CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2016 YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

The AVMA and AVMF provide support for the annual Merial-NIH National Veterinary Scholars Symposium. This year’s symposium was held July 28-31 at The Ohio State University. The Young Investigator Award competition recognizes the scientific advancements made by graduate veterinarians who are pursuing advanced research training through doctoral or post-doctoral programs.

Dr. Maciej Parys, a research associate in the Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences at Michigan State University was awarded first place and presented his work in a talk entitled, “Characterization of Immunomodulatory Properties of Feline Mesenchymal Stem Cells.”

Second place was awarded to Dr. Nora Springer, a post-doctoral fellow at Cornell University focusing on, “Biomaterial Composition Influences in Vitro Macrophage Behavior.”

Dr. Elshafa Ahmed, a post-doctoral fellow at The Ohio State University was awarded third place for her research, “Development of a Genetic Risk Profile for Epstein-Barr Virus Associated Post-Transplant Lymphoproliferative Disease.”

AVMA Launches New Animal Health Studies Database for animals, their owners, practitioners and researchers

The free searchable tool will connect practicing veterinarians and animal owners to veterinary clinical studies. The new AVMA website encompasses all fields of veterinary medicine and all species of animals and will extend beyond the United States to Canada and the United Kingdom. To learn more about the database go to www.avma.org/findvetstudies.

For more information on ways to support Animal Health Research through the AVMF, please visit the AVMF website at AVMF.org.
New Scholarship for Veterans celebrates 100 years of the Veterinary Corps

On June 3, the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps celebrated the centennial of President Woodrow Wilson’s signing of the National Defense Act of 1916, an act that strengthened the nation’s military including the creation of a Veterinary Corps within the U.S. Army. Today, the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps comprises approximately 880 men and women supporting Defense Department missions at home and abroad. Approximately 80 veterinary service personnel, including about 20 veterinarians, are deployed worldwide at any given time.

During the centennial ceremony at the U.S. Army Medical Department Museum at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio a large bronze statue was unveiled. The statue, created by local artist Donna Dobberfuhl, features those engaged in Veterinary Corps history from its creation to the present day.

In honor of the 100th anniversary, the AVMA and the AVMF are establishing a scholarship for military veterans pursuing an education in veterinary medicine.

You can help support this unique scholarship opportunity by making a gift towards the AVMA/AVMF Scholarship for Veterans.
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The AVMF Veterinary Care Charitable Fund has been a complete game changer for our practice. Not only has it enabled us to provide life-saving care that wouldn't otherwise be an option for our patients, it has also allowed us the opportunity to work together as a team to raise funds for a cause that we are all so passionate about. We are very proud of the fact that since its inception, we have not had to euthanize a single patient for financial reasons).

Lisa Miracle, Hospital Administrator
Acorn Animal Hospital

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For more information on all planned giving opportunities including recognition in the Legacy Society, contact Debborah Harp at 847-285-6773 or dharp@avma.org

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