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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Ontario Veterinarian Recognized Nationally for Exceptional Cattle Research and Practice

OTTAWA, Ont. – Dr. Stephen LeBlanc was awarded the 2017 Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) *Merck Veterinary Award* for his production of high quality applied clinical research in the diagnosis and control of metabolic, inflammatory, and reproductive diseases of dairy cattle.

Dr. LeBlanc is a professor in the department of Population Medicine and Research Program Director, Animal Production Systems, at the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph. He received a Bachelor of Science (Agriculture) in Animal Science from McGill University in 1992, and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (1997) and Doctor of Veterinary Science (2001) from the University of Guelph.

After five years of private dairy veterinary practice, he joined the faculty at the University of Guelph where he teaches veterinary and agriculture students and provides clinical farm service. He is past-president of the Dairy Cattle Reproduction Council and serves as section editor for the *Journal of Dairy Science*. His research focuses on transition dairy cow metabolic and reproductive health and management, including field validation of precision technologies. With graduate students and collaborators, this work has resulted in over 100 peer-reviewed papers. He has given invited talks in 20 countries.

“The strength and results of Stephen’s research program and the quality of his teaching have led to ever-increasing international recognition of his work, including attracting highly-qualified personnel from within Canada and abroad to train under his supervision,” says Dr. Marina von Keyserlingk, Professor, Animal Welfare, University of British Columbia and NSERC Industrial Research Chair in Animal Welfare.

“Stephen’s research contributions to the field of animal health have been and will no doubt continue to be transformative and robust,” adds von Keyserlingk.

*The Merck Veterinary Award, sponsored by Merck Animal Health, is presented to a veterinarian whose work in large animal practice, clinical research, or basic sciences is judged to have contributed significantly to the advancement of large animal medicine and surgery, including herd health management.*

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