

ACVS FOUNDERS' AWARD FOR CAREER ACHIEVEMENT

Presented at the Mark W. Allam Lecture & Awards Ceremony
8:00–9:30am, Thursday
Ballroom 6E, Level 6

In selecting **Michael M. Pavletic, DVM, Diplomate ACVS**, for the 2016 ACVS *Founders' Award for Career Achievement*, the ACVS membership recognizes an outstanding career in the field of reconstructive surgery and wound management.

Dr. Pavletic has been the Director of Surgical Services at Angell Memorial Animal Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts for 18 years. He has dedicated his entire veterinary surgical career to the pursuit of excellence in soft tissue surgery and has developed over 50 original reconstructive surgery techniques currently used in small animal surgery today. Dr. Pavletic's state of the art contributions to plastic and reconstructive surgery and to wound management have continued to date and have truly defined his expertise and talent as an artist practicing and advancing the art of surgery.

For decades, Dr. Pavletic has provided academic leadership, mentoring, and surgical training for veterinary students, interns, residents, and young faculty. Dr. Pavletic is a renowned academician and speaker and he has been invited repeatedly to give scientific and continuing education presentations throughout the United States and on most continents. Since 1982, Dr. Pavletic has presented in the ACVS Surgical Forum (now the Surgery Summit) nearly every year, often organizing seminars and laboratories for residents and Diplomates. In addition to numerous awards, Dr. Pavletic's contributions to veterinary medicine were recognized in 2010 when he received the Dr. Erwin Small Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Illinois.

Dr. Pavletic's text, *Atlas of Small Animal Wound Management and Reconstructive Surgery*, is published in its 3rd Edition (a 4th Edition is in progress). This text has become the "standard" text for reconstructive surgery in small animals. Dr. Pavletic has well over 100 publications in veterinary literature. Numerous manuscripts are in periodicals such as *Veterinary Surgery*, *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*, *Journal of the American Animal Hospital Association*, *Compendium on Continuing Education for Practicing Veterinarian*, *Veterinary Clinics: Small Animal*, and *Veterinary Clinics of North America*, as well as multiple chapters in respected texts. He holds two surgical equipment patents.

Dr. Pavletic is greatly respected for his commitment to the ACVS, as well as to advancing the craft of veterinary surgery. He is a past President of the ACVS and the ACVS Foundation. He chaired the ACVS Examination, Nominating, and Constitution, Bylaws, and Protocols Committees, and served as the Board of Regents Liaison to the Resident Credentialing Committee. Dr. Pavletic has been a dedicated servant and has repeatedly demonstrated his commitment to advancing the mission of ACVS.

Colleagues noted: "...rarely a day passes when I do not use a technique or procedure that Mike was instrumental in developing" and "I consider Dr. Pavletic to be one of the 'founding fathers' of reconstructive surgery in veterinary medicine."

The ACVS Founders' Award for Career Achievement was established to recognize the service of ACVS Diplomates who have distinguished themselves in the pursuit of surgery by making significant contributions to the development of surgical techniques and methodology, and disseminating knowledge to colleagues, residents, and students.



Michael M. Pavletic
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Past recipients of the ACVS Founders' Award for Career Achievement:

- 2005: Wade O. Brinker, DVM, MS
- 2006: C. Wayne McIlwraith, BVSc, PhD
- 2007: Fred P. Sattler, DVM
- 2008: William Lumb, DVM, PhD, DSc
- 2009: Donald L. Piermattei, DVM, PhD
- 2011: Steven P. Arnoczky, DVM
- 2012: Stephen J. Withrow, DVM
- 2013: A. Simon Turner, BVSc, MS
- 2014: Susan M. Stover, DVM, PhD
- 2015: Alan J. Nixon, BVSc, PhD