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Joan Bowen, DVM, Selected as the NAVC Conference 2014 Food Animal Speaker of the Year

Dr. Bowen won the majority votes in an NAVC Conference 2014 attendee survey.

GAINESVILLE, FL — The North American Veterinary Community (NAVC) announces Joan Bowen, DVM, of Bowen Mobile Veterinary Practice, as the selected Food Animal Speaker of the Year. Dr. Bowen was chosen by veterinary professionals from around the world in an NAVC Conference 2014 poll of more than 2,700 participants.

Dr. Bowen said, “It is an honor to be selected for this award by the Veterinarians attending the NAVC Food Animal Program, and a tribute to my professors, colleagues and clients who have shared so much information with me over the years. Knowledge of practical small ruminant medicine and surgery helps Veterinarians in private practice attract new clients and provide better care for the increasingly popular sheep, goats, camelids and farmed cervid.”

Dr. Bowen owns Bowen Mobile Veterinary Practice, which provides on-the-farm services to sheep, goat and cattle clients in northeastern Colorado. She has served in a variety of AASRP Board positions over the past 39 years and was President from 2011 to 2013. She is the only person who has served as President twice for two years each from 2005-2007 and 2011-2013. She’s a recipient of the AASRP’s 2013 George McConnell Award and 2013 Dr. Donald E. Bailey Practitioner of the Year Award. Dr. Bowen is also the alternate delegate to the AVMA and the representative to the AVMA Food Safety Advisory Committee. She was recognized as the NAVC 2005 Food Animal Speaker of the Year as well.

At the NAVC Conference 2014, Dr. Bowen presented sessions on “Secrets From the Grave: Unusual Necropsy Diagnoses of What Seemed Like Common Diseases” and “Tips for Achieving Vaginal Deliveries in Difficult Sheep and Goat,” and was the co-speaker with Dr. Joan Dean Rowe for “Small Ruminant Tips for Small Animal Practitioners.” Dr. Bowen has presented at many of the NAVC Conferences since 2004, and she began a five-year term as the NAVC Food Animal Coordinator in 2014.

Dr. Bowen was one of more than 350 speakers at the NAVC Conference 2014, which was attended by a record 16,308 Veterinarians, Veterinary Technicians, Practice Managers, Support Staff, Students, Exhibitors and Sponsors, Press and family and other guests.

About the NAVC

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

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