattan, Kansas, where he taught veterinary medicine and earned his Master of Science degree. In 1942 he joined the faculty at Cornell. He was named a full professor in the Department of Large Animal Medicine, Obstetrics and Surgery in 1946 and served as chairman of the department twice: 1965-66 and 1969-72. Dr. Roberts retired in 1972.

Dr. Roberts established an enviable reputation during his tenure at Cornell. He was a distinguished researcher and educator, authoring over 150 scientific articles and a classic textbook in 1956, Veterinary Obstetrics and Genital Diseases which was published in three editions – the final edition was released in 1986. Dr. Roberts was among the first faculty members to advocate for a research component in all faculty appointments, now a common practice. He is acknowledged for his pioneering effort to promote equine research at Cornell.

Dr. Roberts was an ardent fan of the library. He is remembered fondly by the library staff. He loved books, was an avid reader, and was fascinated by new technologies and how accessible they made information. He donated many books to the Flower-Sprecher Veterinary Library.

Roberts is known to many Cornellians and the world of polo as “Doc” Roberts. Often referred to as the “Dean of College Polo” he coached men’s polo from 1947 to 1972, winning eight national titles for Cornell University. He was installed in the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame in 1990. Roberts instilled principles of team play, hard work, and sportsman-like conduct, to generations of Cornellians who came to Ithaca from across the globe to study and play polo. Doc had an enormous positive influence on intercollegiate polo throughout the country, and that was the primary reason for his induction into the United States Polo Association Hall of Fame in Palm Beach, Florida. He authored a book on Cornell polo “An Autobiographical History of Collegiate Polo and its Players at Cornell University, 1919-1972 and Beyond.”

Many professional activities benefited from Dr. Roberts’ efforts. He served 13 years on the Judicial Council of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), was a charter diplomate of the American College of Theriogenologists, was an associate editor of the Veterinary News, and provided years of service to the Cornell Veterinary Alumni Association. He received the prestigious national Borden Award from the AVMA for his research on cattle disease, the Distinguished Service Award from the New York State Veterinary Medical Society, and the Salmon Award given only to Cornell’s most august veterinary alumni.

Upon retiring from Cornell University in 1972, Dr. Roberts joined his brother, Dr. James Roberts, in a veterinary practice in Woodstock, Vermont. Known there for his work with large animals, he continued in practice for 21 years. In 1993 he married Ruth Webb Shipman and began retirement in Bath, New York.

A memorial service will be held at Cornell University at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to either:

- The Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, Office of Alumni Affairs and Development, P.O. Box 728, Ithaca, NY 14853 — in memory of Dr. Stephen Roberts ’38
- The Doc Roberts Fund for Polo, Attention: John Webster, Cornell University Athletics, Teagle Hall, Campus Road, Ithaca, NY 14855

(Information is from public sources, provided by Stephen Roberts while on the faculty, and some comments attributed to people who shared remembrances.)

Dr. Ken McEntee

Ken McEntee was born in upstate New York on March 30, 1921 and graduated from the New York State College of Veterinary Medicine in 1944. After a year in private practice in Vermont, Ken joined the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps and served in the US and in the Philippine Islands. His career in veterinary pathology was launched when he was hired by Dr. Peter Olafson, one of the founders of modern veterinary pathology, to join him in 1947 at Cornell. Ken taught pathology and worked on the anatomic pathology service. His interest in reproductive pathology grew from this early experience working with Dr. Olafson, and Drs. Lagerlof, Williams, and others. He received a research appointment early in his Cornell career which focused on subfertility and infertility of dairy cattle and bulls. His interests spread and he quickly became an internationally recognized expert in reproductive pathology of all domestic species. He became Director of Reproductive Research in 1963, and was chairman of the Department of Large Animal Medicine, Obstetrics and Surgery for many years.

Dr. McEntee is remembered as the pioneer in veterinary reproductive pathology. He was a private individual, dedicated teacher and passionate veterinary pathologist who was respected for his great intellect and experience. He both challenged and supported his students by example and through his deep passion for his work.

Dr. McEntee spent a significant part of his professional career collecting, cataloguing, and carefully studying lesions of the reproductive organs of animals. His extensive collections of thoroughly documented cases evolved into the International Registry of Reproductive Pathology, initially formed in 1979 and housed at Cornell University but transferred in 1981 to the University of Illinois.

His expertise was recognized nationally and internationally. He was a visiting scientist at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, research fellow at the Infertility Section of the Animal Health Research Laboratory in Victoria, Australia, visiting lecturer at the Royal Veterinary College of Sweden, visiting professor at the Veterinary College in Belo Horizonte Minas in Brazil and visiting lecturer for the FIO-SIDA post graduate course in Uppsala, Sweden. In 1990, his classic textbook, Reproductive Pathology of Domestic Mammals was published by Academic Press. This text is the standard textbook in veterinary reproductive pathology.


Dr. McEntee was a member of many professional organizations, which included the American College of Veterinary Pathologists, and the Society for Theriogenology, and the Society for the Study of Reproduction, of which he was a charter member. In 1978 he was elected as an Honorary Diplomate of the American College of Theriogenologists. He formally retired from Cornell in 1980 and from the University of Illinois in 1987.

Dr. McEntee is survived by his wife Janet, and son, Michael and daughter, Margaret, both of whom are graduates of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University. Dr. Michael McEntee is a pathologist at the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine, and Dr. Margaret is a radiation oncologist at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University.

Condolence letters may be sent to: Mrs. Janet McEntee 24 Townhill Drive, Eastis, FL 32726.

—Donald Schlafer, DVM, PhD
Diplomate, ACT
A s the first edition March 1956 of his book, Veterinary Obstetrics and Genital Disease, was opened today, the marked price of $10.50 was seen. As a student forty-five years ago, I wondered how such a book could pack so much information primarily about one body system at such a low price. This was coupled with the thought of how can a student earn a diploma. So much to learn. Books for other body systems and species remained on the shelves at the University Book Store to buy and to master.

Did one ever see Dr. Roberts come to a meeting without a note pad....often yellow? He valued the thoughts of those delivering the papers. He anticipated hearing some new veterinary news. He was the principal gatherer of veterinary clinical and scientific information for livestock reproduction.


Dr. Roberts’ breadth of inquiry extended to over 6,000 references. He surely had the student first in his thoughts as he prepared the book. He organized the material superbly. Dr. Larsen wrote, “The mass of the veterinary literature on reproduction tends to favor the bovine species. That tilt is reflected here...” and now nearly twenty years later, in 2005, we gain further appreciation for the historic background under which Dr. Roberts labored. When available, however, he reviewed and recorded the rapid developing knowledge of the newly named field of Theriogenology that he helped to birth.

Among the service that he gave to the American College of Theriogenologists was to serve on the examination committee in later years. He had an interest in international veterinary medicine. In 1993, a few copies of his book remained in his home. He autographed three and sent them to me to take to the veterinary academies at Tartu, Estonia, Jelgava, Latvia and Kaunas, Lithuania. His book was provided to each faculty on behalf of Estonia, Jelgava, Latvia and Kaunas, Lithuania.

In 1986, Dr. Roberts was asked to arrange for a presentation of the ACT “Honorary Diplomate” diploma to Walter W. Williams, DVM, MD at Springfield, MA. Dr. Robert’s plans did not allow travel at that time. He arranged for me to go do the honors. That opportunity will long be remembered.

In 2003 when the ACT ad hoc committee sought diplomates’ input regarding collaboration with the European College of Animal Reproduction, a hand written note was received from Dr. Roberts suggesting, in part, to “Keep the literature for publication authoritative and in short documented abstracts preferably practical in nature to be of value to the practitioner.”

Each of us should put a copy of the obituary printed in this newsletter in Dr. Roberts’ book and provide a copy of the message to students. It is hoped that his 1985 David E. Bartlett Lecture will be reviewed.

—Willis G. Parker, DVM
Diplomate ACT

Would you like to read Dr. Robert’s 1985 Bartlett Award address?

The Society for Theriogenology website now offers Dr. S. J. Robert’s 1985 Bartlett Award Winner Address. To access this presentation from the Annual Conference in Sacramento, California, go to www.therio.org, click on the left navigation button that reads “History”, then click on “Bartlett Award Winners.” You will see a list of all Bartlett Award winners with links to many presentations.
Winter, 2005 Report of the AVMA House of Delegates (HOD)

The Informational Assembly (IA) of the AVMA HOD met January 14-16, 2005. The IA continues to improve the efficiency of the House and prepares all Delegates for the issues coming before the formal sessions held prior to the July annual conference. Items addressed in the January Reference Committees and District meetings allow for more in-depth discussion than is usually possible on the floor in July. The continued overlap between the IA and the AVMA Veterinary Leadership Conference remains a valuable tool and better informs leadership of national issues facing veterinary medicine. Breakout sessions allow interaction between constituents of both meetings. SFT identified and supported attendance by a recent graduate, Dr. Soren Rodning of Auburn, AL.

Comments and topics for your consideration from the combined sessions:

• Dr. Bonnie Beaver, AVMA President, provided an update on animal welfare. She reiterated the differences between animal welfare and animal rights. Animal welfare, the science-based approach to addressing our relationship and our responsibility toward animals, is an issue worthy of our debate and support.

• One change in AVMA’s approach to addressing animal welfare became central to numerous discussions and debate during sessions. That change was a 2004 Executive Board (EB) action to terminate the Animal Welfare Committee (AWC). It its place was created a Division of Animal Welfare (DAW) [December 2004]. Also established was the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC), which is “to have five positions, of which at least three are veterinarians.” We were informed that the plan was for the AWAC to work with animal welfare committees of individual allied groups. An often-voiced additional concern was that the proposed AWAC committee composition included non-veterinarians as voting members who would be setting/establishing AVMA policy. It appeared to many members of the HOD that recent EB actions regarding animal welfare, establishing new policies, and terminating the AWC removed authority from the HOD. Note of explanation: members of committees are selected by the EB, whereas members of councils are selected by the HOD. There is ongoing discussion by HOD members of whether creating an Animal Welfare Council might not be an entity more responsive to members of the HOD. Additional coverage of recent AVMA EB actions can be found on pages 163-186 of the January 15, 2005 JAVMA (V 226, No 2).

• In a continuing effort to simplify its processes and in following recommendations of the AVMA Parliamentarian, the AVMA is continuing to update its governing documents, the Constitution and By-laws (C&BL). The By-laws will be the dynamic document that can more easily be altered should the need arise. Some Delegates expressed reservations about approving the very extensive C&BL changes by the 2005 HOD sessions, and saw merit in a more measured, thorough examination of content before passing the amended C&BL en toto.

• Candidates presented for president-elect (Dr. Roger Mahr) and vice-president (Dr. René Carlson – 2nd term) briefly addressed the assembly to present their platforms for action.

• Dr. Jim Peddie who has done much to address long-term budgetary concerns and help the AVMA attain a more secure financial state will complete his term as treasurer in July 2005. Dr. Bret Marsh will be assuming the position.

• Dr. Michael Chaddock of the AVMA Governmental Relations Division provided an update of Congressional issues important to our profession. AVMA Fellows have made a strong impact and are now recognized and sought after on Capitol Hill. One additional Fellow will be selected to serve in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in the coming year. As a side note, for individuals who may be considering applying for the Fellowship, the annual stipend has been increased to $65,000.

• Dr. George Bishop, AVMAPAC, reported that of the 150 candidates supported by PAC funds, 95% were elected in November 2004. The strength of liaisons in the Washington political arena should not be discounted. They are partners in helping the AVMA achieve its goals in passing legislation favorable to veterinary medicine.

• Dr. Rawson and I attended two sessions of the Allied Caucus and two Reference Committees during the January meeting. We as participants in the Allied Caucus continue to work to strengthen the voices of our constituencies, including the SFT. The Allied Group Caucus represents sixteen entities* in the HOD and seeks to increase the awareness of State delegations of the valuable resources we bring to the table. *The 16 are: Uniformed Services of the U.S., AAHA, AAAP, AABP, AAEP, AAFO, AAIV, AASRP, AASV, AAW, SFT, and SAVMA. Full names of its constituent alphabet soup can be found in your AVMA directory.

I & Dr. Rawson are happy to address any questions you may have about the topics presented in this report. See you in Minneapolis for the AVMA July 16-20 and/or in beautiful Charleston, SC for the SFT August 9-13, 2005!

Respectfully submitted,
Carla L. Carleton
SFT Delegate to the HOD
It was my privilege to attend this year’s AVMA Leadership Conference in Chicago as a recent graduate associated with the Society for Theriogenology. The conference mission is to develop leaders for the benefit of the individual and the veterinary profession. Delegates from state veterinary medical associations, representatives from various professional veterinary organizations, and other members of the AVMA House of Delegates were in attendance.

This was my first insight into organized veterinary medicine, and it was amazing to see the number and talent of the people involved in meeting the AVMA objective of advancing the science and art of veterinary medicine, including its relationship to public health, biological science, and agriculture, while maintaining the professional freedom we enjoy as veterinarians. The Task Force on State Legislative and Regulatory Initiatives is working hard at the state and national levels to develop and recommend policies that guide the direction of veterinary medicine, while working to protect the veterinary profession from our litigious society.

In support of their legislative efforts is the recently purchased home of the Governmental Relations Division (GRD) of the AVMA. Located in a newly renovated double-row house in the central business district of Washington, D.C., the GRD enjoys a more prominent location in our nation’s capital as a “landowner”, not a tenant. The AVMA invites veterinarians to visit the new GRD building.

Dr. Bonnie Beaver (AVMA President) emphasized the fact that animal welfare is becoming a more prominent issue as animal rights groups continue their emotional campaigns. The core belief of animal rightists is that all animals (not just agricultural or research animals) should be free of human interference. The total budget of 12 of the most prominent animal rights organizations was $122,652,780 in 2004. Animal activists can therefore easily outspend the AVMA, which emphasizes the need for veterinarians to be a unified voice of reason on animal welfare issues. Dr. Beaver encourages the veterinary profession to be more proactive and less reactive in the animal welfare vs. animal rights debate.

In an effort to proactively position the veterinary profession with regards to animal welfare, the AVMA Executive Board created a Division of Animal Welfare and an Animal Welfare Advisory Committee in November 2004. In support of these new entities are the Task Force on the Housing of Pregnant Sows and the Task Force on the Legal Status of Animals, just to name a few.

A media training session was scheduled during the conference to educate attendees on ways to effectively handle the media. The session focused on dealing with questions related to animal welfare, and the need to sound informed, caring, and confident about our decisions. The section leader encouraged veterinarians to take advantage of opportunities to speak with the media, and said that the news is broadcast with or without our input. The story is probably not complete without our input, however, so it is clearly our personal responsibility to stay current on animal welfare issues as they impact our lives and profession.

Finally, the AVMA Task Force on Mentorship encouraged veterinarians to sign on as mentors at www.avma.org.

I would very much like to thank SFT for the opportunity to attend this year’s conference.

Soren Rodning, DVM
Theriogenology Resident
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FROM THE PRESIDENT cont’d...

The SFT is the third largest allied group recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association and we celebrated our Silver Anniversary in 2004. Looking to the future we are actively engaged in hiring a firm experienced in creating brand recognition. Many well-recognized organizations and companies have utilized this strategy with remarkable results. Our goal is to address questions and to enhance your practice of veterinary medicine. Dr. Walter Zent serves as Chair of a Task Force to explore “Branding” for The Society for Theriogenology and during the coming months many of you will be included in a survey of members and clients to develop a plan to optimize the visibility and value of Theriogenology to the veterinary profession and animal owners. When contacted I hope you will take a few minutes to support this important effort.

After several years of outstanding service Dr. Robert Youngquist has decided to relinquish editorship of the SFT Newsletter. Of course following in Dr. Youngquist’s footsteps is a tall order, and by this announcement we are soliciting volunteers and nominations for this important position. I hope you all agree that the quality and value of the SFT Newsletter are the best ever. Thank you Dr. Youngquist! We will sorely miss your contributions when you step down next year.

Do you engage in on-line shopping? If so, check out the Member Mall section of the SFT webpage at www.therio.org. Link to your preferred vendor and purchase your items. Besides providing a convenient resource for you, the SFT receives a small rebate from the vendors if you link to your purchases through our site. In addition to your convenience your purchases benefit the SFT so that we can continue to expand our membership benefits.

I am very happy to inform you that Franz Management, and our members, the Society for Theriogenology is in the best financial health in many years. As a result of this improvement we were able to negotiate an arrangement with Elsevier Publishers to provide on-line access to the Journal of Theriogenology for all members of the SFT. The Journal will also add the “The Official Journal of the Society for Theriogenology” to the masthead which will increase exposure of our organization. The proceedings of our Annual Conference will be published as a separate issue of the Journal of Theriogenology. This contract is partially underwritten by the SFT and full costs were not passed on to membership.

The 2006 Annual Conference will be held August 22-26, at the Radisson Riverfront in St. Paul, Minnesota. Dr. Peter Chenoweth will be program Chair and Dr. Peggy Root Kustritz will serve as Local Arrangements Liaison. The meeting promises to be a wonderful learning experience in the North Country.

Due to member requests this year the SFT will formally invite you to bring your technicians to the Annual Conference. We all realize the value of educated technicians to improve our efficiency as we practice quality theriogenology for our clients. Please plan now to enhance your practice by taking advantage of this educational opportunity.

With Executive Board approval Franz Management Services has negotiated a contract for the 2007 Annual Conference of the Society for Theriogenology to be held at the Hyatt in Monterey, California. Mark your calendars for that meeting, August 7-11, 2007.

We are saddened to learn of the deaths of Dr. Stephen J. Roberts and Dr. Kenneth McEntee. Surely all of us recognize these names from our veterinary education and many of us were fortunate to have known them personally. These outstanding veterinarians had a tremendous impact on veterinary medicine in general and Theriogenology in particular. Who among us has not heard of Roberts’ Obstetrics book or McEntee’s grading system for endometrial biopsy in mares? We will dearly miss these outstanding veterinarians and our sympathies go out to their families and friends.

Your officers and board continue to seek ways to enhance your ability to provide theriogenology services. We all welcome your suggestions. Please feel free to contact any of us or Charles Franz with your ideas and suggestions.
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