

# ACVS FOUNDATION



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## CHAIR'S MESSAGE

# THE ACVS FOUNDATION CONTINUES TO CELEBRATE SUCCESS!

For those of you who were able to attend, you know that the 2014 ACVS Surgery Summit in San Diego, CA, was a success. At the ACVS Diplomates' Annual Business Meeting, I reported that the ACVS Foundation's corpus has grown to over \$1.7 million. This is approximately a 2.5 fold increase over the past five years. This year, the Foundation supported a broad array of programs at the Surgery Summit, including:

- A seminar based on the latest edition within the Foundation's Advances in the Veterinary Surgery book series, *Small Animal Laparoscopy and Thoracoscopy*
- "A Guide to Career Success: Is Academia or Private Practice Calling?," a presentation designed specifically for new Diplomates
- A Cutting Edge Panel dedicated to limb sparing
- The Outstanding Surgical Residents' Awards Ceremony
- Large and Small Animal Residents' Forums
- The annual Emeritus Diplomate Legacy Program and Tour
- The prestigious Legends Award

In addition to the ACVS Surgery Summit programs, the Foundation continues to support the ACVS Surgeon-In-Training Research Grant Program, the Diplomate Clinical Research Grant Program, the Zoetis Dual Training Research Grant Program, and the Novartis Animal Health US, Inc. Antimicrobial Sutures Grant Program. The ACVS Foundation has funded over

\$900,000 in grant awards.

I am pleased to announce a new program entitled "Honor a Mentor." This program provides you the opportunity to say "thank you" and personally recognize your mentor's contribution to you and the College. The minimum donation is only \$100. When cumulative donations reach \$1,000, your mentor will be honored and highlighted in the ACVS Foundation Newsletter, on the ACVS website, and at the annual Surgery Summit. Below you will find our currently honored mentors. I am certain there is an ACVS Diplomate who has positively affected your career and life. I strongly encourage

you to consider honoring that person today. Please visit [www.acvs.org/foundation/donation-programs](http://www.acvs.org/foundation/donation-programs) to participate.

Last, designed to provide financial support for ACVS residents to attend the 2015 ACVS Surgery Summit in Nashville, TN, the Foundation created the Resident Travel Awards Program. More information regarding this program will be available soon.

Thank you for all you do for the College and to support the Foundation.

*Mark D. Markel, DVM, PhD  
Chair, Board of Trustees  
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# A CELEBRATION OF SURGICAL SUCCESS!

Yes, four winners did “Catch a Wave” at the biggest party during the 2014 ACVS Surgery Summit. For \$1, raffle winners returned from the Celebration of Surgical Success with an Apple® MacBook Air, Beats Solo™2 Headphones, a Bliss® Spa Treatment and a Bose® Bluetooth® speaker. Other party-goers scored silent auction wins of week-long vacations, wine, CE courses, text books, art, and innovative veterinary equipment.

Friends and colleagues captured the “comic” in each other again this year at the photo booth. Prints were available immediately as a lasting party reminder. The photo booth was generously sponsored by MedVet Surgery: Past and Present.

*Proceeds from the silent auction and raffle enable the ACVS Foundation to support the research and educational mission of the College.*



## “A GUIDE TO CAREER SUCCESS”

The 2014 ACVS Surgery Summit new Diplomates session was a success! On Friday afternoon, new ACVS Diplomates and current residents actively took part in an informative and engaging session. The panel discussion, “A Guide to Career Success: Is Academia or Private Practice Calling?,” led by ACVS Diplomates Christopher A. Adin, Nicole Ehrhart, and Laurie R. Goodrich, offered a guide into making critical career decisions. Participants discussed the potential differences in life as a private practice vs. academic veterinary surgeon.

Attendees appreciated the openness and personal career experiences of the

panelists. By sharing their individual stories, the panelists were able to provide insight into the impact of the oftentimes daunting career alternatives.

Comments from the attendees included:

- “This helped me to resolve the personal uncertainty regarding my career goals.”
- “It was also beneficial to hear the opinions and experiences from audience members.”
- “Regarding current salaries and benefits of practice versus academia, I thought there was a nice review of literature.”

To address the needs of new

Diplomates, the ACVS Foundation offers a session especially for them during the annual ACVS Surgery Summit. Topics of past sessions have included communication, compensation, contracts, and personal finance. Topics are selected based on direct feedback from previous new Diplomates. If you have a proposal for either a topic relevant to new Diplomates beginning their careers, or know someone who may be qualified to address the business needs of newer Diplomates, please contact the ACVS Foundation New Diplomate Representative, Sara Colopy (colopys@svm.vetmed.wisc.edu).

## 2014 Legacy Program ... A Brewing Good Time!

Designed by the ACVS Foundation specifically for ACVS Emeritus Diplomates and their registered guests, the 2014 Legacy Program provided an opportunity for them to renew friendships and enjoy the company of colleagues at the ACVS Surgery Summit in San Diego, CA. Nearly twenty percent of the ACVS Emeritus Diplomates attended the 2014 Surgery Summit. Those attending the Mark W. Allam Lecture & Awards Ceremony witnessed the ACVS Foundation’s Legends Award presentation to Barrie D. Grant, DVM, MS, DACVS.

On Thursday evening, while



overlooking the tropical pool and waterfalls, Emeritus Diplomates and their guests joined the ACVS Foundation Board of Trustees, the ACVS Board of Regents, and past Presidents for the Legacy Reception.

On Friday, the Legacy Tour, Microbreweries and the “Jewel” of San Diego, took Emeritus Diplomates and guests to explore the growing craft beer

movement in San Diego. At Ballast Point Brewery, participants enjoyed a guided tour of the phases involved in making ales and lagers. Award winning craft beer tastings were also provided at the Karl Strauss Brewery and at the Mission Brewery. For mid-day activities, Emeritus Diplomates and guests were offered the choice of visiting the Birch Aquarium or the wonderful beaches, cultural activities, shopping, and fine restaurants of the “Jewel” of San Diego—La Jolla. Following the tour, the group returned to the hotel in time to enjoy the Celebration of Surgical Success.