

2017 CAWS Symposium

On May 17, CAWS hosted two workshops as additions to the annual Symposium. “Integrating Animal Welfare into the Animal Science and Veterinary Curriculum” was moderated by Dr. Janice Kritchevsky. Presentations by Invited speakers Dr. Ian Duncan, University of Guelph, Dr. Suzanne Millman, Iowa State University and Dr. David Main, University of Bristol were followed by a panel discussion. Presentations included ethical theories that guide our treatment of animals, integrating welfare into the curriculum, and animal welfare education: skills needed for the workplace.

Dr. Marisa Erasmus moderated the second workshop “Food Safety, Economics, and the Humane Food Movement” which featured speakers Dr. Richard Blatchford, UC Davis, Dr. Janet Helms, American Humane Association, Emily Moose, A Greener World and Dr. Nicole Widmar, Purdue Ag Economics. Topics addressed were backyard flocks: the welfare and food safety misconception, ethical, safe and affordable foods, embracing transparency and marketplace considerations for animal welfare attributes.

The 2nd annual CAWS Symposium was held on May 18. Invited speakers were Dr. Ian Duncan, University of Guelph, Dr. Nicole Widmar, Purdue University, Jennifer Walker, Dean Foods, Hanno Wuerbel, Universitat Bern, Veterinary Public Health Institute, Dr. Suzanne Millman, Iowa State University and James Ha, University of Washington. Their topics included asking the animals, public perceptions of animal welfare, animal welfare at the intersection of politics, policy profit and people, laboratory animal welfare, contributions and constraints of animal welfare science for on-farm euthanasia decisions, and environmental enrichment for captive animals. Presentations were followed by a panel discussion which included audience participation.

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