

Atlantic Award of Excellence in Veterinary Medicine and Animal Care

Terms of Reference and Nomination Procedures

I **Purpose**

The Atlantic Award of Excellence in Veterinary Medicine and Animal Care was established in 2005. Presented annually, the Award recognizes excellence in veterinary medicine and animal care in Atlantic Canada. Past recipients include Dr. Ross K. Ainslie (2005), Dr. Robert Curtis (2006), Dr. George Irving (2007), Dr. Bud Ings (2009) and Dr. Hubert Bennett (2010).

II **Eligibility**

The Award is open to all veterinarians (practicing or retired) in the Atlantic Provinces. Only one award will be presented annually.

III **Selection Criteria**

The Committee may consider the following criteria in selection of the recipient:

1. demonstrates exceptional service and contribution to the veterinary profession in Atlantic Canada
2. promotes veterinary medicine in the community and contributes to the advancement of the profession
3. exemplifies the highest values of compassion, leadership and dedication to the veterinary profession
4. exhibits professional growth, and
5. significant endorsement by peers

IV **Selection Committee**

Award recipients are decided by a Selection Committee which includes the Dean of the Atlantic Veterinary College (who will act as Chair) and an appointed representative from each of the four Atlantic Provinces Veterinary Medical Associations.

The Committee has the authority to determine whether or not an Award is to be given. At the discretion of the Committee, nominations may be brought forward for consideration the following year.

A quorum shall be three and the Chair will have one vote.

V **Nomination Procedures**

Each year, the Dean's Office of the Atlantic Veterinary College will be responsible for issuing a Call for Nominations. The Call for Nominations will be placed on the Atlantic Veterinary College's website and in print dailies of the four Atlantic provinces. The Call for Nominations will also be provided to the Atlantic VMAs for distribution to their respective memberships and the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association for including in the Canadian Veterinary Journal and CVMA website.

The nomination package must include:

1. a completed Nomination Form, and
2. a letter of support commenting on why the candidate is deserving of this prestigious award.

Nominations can be completed by:

1. downloading the form available at <http://www.upei.ca/avc/awards>
2. completing the form and,
3. printing the form and mailing it to the address below along with letters of support:

Atlantic Award of Excellence Nominating Committee
c/o Dean's Office, Atlantic Veterinary College
550 University Avenue, Charlottetown, PEI C1A 4P3

Upon receipt of nominations, AVC Dean's Office staff will request CV's from valid nominees. Nominations and CVs will be forwarded to the Selection Committee members for review and consideration.

Nominations must be received at the Atlantic Veterinary College by June 30th each year.

VI **Timelines**

June 1

Call for Nominations placed in papers in each of the four Atlantic provinces, the AVC website and forwarded to Atlantic VMAs and the CVMA for circulation to members

June 30

Deadline for nominations

July 15

Nominations and CVs forwarded to Selection Committee

August 1

Selection Committee meets by teleconference to determine award recipient

August 15

Recipient notified and confirmed

The Award will be presented by the Dean of the Atlantic Veterinary College at the annual meeting of the honorees' provincial Veterinary Medical Association or home province.

VI The Award

Award recipients will receive an Atlantic Award of Excellence in Veterinary Medicine and Animal Care award handcrafted by Nova Scotian Crystal. The Atlantic Veterinary College will maintain, in a prominent place on campus, a portrait of the recipient.

All criteria must be met and accompanied by any relevant documentation describing the work and achievements of the nominee, which would qualify the nominee for the Award. Additional documentation should be as concise as possible.