

## Dr. Raymond A. Bankowski



Dr. Ray Bankowski, Professor Emeritus of the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of California, Davis, passed away on November 3, 1993, after a long illness. Dr. Bankowski was born in Chicago, Illinois, on February 4, 1914, and had been a resident of Davis, California, since 1950. He received the DVM degree from Michigan State University in 1938 and then entered postgraduate studies in the Veterinary Science Division of the University of California, Berkeley.

During World War II, Dr. Bankowski served in the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps and was with the 4th Medical Laboratory in North Africa and Europe. He ended his military career in the Army Reserves with the rank of Colonel.

After completing his Ph.D. degree in comparative pathology in 1946, Dr. Bankowski went to the University of California, Davis, in 1950, where he was a founding faculty member of the School of Veterinary Medicine. He served as Chairman of the Department of Avian Medicine from 1954 to 1959.

Dr. Bankowski was actively involved in teaching, first to veterinary students at Davis; later he concentrated on teaching in graduate programs. His active research program focused on the study of infectious viral diseases of animals and their control. His research publications included over 160 scientific papers. His busy research laboratory was a sought-after training ground for graduate students from many countries, including five from Japan, and established lifelong friends and colleagues.

Dr. Bankowski retired from the university in 1978. As an emeritus faculty member, he maintained an active laboratory research program and was a major contributor to the establishment of the veterinary school's clinical residency training program in avian medicine.

Dr. Bankowski was committed to community and public service. He was a member of the Davis Rotary Club and a Past President of the Davis Faculty Club. He

served on several technical advisory committees to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the control and eradication of foreign poultry disease outbreaks in the United States, including velogenic viscerotropic (exotic) Newcastle disease in California in 1971 and avian influenza in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Maryland in 1983. He chaired the Committee on Transmissible Diseases of Poultry and Other Avian Species of the U.S. Animal Health Association from 1973 to 1987 and served as general chairman of the First International Symposium on Avian Influenza in 1981. He was a founder of the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians, a charter member of the American Association of Avian Pathologists, a charter diplomate and chairman of the Board of Governors of the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists, and a fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology.

Dr. Bankowski served as a member of the National Institutes of Health Study Section on Virology and Rickettsiology and the World Health Organization Committee on Animal Virus Classification. He traveled to many countries as a scientific advisor. Dr. Bankowski was active in the American Veterinary Medical Association and the California Veterinary Medical Association, and he maintained a close relationship with the animal industries with which he worked.

Honors that Dr. Bankowski received for his research and service include a Fulbright Award in 1957 for study in England; the Mark Morris Animal Foundation Research Director Award in 1961; the AVMA Research Award in 1971; the American Feed Manufacturers Association Award in 1971; the Michigan State University Veterinary Alumni Award in 1974; the Karl F. Meyer Gold Headed Cane Award and Honorary Diploma from the American Veterinary Epidemiology Society in 1985; the E. P. Pope Memorial Award from the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians in 1985; and the Western Poultry Disease Conference Achievement Award in 1992.

We pay tribute to Dr. Bankowski for his many professional and personal accomplishments, and we will miss him as a friend and colleague.