

ACVS MERIT AWARD

*Presented at the Mark W. Allam Lecture & Awards Ceremony
8:00-9:30am, Thursday, Ballroom B, Street Level, Convention Center*

In selecting **Thomas M. Turner, DVM**, for the 2012 ACVS Merit Award, the ACVS membership recognizes a nearly 40-year contribution to innovative techniques in both veterinary and human orthopedics. Dr. Turner has made major contributions to the development of total hip replacements in canines and humans. He also helped develop a canine total knee replacement that was used in studies for Smith and Nephew Orthopedics. The results of those studies helped guide the development of human total knee implants.

Dr. Turner is the most continuously invited faculty member to AO/ASIF courses; he has spoken at 219 meetings, giving one to six presentations per meeting with the subject being either veterinary or human orthopedics.

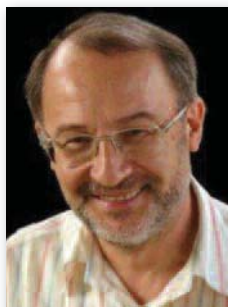
Dr. Turner is an author of 54 scientific publications, 18 book chapters and 170 abstracts on surgically related topics, demonstrating his undeniable commitment to teaching the art and science of surgery.



Thomas M. Turner

In recognition of his outstanding career, one colleague wrote, “I have followed Dr. Turner’s progress since he started working in practice. He practices the best quality of surgery that is possible. Anyone you talk to will agree that his work is excellent and his personality is wonderful. He takes a great interest in his patients and their owners.”

In selecting **Aldo Vezzoni, Med. Vet, DECVS**, for the 2013 ACVS Merit Award, the ACVS membership recognizes an internationally renowned leader in the area of juvenile canine orthopedics.



Aldo Vezzoni

Dr. Vezzoni’s dedication to the veterinary profession is evident in his founding or participation in founding numerous organizations including the Italian Companion Animal Veterinary Society, the Federation of the European Companion Animal Veterinary Associations, the Animal Health Foundation, the Italian Society of Veterinary Orthopedics and a joint venture with the Veterinary Orthopedic Society to organize the World Veterinary Orthopedic Congress every four years. Dr. Vezzoni also developed the Ortho VetSuperSite website for the European Society of Veterinary Orthopedics and Traumatology to disseminate information relating to veterinary orthopedics and traumatology.

Dr. Vezzoni has published 42 papers in national and international journals; presented over 600 lectures in 19 countries; translated 14 textbooks; written eight practice publications and created numerous surgical video programs.

Dr. Vezzoni was an adjunct professor in orthopedics at the Veterinary School of Milan and at the Veterinary School of Vienna in 2010 and 2011, with an emphasis on teaching and training residents in orthopedic surgery. He is a faculty member of AO Courses in Italy, Switzerland, and the United States and a leader of AO Master Classes on Limb Alignment and Patellar Luxation in Europe. Additionally, Dr. Vezzoni is a member of the European Board of AO-Vet.

A colleague chose a quote from Albert Einstein to describe Dr. Vezzoni: “Any fool can know. The point is to understand.”

The ACVS Merit Award was established to acknowledge contributions to the progress of veterinary surgery made by an individual from outside the American College of Veterinary Surgeons. The award is given to an individual who has a career dominated by major and ongoing contributions to the art and science of veterinary surgery.

Past recipients of the ACVS Merit Award:

- 2003 – Steven F. Swaim, DVM, MS
- 2005 – Geoffrey Sumner-Smith, MSc, DVSc, FRCVS
- 2006 – Barclay Slocum, DVM, MS (posthumously)
- 2010 – Gretchen L. Flo, DVM, MS