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NAVC Conference Names 2013 Equine Speaker of the Year

ORLANDO, FL— Congratulations to veterinary ophthalmologist David A. Wilkie, DVM, MS, DACVO, who was named Equine Speaker of the Year for the North American Veterinary Community (NAVC) Conference 2013. Dr. Wilkie has lectured at the NAVC Conference a number of times over the past 15 years, and is thrilled to be recognized as a 2013 Speaker of the Year. "Peer acknowledgement always means the most to me," he says. "I speak all over the world every year and really appreciate the positive feedback I get from veterinarians."

Born in Toronto, Dr. Wilkie earned his DVM degree in 1984 at the University of Guelph. He interned for a year at the University of Pennsylvania College of Veterinary Medicine, then began a 3-year residency at The Ohio State University, where he earned both his master's degree in comparative ophthalmology and Diplomate status in the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO). He was subsequently hired as an Assistant Professor of Comparative Veterinary Ophthalmology in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences at The Ohio State University, was promoted to Associate Professor in 1994 and is currently a Full Professor. He is also a Professor in the College of Medicine at the university.

Dr. Wilkie has twice been nominated for the Carl J. Norden Distinguished Teacher Award, a student-nominated award that is bestowed on an Ohio State faculty member for distinguished teaching ability, as well as for the Merck/AgVet Award for Creativity in Teaching. He received the Omega Tau Sigma Alumni Gamma Award in 2000 and the Dr. Charles W. Fox Family Teaching Excellence Award for Distinguished Teaching in 2012 at The Ohio State University.

Dr. Wilkie travels to eight to 15 countries every year to speak about large and small animal ophthalmology. In addition to lecturing general practitioners, Dr. Wilkie has provided advanced training in ophthalmology to more than 30 veterinary ophthalmologists from 12 countries.

When asked why he enjoys lecturing, Dr. Wilkie talks about the people. "There is usually a good number of practitioners in the audience, and I really enjoy meeting and teaching veterinarians from around the world." In fact, he notes, "Many stay in touch for case consultations for years after a continuing education program." About the NAVC Conference in particular, Dr. Wilkie says, "NAVC always puts on a high-level meeting with top speakers. It is very well organized for both attendees and speakers."

Dr. Wilkie has authored more than 200 articles, abstracts and textbook chapters, and serves as a research consultant to numerous national and international research facilities. He is a reviewer for 16 veterinary and human ophthalmology and research journals and serves on the editorial boards of seven. He is the Past-President of the ACVO and Past-Chairperson of the ACVO Examination Committee. Dr. Wilkie currently serves on the ACVO Foundation Board. In addition, he has served on the editorial review board and as Associate Editor for *Veterinary Ophthalmology*, for which he is currently Editor-in-Chief.

NAVC Speakers of the Year are selected by the conference attendees.

A complete list of the 2013 Speakers of the Year can be found at NAVC.com/navc-conference/program/speakers-of-the-year-2013.

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Founded in 1982 and headquartered in Gainesville, Florida, the North American Veterinary Community (NAVC) is a nonprofit organization that provides world-class professional development for the global veterinary healthcare community. The organization's largest educational initiative, the annual NAVC Conference, hosts 16,000 attendees and 350 speakers from more than 70 countries each year. Other educational offerings include the NAVC Institute, NAVC Expeditions and *Clinician's Brief*, the official journal of the NAVC. The NAVC's international conference partners include the Latin American Veterinary Conference (LAVC), the Southern European Veterinary Conference (SEVC) and the Asian Pacific Veterinary Conference (APVC). Visit NAVC.com for more information.