

## ACVS FOUNDERS' AWARD FOR CAREER ACHIEVEMENT

In selecting **Jörg A. Auer, DMV, MS, Diplomate ACVS, Diplomate ECVS**, for the 2017 *ACVS Founders' Award for Career Achievement*, the ACVS membership recognizes a world renowned equine veterinary surgeon, who has pioneered orthopedic research and developed novel surgical techniques and devices for fracture repair and correction of developmental orthopedic conditions in foals.

Dr. Auer was a surgeon and university professor at Texas A&M University and the University of Zurich, where he also served as Director of the Veterinary Surgery Clinic and Director of the Equine Department. Dr. Auer holds honorary degrees and awards from Hungary, Denmark, Poland, and Switzerland, where he received the AO Recognition Prize in 2008 (the highest honor of the AO Foundation). Dr. Auer received the Distinguished Educator Award from the American Association of Equine Practitioners in 2003 and served as the Freeman Scholar at Michigan State University in 2012.

Dr. Auer has had an outstanding career in veterinary surgery and is nationally and internationally recognized for his contributions to both the science and the methodology and teaching of veterinary surgery. His career focused on not only advancing the state of the art in orthopedic surgery, but also on the development of a variety of implants to better serve his patients. From the start of his residency, Dr. Auer had an intense interest in orthopedics, and as his career has evolved, he has become one of the most recognized and accomplished equine orthopedic surgeons in the world. Dr. Auer is the co-author of *Equine Surgery*, the most comprehensive textbook on this subject, with the 5th edition currently under development. Dr. Auer was primarily responsible for establishing the European College of Veterinary Surgeons (ECVS). This was an enormous undertaking and achievement. With the assistance of others, he brought the European veterinary community together to recognize this specialty organization. Dr. Auer served as president of the ECVS from 1991–95, as the Chair of the Board of Regents from 1995–96, and as Executive Secretary from 1998–2011.

Dr. Auer is the author of over 120 peer-reviewed publications. He has been an invited speaker to over 160 national and international meetings, has served on the boards of national and international veterinary surgical organizations, provided guidance to over 60 senior and professorial theses, and trained numerous interns and residents.

Dr. Auer's contributions to ACVS have been considerable. He was a member of the Examination Committee and served the committee as Secretary (1986–87) and as Chair (1987–88). He also volunteered on the Annual Meeting Committee (1985–86), was a speaker for the European Forum (1986 and 1989), and was the ECVS representative to the Publications Committee (2002–06). At various times from 1984 thru 2013, Dr. Auer was Seminar Chair and speaker at the ACVS Scientific Meetings, Surgical Forum, and Veterinary Symposiums.

Colleagues noted: "...he has proven to become one of the most influential members of our College in his field of large animal orthopedics and likely the most influential member of the ECVS."

*The ACVS Founders' Award for Career Achievement was established to recognize the service of ACVS Diplomates who have distinguished themselves in the pursuit of surgery by making significant contributions to the development of surgical techniques and methodology, and disseminating knowledge to colleagues, residents, and students.*



**Jörg A. Auer, DMV, MS,  
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- 2009: Donald L. Piermattei, DVM, PhD
- 2011: Steven P. Arnoczky, DVM
- 2012: Stephen J. Withrow, DVM
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