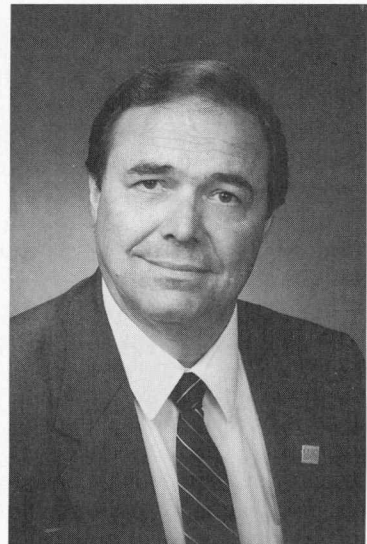

Symposium

Animals and the Environment: Impacts on Veterinary Medicine

The AVMA Council on Research promotes advancement of the veterinary medical profession through education, research, and development activities. For the past few years, the Council has sponsored a special symposium at the AVMA annual meeting on a societal issue that has major impact on the future of veterinary medicine. These symposia are designed to present the current state of knowledge on veterinary medical aspects, raise questions about information gaps, stimulate thought by members of the profession, and challenge members of the profession to develop and disseminate research-based information on societal issues. Outcomes of these symposia should result in increased political, social, and economic awareness for enhancing and developing veterinary medical inputs for solutions to societal concerns.

A special symposium entitled, "Animals and the Environment: Impacts on Veterinary Medicine" was held at AVMA's 129th Annual Convention in Boston, Mass. The Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges joined the Council on Research as sponsors of this symposium. Because environmental issues have such a great impact and because there are so many opportunities for the veterinary medical profession to participate, selected presentations are presented for further consideration.



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