

American Association of Avian Pathologists

Tribute to W. Malcolm Reid **(1910-1990)**



We were saddened by the loss of our good friend and colleague, W. Malcolm Reid, on November 18, 1990, when he died suddenly at the age of 80. Dr. Reid had a long life and career which was filled with experiences and accomplishments of great variety even to the final days. Dr. Reid was best known as a professor of poultry parasitology at the University of Georgia, but he was just as proud of his work as a teacher of biology in Egypt, where he met his wife, Janet, of his work as a Fulbright Research Associate in U.S. State Department Point Four program in Egypt after WWII, and of his work with Habitat for Humanity and other local charities.

Dr. Reid was a native of Fort Morgan, Colorado, but had lived in Athens, Georgia, since 1955. He received a bachelor of science degree from Monmouth College in Illinois. The Master of Science Degree was earned at Kansas State University, then doctoral work was taken at Brown University and at Kansas State University, where he received the doctorate in 1941 in parasitology. Dr. Reid's major professor at KSU was Dr. James E. Ackert, and all of his students will remember the amusing tales of life with "Uncle Jimmy."

After graduate school, Dr. Reid was professor of biology and department head at Monmouth College. During this time he was also a summer instructor at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. Dr. Reid helped to author the "Echinodermata" book in the Hyman's famous series on "The Invertebrata." He was a visiting professor at Louisiana State University and at Duke University in 1951, after which he worked in Egypt as a Fulbright Research Scholar, as a Guest Investigator at the U.S. Naval Medical Unit in Cairo, and as Head of the Poultry Unit, U.S. State Department "Point Four" Program for Egypt. In 1955 he was appointed Associate Professor in Avian Parasitology at the University of Georgia, and Professor in 1960. In 1964 Dr. Reid was honored by appointment as a University of Georgia Alumni Foundation Distinguished Professor, a chair which he held until his retirement in 1978. He was active in several scientific societies, including the

American Association of Avian Pathologists, the Poultry Science Association, the American Society of Parasitologists, the Society of Protozoologists, and Sigma Xi.

Dr. Reid was major professor to 25 M.S. and Ph.D. students and served on numerous graduate committees. His influence as a teacher spread far beyond his own students, with the development of a popular course in "Scientific Writing and Literature Retrieval" and authorship of a book on the same subject, *Smith's Guide to the Literature of the Life Sciences*.

During his active research career, Dr. Reid published over 200 papers in recognized scientific journals and numerous articles for other magazines. He was the author of several chapters on coccidiosis and poultry parasites in *Diseases of Poultry*, through several editions, and in other important reference books. In addition to outstanding contributions to protozoology and to the study of disease by germfree research, he devised models for study of anticoccidial drugs which are widely used today. He was frequently asked to consult on the development of anticoccidial drugs. The proceedings of a symposium which he organized in 1969 (*Exp. Parasitol.* 28:1-169) contained many important papers on anticoccidial drugs which are still frequently cited. His publication *A Guide for the Diagnosis of Coccidiosis in Chickens* has been the most often requested bulletin of the College of Agriculture at the University of Georgia. His most recent paper was a history of research on control of coccidiosis in the United States (*Avian Dis.* 34:509-525).

A recent book co-authored for the Christian Veterinary Mission ("Raising Healthy Poultry Under Primitive Conditions") illustrates Dr. Reid's lifelong commitment to service. Dr. Reid was an enthusiastic international traveler and believed that he could help to improve the lives of people in developing countries by promotion of modern techniques for rearing of poultry and of disease control. Dr. Reid remained active after his retirement in a wide variety of interests, including the Presbyterian Church, the Lions Club, Lighthouse for the Blind, Recording for the Blind, Meals on Wheels, and Habitat for Humanity.

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