

2008 BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM WCABP VETERINARIAN OF THE YEAR



This year's recipient of the Boehringer Ingelheim WCABP Veterinarian of the Year award was Dr. John Campbell of the WCVM.

John graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College in 1985 and then entered into mixed animal practice in the Owen Sound region. After a couple years of practice he returned to the OVC to complete a Doctor of Veterinary Science. In 1991, John joined the Department of Herd Medicine and Theriogenology at the WCVM and he has remained there ever since. John became a full professor in 2000.

Dr. Campbell has won numerous awards both as a student and professor. These include: the W.G. Stevenson Memorial Award for Proficiency in Herd Health, Pfizer Distinguished Teacher Award, 2002; Meril Award of Excellence in Clinical Teaching, 2000; and the Students of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association Award, 1999. Dr. Campbell was the 2007 recipient of the Canadian Animal Health Coalition's prestigious Carl Block Award. The CAHC presents the annual award to an individual who exemplifies commitment to the Canadian livestock industry and its contribution to the Canadian economy through robust animal health.

John has a considerable research and publication record. He has authored four chapters in various veterinary textbooks and has authored or co-authored over 35 peer reviewed scientific articles. In addition, he has written 65 conference proceedings and abstracts.

John's interests are not restricted to his teaching and research activities. He has participated in too many committees to list in detail but some deserve special mention. John currently sits on the: Veterinary Drug Directorate's Antimicrobial Resistance Expert Advisory Committee; University of Calgary Veterinary School Public Health Advisory Committee; and until recently he was the Director of the University of Saskatchewan's newly created Master of Public Health Program. John has also been a valuable resource to many of the pharmaceutical industries that seek his input on a variety of issues ranging from clinical study design and statistical analysis to providing an expert opinion on a wide range of production limiting diseases.

Dr. Campbell has also found the time and energy to serve as President of a number of different organizations. As many will recall, he was President of the WCABP from 2001-2003, which was a turbulent time when financial health of the organization was in difficulty. He was also instrumental in initiating the establishment of the Canadian Association of Bovine Veterinarians. John has also served as President of the Canadian Association of Veterinary Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine.

Last, but not least, John has the ability to communicate easily with people in all aspects of veterinary medicine. From world class academics, to veterinary practitioners, to producers listening to him describe what BSE is and why world markets consider it such a threat; he is respected as an interesting and knowledgeable speaker.

Dr. Campbell has contributed significantly to the well being of bovine practice in Western Canada. He is a worthy recipient of the Boehringer Ingelheim WCABP Veterinarian of the Year.