Alumni Honored with 2000 Stange Awards

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Established in 1970 by the Veterinary Medical Alumni Association, the Stange Award for Meritorious Service in Veterinary Medicine is the most prestigious award bestowed upon distinguished alumni of the Iowa State College of Veterinary Medicine. Named in honor of Dr. Charles H. Stange, Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine from 1909 to 1936, the Stange Award is annually presented to three alumni who have exhibited outstanding professional achievements in education, government, industry, practice, or other professional endeavors in veterinary medicine. Lynn C. Anderson, Summitt, N.J.; Francis X. Dieter, Redondo Beach, Calif.; and William H. Maher, Brooklyn Park, Minn., are the 2000 Stange Award recipients.

A nationally recognized leader in the humane care and use of animals in biomedical research, Lynn Anderson, a 1977 graduate, serves as Senior Director of Comparative Medicine/Laboratory Animal Resources at Merck Research Laboratories. Using her expertise in research and animal care, she has contributed to the drug discovery process and elevated the role of the veterinarian in biomedical research. Through her efforts the program of animal care and use at Merck & Co. has become one of the finest models in the world, setting standards for the entire pharmaceutical industry.

Currently serving as a diplomat of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine, she has held top leadership positions in that specialty's three most prominent organizations. As president of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (1996-1997), she improved training programs for animal care technicians and established the journal Contemporary Topics in Laboratory Animal Science.

Anderson was recently selected by a group of her peers to serve as editor of Laboratory Animal Medicine, 2nd ed., a text that her colleagues anticipate will become a worldwide standard for laboratory animal workers.

Also honored with the 2000 Stange Award for Meritorious Service in Veterinary Medicine was Francis X. Dieter. Described by Cardinal Roger Mahoney, Los Angeles Archdiocese, as "a man who helps animals so that he can then help people," Dieter has made a difference in thousands of lives through his efforts to alleviate poverty in southern California. A native of Vail, Iowa, and a 1960 graduate, Dieter brought his veterinary skills to southern California, where he successfully owned and operated an AAHA-accredited animal hospital for 30 years. In 1986, he transformed his practice into a means of supporting people afflicted by poverty by establishing All Life Charities. Initially funded by veterinary hospital profits, All Life Charities pro-

The 2000 Stange Award Recipients, from L to R: Dr. Francis X. Dieter, Dr. Lynn Anderson, and Dr. William H. Maher.

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vides food, clothing, shelter, counseling, and other services to residents of the harbor area in Wilmington, a subsection of Los Angeles. Active in the daily management of the foundation, Dieter assists an all-volunteer staff that distributes food to 200 families twice a week and provides daily meals and clothing to an additional 100 people without homes.

A Deacon for the Archdiocese for over 20 years, Dieter, was recently honored with the "Cardinal's Award" in recognition of his efforts to improve the quality of life of people in Southern California. He continues to provide leadership and insight on the medical aspects of veterinary clinic operations by serving on the board for a local emergency animal clinic.

Honored with Anderson and Dieter as a 2000 Stange Award recipient is William H. Maher. Motivated by his compassion for the lives of stray and surrendered pets, Maher dedicated 27 years of his veterinary expertise as consulting veterinarian for the Hennepin County Humane Society in Minnesota while operating his own veterinary practice. Maher volunteered countless hours of time to develop client education and disease control programs, while creating innovative rehabilitation and foster family programs to increase the number of successful animal adoptions. The recipient of the 1996 Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association's Distinguished Service Award, he has been honored for his work with several awards from Human Societies and community organizations.

Since his participation in the 1991 Pan American Congress of Veterinary Science in Havana, Maher has also worked to further veterinary medical education in Cuba. He extensively searches veterinary medical databases for current animal disease management and public health information which he provides on disks to Cuban veterinarians. Responding to needs identified by Cuban colleagues, he has also found means to repeatedly provide computers, medical supplies, automobiles and parts, and even life-saving antibiotics.

A leader in Volunteer Optometrists Serving Humanity (VOSH), Maher has dedicated many hours to reading prescriptions and packaging glasses and optical supplies which are then distributed to developing countries. A total of 8,000 glasses were sent to Cuba in the last five years.

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