

Scholarship Established For Animal Health Professionals

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — The National Institute for Animal Agriculture (NIAA) announced recently that it will award a scholarship, equivalent to one-half the tuition fee, to a deserving individual seeking to participate in the Science, Politics and Animal Health Policy Executive Fellowship Program.

The program is designed to mold mid-career professionals into the animal health leaders of the 21st Century by building their critical knowledge and skills. The fellowship program has three four-day modules examining animal health policy at the local, national and international level. Locations for the modules are East Lansing, Mich., the Washington, D.C. area, and an international location. This year's class, the third since the program began in 1998, will travel to Argentina for the international module.

"NIAA applauds the Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine, the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine and the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine

for administering and offering this executive fellowship program," said NIAA Chairman of the Board Richard D. Hull. "We support the program's objectives and are proud to offer this scholarship."

In exchange for tuition assistance, the scholarship recipient will be assigned a project dealing with a contemporary issue affecting animal agriculture. The project will be mutually agreeable between NIAA and the scholarship recipient, who will perform approximately 50-75 hours of service for NIAA in completing the assignment. The recipient will be offered an opportunity to report his/her findings or results during the 2002 NIAA annual meeting.

"NIAA's scholarship validates the need for continuing education in the area of science, politics and animal health policy," said David J. Sprecher, DVM, coordinator of outreach activities for the Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine. "We hope that their leadership and initiative serves as a model for others to follow."

The NIAA Continuing Edu-

cation Scholarship application deadline is Aug. 15. The recipient will be announced approximately 30 days later, and all applicants notified immediately

thereafter. Application forms may be obtained on the Internet at www.animalagriculture.org or by calling (270) 782-9798. Additional information on the Sci-

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