

## **E. P. Pope Memorial Award**

**to**

### **Dr. Harvey L. Rubin**

The E. P. Pope Memorial Award is presented in memory of the late Edward P. Pope. Dr. Pope was one of the founders of our organization and served with distinction as Secretary-Treasurer of AAVLD from 1959 to 1972. The award was instituted by the Association in 1974 and was first awarded at the 18th Annual Meeting in 1975. The award is made annually to a worthy recipient who has made a noteworthy contribution to the organization, implementation, and recognition of the specialty of veterinary diagnostic medicine.

At the 31st Annual Meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas, on October 18, 1988, the award was presented to Dr. Harvey L. Rubin, Chief, Bureau of Diagnostic Laboratories, Kissimmee, Florida.

Dr. Rubin was born in San Diego, California, where he received his undergraduate training at San Diego State College. He is a graduate in Veterinary Medicine from Auburn University (1939). He earned an MS degree in bacteriology from the University of Kentucky (1940) and an MPH degree from Johns Hopkins University (1952). Dr. **Rubin** had a distinguished career in the US Army, many years of which were spent in veterinary research and diagnostic activities. On his retirement from the US Army in 1968, he joined the Florida diagnostic laboratory system, and in 1977 became Director of the Kissimmee Laboratory as well as Chief of the Bureau of Diagnostic Laboratories for the State of Florida.

Dr. **Rubin** served the AAVLD for many years on the Board of Governors and was President of the AAVLD in 1984. His many years in various aspects of organized veterinary medicine, including active roles in the Florida VMA, gave him a progressive insight into the future direction of the AAVLD. Dr. **Rubin** served as Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee in 1987, where many of his ideas and those of the Committee on Long Range Planning were embodied in the first major revision of the Constitution of the AAVLD since its inception over 30 years ago. Some of the major changes were (1) voting for officers by mail ballot by the entire membership, (2) allowing for nonveterinary diagnosticians to become eligible for officership in the AAVLD, and (3) redistricting of the United States to permit more equitable geographic representation on the Executive Board.

Dr. **Rubin** has been active in our companion organization, the US Animal Health Association. He was Chairman of the USAHA Committee on Leptospirosis for several years and is currently Chairman of the newly formed Committee on Aquaculture. Dr. **Rubin** has also served as President of the American Leptospirosis Research Conference. He has been instrumental in the standardization of diagnostic procedures for leptospirosis, including isolation and serology.

Dr. **Rubin** and his wife, Emily, have one son, Hardin E. Rubin, who is a veterinary practitioner in Charlotte, North Carolina. Their daughter, Sally Jo Rubin, was an internationally known microbiologist who passed away in 1985.

Dr. **Rubin** has been a mainstay in the AAVLD for many years and has presented his ideas for the future in diplomatic and friendly terms that have made him many friends nationwide. His ideas and influence will be with us for many years. He richly deserves recognition as recipient of the E. P. Pope Memorial Award.