

**2010 Boehringer Ingelheim Western Canadian Association of Bovine Practitioners  
(WCABP) Veterinarian Of The Year Award**



**Dr. Jim Mailer**

This year's recipient of the Boehringer Ingelheim WCABP Veterinarian of the Year award was Dr. Jim Mailer from Stettler, Alberta.

Dr. Mailer graduated from the WCVN in 1977. Jim has been practicing in Stettler, Alberta for the entire 32 years since graduation. Starting out in Stettler with little more than the first month's rent in his pocket, Jim worked very hard and bought into the clinic in 1979, partnering with Dr. Lee Thomas. Through the years Jim has served his community and profession well. He is a mentor to many students and veterinarians and has always encouraged those around him to do their best. Mentorship requires that sometimes you are the mentor and sometimes the mentee and Dr. Mailer has often shown that one can be both simultaneously.

Some notable contributions to the profession have been his term as president of the AVMA in 1994, his two-year term and key role in development of the Western Drug Distribution Center, his idea to launch and develop the newly released WDDC Cattle Vantage software, and joining the Distributed Veterinary Learning Community with the University of Calgary.

Dr. Mailer is well respected by his family, colleagues, clients, and friends. He has a tremendous work ethic and has taken great pride in his practice and profession. A tribute to his success would be that he is not afraid of change as he views change as critical to progress. In order to teach, you must be willing to learn and to share in both mistakes and successes. Dr. Mailer has been an open book to all those who have worked with him.

There is no one accomplishment in particular through this past year that stands out making Dr. Mailer eligible for this distinction, but rather his example and accomplishments through his entire 32 years of service in this profession.

Congratulations Dr. Mailer for being named the 2010 Boehringer Ingelheim WCABP Veterinarian of the Year!