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PANEL ANNOUNCED FOR NEW EQUINE AWARD

Litovet Scientific Achievement Award announces judging panel

A new award has been introduced as part of the Animal Health Trust (AHT) UK Equestrian Awards. The **Litovet Equine Scientific Achievement Award** will be judged by a panel of leading vets and scientists.

The award will recognize a person, group or organisation whose clinical or scientific work has made a substantial difference to the equine world. Submissions are invited from any individual, group or organization that is currently undertaking, or has successfully implemented, a clinical or research project which has, or will, make a significant contribution to equine health and welfare.

The five panel members, who will be choosing the recipient of the award in 2011, are:

Sue Dyson MA, VetMB, PhD, DEO, FRCVS (Chair)

Dr Dyson is a graduate of the University of Cambridge. Following an internship at New Bolton Centre, University of Pennsylvania and a year in private equine practice in the United States of America, Sue returned to Britain where she is currently Head of Clinical Orthopaedics in the Centre for Equine Studies at the AHT. Her main interests are lameness diagnosis and diagnostic imaging. Sue holds the Diploma in Equine Orthopaedics of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and a Fellowship of the Royal College. Her PhD was awarded by the University of Helsinki. She has published widely in scientific literature and is co-editor of 'Diagnosis and

management of lameness in the horse', 'Clinical radiology of the horse' and 'Equine scintigraphy'. Sue is a past President of the British Equine Veterinary Association (BEVA) and vice-president of the World Equine Veterinary Association. Sue is a member of the editorial boards of the Equine Veterinary Journal and Clinical Techniques in Equine Practice.

Catherine Dunnnett BSc, PH.D

Dr Dunnnett obtained a BSc degree in biological sciences before spending seven years at the AHT where she gained a Ph.D in nutrition combined with exercise physiology. In particular, she has investigated the influence of nutrition on exercise metabolism, specifically with reference to lipid supplementation. Dr Dunnnett also has extensive commercial experience, having spent five years working as a nutritionist with a leading horse feed manufacturer. As one of only three nutritionists registered with the Nutrition Society in the United Kingdom, she runs a nutritional consultancy business and provides independent nutritional advice focusing on sports nutrition, breeding and youngstock and clinical nutrition.

Mark Vaudin Ph.D,

Dr Vaudin is an experienced genome scientist and geneticist, whose expertise is recognised internationally. He completed his PhD researching aspects of the human genome, under Nobel Laureate Professor Sydney Brenner in Cambridge, and has held key positions in both academic and commercial sectors. These include the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), ICI, the Imperial Cancer Research Fund (ICRF), Washington University Genome Centre USA, the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute in Cambridge (participating in the International Human Genome Programme) and Monsanto Company USA (as Director of Applied Genomics Technologies). He has presented his work at major international conferences and has authored and co-authored numerous articles in peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Vaudin joined the AHT as Head of Genetics in 2004 and, following the retirement of the Executive Chairman, undertook the role of Interim Chief Executive

from May until December 2006. In January 2007 he was appointed as the AHT's Deputy CEO and Head of Research.

Pat Harris MA PhD DipECVCN VetMB MRCVS

Dr Harris is responsible for the research carried out by the Equine Studies group at WALTHAM® providing the Science behind WINERGY®, SPILLERS® and BUCKEYE®. She is recognised as a European Veterinary specialist in nutrition and lectures all over the world on nutrition as it affects the health, welfare, behaviour and performance of the horse. She is an author of numerous lay as well as over 300 scientific papers, abstracts and book chapters. Pat is a past president of BEVA and an adjunct Professor of Equine Studies at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (USA) as well as a visiting Professor at the University of Liverpool (UK). Pat undertook her PhD into some aspects of the Equine Rhabdomyolysis syndrome whilst working at the AHT.

Celia M Marr, BVMS, MVM, PhD, DEIM, DipECEIM, MRCVS, RCVS & European Specialist in Equine Internal Medicine

Professor Marr is an Associate at Rossdale and Partners and is responsible for clinical services in Internal Medicine, Cardiology and Intensive Care. She is also an Honorary Professor of the University of Glasgow, School of Veterinary Medicine and Editor-in-chief of the Equine Veterinary Journals. Celia has numerous scientific and educational publications relating to medical problems of the horse and has a particular interest in cardiology. She recently edited a second edition of her textbook 'Cardiology of the Horse'.

Anyone interested in finding out more can email Christine Gird at the AHT on christine.gird@aht.org.uk for further details or to request an application/submission form.

The Litovet Equine Scientific Achievement Award will be presented to the recipient, or recipients, at the UK Equestrian Awards held at the Lancaster London on Thursday 3 November 2011.

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Additional notes:

- The Animal Health Trust is an independent charity, employing over 200 scientists, vets and support workers. It aims to improve the health and welfare of horses, dogs and cats through research. It also provides specialist referral services and continuing education to vets. Visit the website at www.aht.org.uk
- The AHT UK Equestrian Awards celebrates outstanding achievement across the world of equestrianism. There are seven awards in addition to the new Litovet award: one for each of the four main equestrian disciplines of horseracing, dressage, showjumping and eventing, and ones for special achievement, voluntary service and veterinary excellence.
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