

BSAVA CONGRESS

BSAVA award winners 2010

EXCEPTIONAL contributions to small animal veterinary medicine and surgery were recognised at the BSAVA's annual awards ceremony, held on April 8 during the association's conference in Birmingham.

Recognising outstanding contributions to the advancement of small animal veterinary medicine and surgery, the Blaine Award was this year presented to Mike Martin. Mr Martin has a special interest in interventional cardiology, and is well known for his belief in the importance of practitioner education and involvement in clinical research.

Mr Martin was also the recipient of this year's Dunkin Award, which is presented annually to the author of the most valuable article by a small animal practitioner published in the *Journal of Small Animal Practice*. His paper, 'Canine dilated cardiomyopathy: a retrospective study of signalment, presentation and clinical findings in 369 cases' (*JSA*, vol 50, pp 23-29), was coauthored with M. J. Stafford Johnson and B. Celona.

The Amoroso Award is presented for outstanding contributions to small animal studies by a non-clinical member of university staff. This year, it was awarded posthumously to Anne Vaughan-Thomas in recognition of her contributions to veterinary science, matrix biology and human health. Dr Vaughan-Thomas, who died in 2009, worked within the veterinary sector for over 13 years, guiding the early careers of many researchers. 'She also won the admiration and respect of the profession,' the then BSAVA President, Richard Dixon, told those attending the awards ceremony.

The Bourgelat Award is presented annually by the BSAVA as its primary recognition of outstanding international contributions to small animal practice. It was awarded this year to Steve Withrow, director



Mike Martin (left), the recipient of this year's Blaine Award, which was presented by Andrew Doyle of Royal Canin

of the Animal Cancer Center at Colorado State University, who was described by Dr Dixon as 'one of the foremost veterinary oncological experts on the planet'. Dr Withrow was unable to attend the awards ceremony, but sent a video message of acceptance.

The Melton Award recognises meritorious contributions by veterinary surgeons to small animal practice. It was awarded in absentia to Mark Patteson for his contributions in the field of cardiology.

Malcolm Ness was this year's recipient of the Simon Award, which is presented annually to a member of the BSAVA for outstanding contributions in the field of veterinary surgery. Mr Ness has a special interest in small animal surgery, particularly orthopaedics and neurosurgery. His current research interests include canine elbow disease and implant failure.

The Woodrow Award is presented to a BSAVA member for outstanding contributions in the field of small animal medicine. This year's recipient was David Church, vice-principal of academic and clinical affairs at the Royal Veterinary



Malcolm Ness (left) with John Lapish of Veterinary Instrumentation, who presented Mr Ness with the Simon Award

College (RVC). Dr Dixon said that Professor Church had earned a reputation as an outstanding teacher as well as making major contributions to the understanding of endocrine diseases. Dan Brockman of the RVC collected the award on Professor Church's behalf.

The Frank Beattie Travel Scholarship is awarded annually to allow a BSAVA member to undertake a trip abroad to study a particular aspect of veterinary practice. This year, it was awarded to Iona Mathieson to enable her to attend the William Magrane Basic Eye Science course at North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Luke Gamble received the J. A. Wight Memorial Award. The award is presented annually by the Blue Cross in memory of the late Alf Wight, better known as the author James Herriot, and marks outstanding contributions to the welfare of companion animals. In 2003, Mr Gamble established Worldwide Veterinary Service, a charity that provides veterinary support to non-profit organisations and animal charities around the world.



Iona Mathieson, recipient of the Frank Beattie Travel Scholarship, with the then BSAVA president, Richard Dixon



Luke Gamble (right) received the J. A. Wight Memorial Award from Andrew Edney



Olaf Reinhard Schaaf (left) was presented with the Petsavers Award by Adrian Pratt of Hill's Pet Nutrition