Prof. Maja Suter Awarded Coveted Olafson Medal

The Davis Thompson DVM Foundation presented Prof. Maja Suter, formerly of the University of Berne with the esteemed Olafson Medal at the welcome reception of the combined ESTP, ESVP and ECVP conference on the 30 August in Lyon, France.

The international Olafson Medal was established to honor the memory of Cornell University Emeritus Professor, Peter Olafson (1895-1985) for his dedication to service, teaching and research in diagnostic veterinary pathology. A committee consisting of Cornell veterinary faculty members, past and present, and the CEO of the Davis-Thompson Foundation has been established to recognize veterinary pathologists who have best followed the three major endeavors of the Olafson tradition: service, teaching and research in veterinary pathology. This medal has only been awarded 13 times since 1980 to eminent veterinary pathologists including Dr. Thomas Carlyle Jones of Harvard University, Dr. Kenneth V.F. Jubb of the University of Melbourne, Dr. John King of Cornell University and to Dr. Roderick Else of Edinburgh University. It is highly fitting that Maja Suter is the first female recipient of the Olafson Medal.

From left: Anja Kipar (ECVP), Sybille Groters (ESTP), Maja Suter with Olafson Medal, Liz McInnes (President of European Division of Davis Thompson Foundation), Wolfgang Baumgartner (ESVP)
Prof. Suter qualified as a veterinary surgeon in 1974 and gained the Dr. Med Vet in 1977. She was awarded the Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists in 1987 and gained a PhD from Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, in the United States in 1988. From 1993 to 2014, Maja Suter held the position of Professor and Director at the Institut für Tierpathologie, Vetsuisse Faculty, at the University of Bern. Over the years, Maja Suter has held the positions of Charter member, Council member, member of the Exam Committee, Vice President and President of the European College of Veterinary Pathologists.

Prof. Suter has been involved in numerous research projects founded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, Morris Animal Foundation and Cancer League from 1993 to 2011. Maja Suter has published extensively on dermatopathology, in particular pemphigus vulgaris and has been invited to write many reviews. Prof. Suter was a co-founder and board member of the biotechnology company CELLnTEC Advanced Cell Systems.

Maja Suter has been involved in curriculum reform activities at Cornell University in the United States and at the University of Berne. In addition, Maja has been pivotal in the organization and teaching of the veterinary pathology residency program at the veterinary faculty of the University of Berne.

The audience of approximately 300 delegates at the welcome reception cheered and applauded as Prof. Suter received the award from Dr. Liz McInnes, President of the European Division of the Davis-Thompson DVM Foundation. Prof. Suter gave a short but gracious acceptance speech indicating her pride and happiness at winning this award and emphasizing how she could not have achieved her success without the support of her veterinary pathology colleagues.

A Letter from Prof. Maja Suter...

To the Davis-Thompson Foundation

I wish to thank the CL Davis Foundation for having chosen me as a recipient of the prestigious Peter Olafson Award. I feel humble to be listed with all the great veterinary pathologists who have received the medal before me. It was always the team that I was blessed to work with who made me achieve my goals; I wish to express my gratitude to them.

I wish to thank my mentors at Cornell University who influenced my view of a modern veterinary pathology within the biomedical sciences combining research and classic pathology. As a faculty member at Cornell Veterinary School I was able to develop my scientific skills; furthermore, as a member of the curriculum committee it was very stimulating to work in a team to renew the curriculum. Upon my return to Switzerland, I was fortunate to have a great faculty at the University of Bern who helped me to establish the skin research and diagnostic focus, and to develop a strong residency/PhD program. Over the years there were many residents from all over Europe trained in Bern who passed the newly established ECVP exam and are now actively forming the future of veterinary pathology in Europe. Regarding the ECVP, I wish to thank the first Council and Exam Committee. In this European melting pot, we succeeded to create a high-quality board examination that is now widely accepted throughout Europe and has brought the European pathologists closer together. I clearly was fortunate to be surrounded by great pathologists and to be able to realize my vision.

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Bern. Switzerland
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Davis-Thompson Foundation Pathology Externship

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RITISH SOCIETY OF TOXICOLOGICAL PATHOLOGY

BSTP ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

Biologics
Thursday 16th and Friday 17th November 2017
Knutsford, Cheshire, UK

Registration will open late spring/early summer for this meeting.

Although the programme outline is still in the early stages, it is envisaged that there will be 4 or 5 main topics: Biologics, unexpected immuno-biologics and associated pathology, PK exposure, inhaled biologics, biologics – immune-modulators, miscellaneous session on new and emerging areas: CAR T cells.

CES 10: Endocrine system, Tuesday 5th - Thursday 7th December 2017, University of Cambridge

CES 11: Lymphoid & haemopoietic systems, March 2018

CES 12: Musculoskeletal, mammary and skin, July 2018

BSTP Annual Scientific Meeting, November 2018

BSTP – Mouse Models of Disease, December 2018

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Diagnostic Exercise
From The Davis-Thompson Foundation*

Case #: 81 Month: June Year: 2017

Contributor: Ingrid Cornax, DVM, PhD, MS and M. Gerard O’Sullivan MVB, MS, PhD, DACVP, Comparative Pathology Shared Resource, University of Minnesota, USA.

Clinical history: Female, ~16-week-old BALB/c byj background mouse housed in BSL-3 with a pet store mouse. BALB/c mice in this group showed chronic wasting (despite good appetite), perianal soiling, moist and scruffy appearing skin.

Macroscopic findings:

Follow-up questions: For the lung and the skin, please provide 1) most likely histologic findings, 2) etiologic diagnoses (one for each organ), 3) other affected organs, 4) differential diagnoses.

Answers and more info here!

*The Diagnostic Exercises are an initiative of the Latin Comparative Pathology Group (LCPG), the Latin American subdivision of The Davis-Thompson Foundation. These exercises are contributed by members and non-members from any country of residence. - Consider submitting an exercise!
27th Annual Davis-Thompson Foundation South Central Division Meeting TAMU Galveston Campus October 6-7, 2017

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- Holiday Inn Resort on the Beach (866) 221-8591
- The San Luis Resort (844) 203-5351
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Guest Lectures:
  Ocular Pathology by Ingeborg Langohr, DVM, PhD, DACVP, Louisiana State University
  Gross Gastrointestinal Pathology, Fabio del Piero, DVM PhD, DACVP, Louisiana State University

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17th Annual Davis Thompson Diagnostic Pathology Symposium: Diagnostic Renal Pathology

Glomerular Pathology

Glomerular Ultrastructure

Pathology of Tubulointerstitial Disease

Faculty: Rachel E. Cianciolo

Given in association with the 60th Annual Meeting of the AAVLD
October 13th, 2017 – San Diego, CA

Tuition: $150 includes pdfs of presentations, breaks, and 7 hours of CE.
For more information, visit
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C.L. Davis-Thompson Foundation Pre-Meeting Workshop
ACVP/ASVCP Annual Meeting in Vancouver, BC, Canada

Pathology of the Liver  What’s New and What’s Still True in the 21st Century

Saturday, November 4, 2017  8:00 am – 5:00 pm

John M. Cullen, VMD, PhD  North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine

In this session, Dr. John Cullen will provide an overview of the liver of domestic animals in health and disease with an emphasis on dogs and cats. Commonly encountered lesions will be discussed along with a variety of disorders that are newly described or of uncertain etiology. This exciting course should be of interest to veterinary pathologists, pathology residents, and diagnosticians. Audience participation will be encouraged.

Register for the pre-meeting workshop when registering for the ACVP/ASVCP Annual Meeting (www.acvp.org) - Course Director: Dr. Jennifer Chapman chapmanjl@verizon.net
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Pathology for Toxicologists: Principles and Practices of Laboratory Animal Pathology for Study Personnel

by Elizabeth McInnes

9781118755402, April 2017, £45.00, 216 pages

Written by experienced toxicological pathologists, Pathology for Toxicologists: Principles and Practices of Laboratory Animal Pathology for Study Personnel serves to bridge the gap in the understanding of pathology data, enabling non-pathologists to more easily comprehend pathology reports, better integrate pathology data into final study reports and ask pathologists relevant questions about the test compound.

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- A chapter on the haematology and biochemistry of laboratory animals
- Full colour photographs of common macroscopic lesions encountered in laboratory animals

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October 2017
10/06-10/07 – 27th Annual Davis-Thompson Foundation, South Central Division Meeting, TAMU, Galveston, TX
10/13 – 17th Annual Davis Thompson Diagnostic Pathology Symposium: Diagnostic Renal Pathology, San Diego, CA

November 2017
11/04 – Pathology of the Liver What’s New and What’s Still True in the 21st Century, ACVP/ASVCP, Vancouver, Canada