Editorial Notes

Kristin Knipper
Iowa State University

Follow this and additional works at: https://lib.dr.iastate.edu/iowastate_veterinarian
Part of the Higher Education Commons, and the Veterinary Medicine Commons

Recommended Citation
Available at: https://lib.dr.iastate.edu/iowastate_veterinarian/vol56/iss2/1
On September 14, 1994 a memorial service was held for one of the veterinary professions premiere leaders, Dr. Richard Talbot. Dr. Talbot died in the crash of USAir flight 427 in Pittsburgh on September 8. He was returning to the Virginia-Maryland Blacksburg campus after a two-day meeting of the AVMA Committee on Veterinary Medical Informatics.

Dr. Talbot received his Ph.D. from Iowa State University and his D.V.M. from Kansas State University. He continued his career at the University of Georgia where he chaired the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology and also served as dean for seven years. In 1975 he was hired by Virginia Tech to build its new veterinary college. He served as dean for this new college until 1984 and at the time of his death was continuing as a professor in Virginia-Maryland's Department of Biomedical Sciences.

Throughout his career, Dr. Talbot demonstrated his belief in the importance of a national communications network for veterinarians. Dr. Talbot served as the AVMA Secretariat to SNOMED as well as being founder of the American Academy of Veterinary Medical Informatics. His most recent positions include; editor of the Journal of Veterinary Medical Education, editor and secretary of the American Veterinary Computer Society, and editor of the reference work Veterinary Pharmaceuticals and Biologics.

Dr. Talbot was a respected and dedicated leader who embodied all of those characteristics set forth in the Veterinarian's Oath. He not only continued to expand his own knowledge, but enlightened and influenced those to whom he had contact with. Dr. Talbot will continue to serve as an inspiration to current Iowa State Students as well as members of his profession as a whole. Furthermore, we at Iowa State University would like to extend our sympathy to all of the family and friends of Dr. Richard Talbot now coping with their great loss.

* Kristin Knipper is a third year student in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University.