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AHT EQUINE EXPERT HONOURED AT AAEP CONVENTION

Dr. Sue Dyson, Head of Equine Clinical Orthopaedics at our Equine Centre, was invited to deliver the prestigious Frank J. Milne State-of-the-Art Lecture during the American Association of Equine Practitioners' 2013 Annual Convention in Nashville, Tennessee recently.

Her lecture, "Equine Lameness: Clinical Judgment Meets Advanced Diagnostic Imaging", focused on three key areas: the recognition of lameness; new knowledge about the limitations of diagnostic analgesia; and the value of MRI in diagnosing foot-related lameness.

Dr. Dyson is a world-renowned equine orthopaedics expert. She has a particular interest in lameness and poor performance in sports horses, having participated in eventing and show jumping both as a trainer and a competitor. Her additional area of expertise is diagnostic imaging, including radiography, ultrasonography, scintigraphy and magnetic resonance imaging.

She has lectured internationally and published more than 200 refereed papers in scientific journals relating to lameness and diagnostic imaging in the horse. Dr. Dyson is co-editor and major author of *Diagnosis and Management of Lameness in the Horse*, *Equine Scintigraphy* and *Clinical Radiology of the Horse*.

In 2000, she was awarded the British Equine Veterinary Association John Hickman Orthopaedic Award for outstanding contributions to equine orthopaedics. In 2007, Dr. Dyson was honoured with the Tierklinik Hochmoor award for outstanding, innovative and lasting contributions to equine veterinary medicine worldwide. Most recently, she was inducted into the International Equine Veterinarians Hall of Fame for her contributions to foot-related research.

Dr. Dyson qualified from the University of Cambridge in 1980 with a degree in veterinary medicine, and completed an internship in large animal medicine and surgery at the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center. She holds a diploma in equine orthopaedics from the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and was awarded a Ph.D. by the University of Helsinki.

The convention lecture, which was named for AAEP past president and distinguished life member Frank J. Milne, features state-of-the-art information on subjects and treatments important to the veterinary profession.

The American Association of Equine Practitioners, headquartered in Lexington, Ky., was founded in 1954 as a non-profit organization dedicated to the health and welfare of the horse. Currently, the AAEP reaches more than 5 million horse owners through its nearly 10,000 members worldwide and is actively involved in ethics issues, practice management, research and continuing education in the equine veterinary profession and horse industry.

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Photographs:

Images of Dr. S Dyson receiving her award can be requested from the AHT press office

Additional notes:

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