

Polish geneticist receives World Dairy Expo honors

MADISON, Wis. — Dr. Marla Stolzman, a highly respected animal geneticist from Warsaw, Poland, was selected as the 1985 recipient of World Dairy Expo's "International Person of the Year" Award. The International Person of the Year must be from a country other than the United States and must have made specific contributions to dairy farming or the dairy industry on an international level.

Dr. Stolzman was honored at a special reception and recognition banquet on Oct. 1st in Madison, Wis.

Stolzman spent her earliest years on her family's livestock farm in Poland. Her father and grandfather Szankowski were renowned breeders of purebred cattle; importing bulls from Holland and marketing breeding stock, in addition to managing a dairy herd of 60 milking females.

Following World War II the family resettled in Krakow where Stolzman obtained her undergraduate degree in agricultural engineering. While still a student, she took a job at the experimental farm of the Zootechnical Institute in Krakow, continuing to work for this Institute for 25 years.

In conjunction with her work and studies for her masters of science and Ph.D degrees, Stolzman authored over 80 scientific papers, of which 21 were international publications. Her thesis work was an extension of job-related studies and dealt with the use of partial lactations in bull progeny testing using the contemporary comparison method. It was her laboratory in which the results of dairy progeny testing of bulls were calculated for all of Poland.

Stolzman became visible on the

international scene when she headed a group which developed the Polish Cattle Breeding Program, officially introduced by the Ministry of Agriculture in 1971. Late the following year, she was chosen by the Ministry of Agriculture to be the principal investigator of the "International Friesian Comparison," a tenation study of the strains of Friesian cattle. A decision had been made to use some kind of Holsteins or Friesians to improve

the productivity of the dairy cattle of Poland.

Working through the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, Dr. Stolzman conceived and carried out a massive international scientific test on the large state herds of Poland, comparing different strains of Holsteins or Friesians. The project was recognized as a classic both as a model for evaluation and for the results of the tests.

In 1975 Dr. Stolzman became Deputy Director of the Central Livestock Breeding Office in Warsaw. This newly organized institute was responsible for the genetic improvement of all species of farm animals in Poland.

Dr. Stolzman was awarded the Polish Silver and Gold Cross of Merit and a number of other Polish awards and recognitions for scientific accomplishments.

In 1984 Stolzman was appointed Secretary of the Organizing

Committee of the Agricultural Foundation. Initiated by the Polish Catholic Church, one of the main objectives of this Foundation is to foster the continued private ownership of agricultural land in Poland.

Other honorees in 1985 include: "Man of the Year"—Eugene W. Nelson, Union Grove, Wis.; "National Dairy Woman"—Doris Hetts, Ft. Atkinson, Wis. and "Industry Person of the Year"—Thomas L. Lyon, Shawano, Wis.

Animal welfare chair endowed at Penn

PHILADELPHIA — The nation's first professorship in humane ethics and animal welfare will be established at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine with a gift from animal welfare activist Marie A. Moore, it was announced.

"The endowed chair, dedicated to studies on animal welfare and human/animal interaction, will be named the Marie A. Moore Chair in Humane Ethics and Animal Welfare in honor of Mrs. Moore's

life-long dedication to animal welfare," said Dean Robert Marshak of the School of Veterinary Medicine.

"Because the chair will be located in a major university," Marshak said, "it will have an immediate and long-term impact on veterinary medical and humane education."

Among the goals of the chair are:

- to introduce new approaches to humane education, encouraging

responsible pet ownership.

- to study and teach appreciation for the complexity of animal behavior and how it relates to human behavior.

- to investigate alternatives to animal experiments for medical research.

- to study the nature of the human-companion animal bond.

- and to develop the skills of scientific observation and analysis of data as related to animal rights and other humane concerns.

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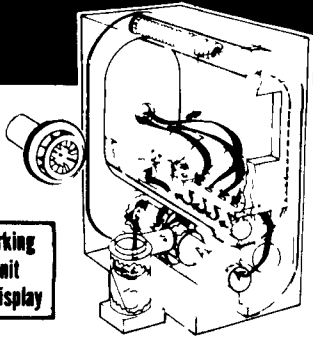
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