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Ontario Veterinarian Honoured with Prestigious Professional Award

OTTAWA, Ont. – Dr. Carlton Gyles was honoured with the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) *President's Award* for his long and dedicated service to the association and his tireless contributions to the veterinary profession.

"I am really pleased to have been selected for the 2021 CVMA President's Award," exclaims Dr. Gyles. "I am deeply grateful to my nominator, CVMA Past-President Dr. Enid Stiles, and the CVMA."

Following graduation from the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) in 1964, Dr. Gyles earned his PhD in 1968, conducted postdoctoral studies in the UK and Denmark, then joined the OVC as a faculty member in 1969. For 36 years he taught DVM and graduate students, conducted research, including his discovery of the E. coli heat labile enterotoxin and its role in diarrheal disease, and held administrative positions including Department Chair, Dean of Graduate Studies, and Interim Dean of the OVC.

"Dr. Gyles contributed extensively to the Canadian veterinary profession, particularly in the field of education, where his professionalism and sincerity to veterinarians and veterinary students around him did not go unnoticed," tells Dr. Enid Stiles, CVMA Past-President. "His dedication to the betterment of our profession should be commended and we will forever be grateful for his selfless commitment to our association."

Dr. Gyles represented veterinary medicine as a founding Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences in 2005 and served on its board for several years. Since 1990 to now, he has assisted the University of the West Indies' School of Veterinary Medicine in Trinidad and from 2008 to 2020, Dr. Gyles was Editor-in-Chief of *The Canadian Veterinary Journal*.

"Dr. Gyles is the embodiment of a scholar and a gentleman," states Dr. Alan Meek, former dean and professor emeritus at the OVC, University of Guelph. "Many have modelled their careers on his. Humility is one of his many characteristics as is his natural instinct to be positive and supportive. Few have earned the respect of so many colleagues and others both within Canada and internationally."

"I have had the opportunity to closely observe and admire the amazing dedication of hundreds of veterinarians who are CVMA volunteers because they believe our profession deserves national representation and leadership," explains Dr. Gyles. "I consider this award to be incredibly special because the recipient is selected by the CVMA President and has previously been awarded to a range of outstanding veterinary leaders in Canada."

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