

## THE VETERINARY JOURNAL LITERARY PRIZES 2008

The George Fleming, Junior Scientist and *TVJ* Review Literary Awards for 2008 have been announced. The winners are as follows:

### GEORGE FLEMING PRIZE

The **George Fleming Prize** commemorates the founder of *The Veterinary Journal*, Professor George Fleming (1833–1901), and is awarded for the paper that is considered to be the most meritorious published in the Journal during the year. It is judged on scientific content and originality, style and readability, and contribution to scientific and veterinary knowledge.

In 2008, the winner is **Dr. Menno Holzhauer**, of the Dutch Animal Health Service's Bovine Health Department, PO Box 9, 7400AA Deventer, The Netherlands ([m.holzhauer@gddeventer.com](mailto:m.holzhauer@gddeventer.com)) with co-authors **Chris J.M. Bartels**, **Dörte Döpfer** and **Gerdien van Schaik**, for their article entitled '*Clinical course of digital dermatitis lesions in an endemically infected herd without preventive herd strategies*' (*The Veterinary Journal*, 2008, **177**, 222–230; doi:10.1016/j.tvj.2007.05.004).

### REVIEW PRIZE

The **TVJ Review Prize** is given for the best review judged on structure, content and state-of-the-art science, whilst being generally interesting and understandable for non-specialists.

In 2008, the winners were **Dr. Amnon Sharir** of the Laboratory of Biomechanics at the Koret School of Veterinary Medicine, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Rehovot 76100, Israel with co-authors **Meir Max Barak** and **Ron Shahar** (corresponding author, [Shahar@agri.huji.ac.il](mailto:Shahar@agri.huji.ac.il)) for their paper '*Whole bone mechanics and mechanical testing*' (*The Veterinary Journal*, 2008, **177**, 8–17; doi:10.1016/j.tvj.2007.09.012).

### JUNIOR SCIENTIST PRIZE

The **TVJ Junior Scientist Prize** is awarded as an encouragement to younger workers, and is given to the best paper published during the year whose principal author is a graduate within five years of his or her first degree.

In 2008, the winner is **Dr. Yadong Zheng** of the Key Laboratory of Veterinary Parasitology of Gansu Province, Lanzhou Veterinary Research Institute, Gansu 730046, China with co-authors **Xuepeng Cai** (corresponding author, [caixp@public.lz.gs.cn](mailto:caixp@public.lz.gs.cn)), **Xuenong Luo**, **Zhimin Hu** and **Zhizhong Jing**. The title of the winning paper is '*Characterization of a new gene (SLC10) with a spliced leader from Taenia solium*' (*The Veterinary Journal*, **175**, 96–101; doi:10.1016/j.tvj.2006.11.020).

Prize-winners are chosen by the Journal's editors, who consider those papers published in the hard copy of the Journal during that calendar year. The prizes are in the form of books each to the value of £250 (about €290; US\$360) selected from the Elsevier catalogue. Authors are welcome to cite the award within their CVs etc.

The Editors would like to send their warmest congratulations to the winners for providing papers of excellence in a world-class field.

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