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Press Information

Peruvian Veterinarian to Receive the WSAVA's Meritorious Service Award

Dr Jorge Guerrero, a Peruvian veterinarian residing in Pennington, NJ, is the recipient of the 2016 Meritorious Service Award from the World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA). He will receive his Award at the 2016 WSAVA World Congress, which takes place from 27-30 September in Cartagena, Colombia.

Dr Guerrero qualified as a veterinarian at the University of San Marcos in Lima, Peru before obtaining a PhD in Immunology and Parasitology at the University of Illinois, USA. He spent almost 30 years working in industry, notably with MSD, where he was part of the team that developed and introduced Ivermectin globally. His last role in industry was Executive Director of Veterinary Professional Services for the North American Operations of Merial, Inc. In 2005, he was awarded the Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award from the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists and, in 2007, he became the first Latin American President of the North American Veterinary Community.

He is an Adjunct Professor of Veterinary Parasitology in the Department of Pathobiology of the School of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania; a Charter Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Microbiology (Parasitology) and the European Veterinary Parasitology College (retired). He was recently awarded Honorary



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Membership of the American Heartworm Society where, for many years, he served as Chairman of the Scientific Program Committee. Passionate about veterinary education, Dr Guerrero was the visionary behind the development of the Latin American Veterinary Conference and is a past board member of the Southern European Veterinary Conference.

Commenting on the presentation of the Award, WSAVA President Colin Burrows said: "Dr. Guerrero has done it all. He has served our profession with distinction, taught more than a generation of veterinary students, helped to educate veterinarians on three continents and, almost single-handedly, developed and established the LAVC, a major veterinary conference in a relatively underserved region of Latin America. This is true service and he is a worthy winner of this year's WSAVA Award for Meritorious Service."

Dr Guerrero commented: "I am truly humbled by the honor bestowed on me by the WSAVA and I take this as a great stimulus to continue my mission of offering to my colleagues in Latin America the most recent updates in veterinary sciences. I feel privileged to give something back to a profession that has given me so much, joy, security and enormous satisfaction."

The WSAVA is an umbrella organization focused on enhancing the clinical care of companion animals around the world. It represents more than 160,000 veterinarians globally through 94 member associations.

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