

Our Sponsor's Voice

Acrivet extends its best wishes to the ISVO and we are pleased to be part of this exciting initiative to help in the continuing education of veterinary ophthalmologists worldwide. Our sponsorship of the **ISVO-Acrivet Scholarship** recognises particularly the rapid development of interest in ophthalmology in countries where teaching resources are currently limited and we would hope that our support will enable the development of expertise in such countries. We will raise the funding through a small levy on the sale of our intra-ocular lenses, tension rings and viscoelastics. These products will be labelled to recognise our contribution to the project.

Ingeborg Fromberg
Director, Veterinary Division, Acrivet



First two ISVO-Acrivet Scholarships & ACVO-JVO Subscriptions

2013 will be remembered as "the magic year" for ISVO when dreams came true. What else could I say by reading the reports from the first two ISVO-Acrivet Scholarship winners who spent a period of training in exclusive institutions in the United States and also received from ACVO a free 1-year subscription to the journal *Veterinary Ophthalmology*?

This is the result of our Society's desire to provide an educational opportunity to colleagues having an interest in our specialty and the determination to fulfil their goals. They will be instrumental in promoting veterinary ophthalmology in their countries and increase its important role in animal welfare.

A special thank you goes to the promoters of this initiative - Drs. Peter Bedford and Ingeborg Fromberg.

Claudio Peruccio

I can choose no other word to describe my visit to the UC Davis Ophthalmology Service than "amazing"! I received a warm reception that set the tone for the visit and was largely responsible for the amount I learned during the month stay. For this reason I have to say thank you to Dr. David Maggs and everyone in UC Davis' Ophthalmology Service.



"ISVO-Acrivet scholarship winner Dr. Caio Guerreiro (front left) with the UCD Veterinary Ophthalmology team at the ACVO conference in Puerto Rico"

It was the first time in my life that I had to speak only English and it was made easier by their help. With this, I could follow the appointments and understand everything that was happening. I saw several interesting cases and learned ways to medically and surgically manage cases different than those I was used to. This certainly will help me in my professional life. In particular, this was the first time that I treated horses. I also remember well a spectacular fundic exam from a cat with Cryptococcal chorioretinitis. It was very interesting to see UC Davis' structure and I'm intending to bring much of this back to Brazil. My goal now is to work to transform my own professional practice, using what I learned during my externship and to continue to study to be a better doctor, maybe through residency training or a Master's degree. I would like to say thank you to the sponsors of this scholarship - First, the ACVO for providing 1 free year of subscription to the Veterinary Ophthalmology journal. I have an idea to create a journal group with some ophthalmologists in my city. And I would like to thank ISVO and Acrivet because the scholarship helped with the costs associated with this visit, which I managed to time so that I could also attend the ACVO conference. The ACVO conference is an incredible opportunity to meet and become familiar with people from different places with different ideas and to stay updated with what's new in veterinary ophthalmology around the world. I am sure that I will be a better doctor and even a better person as a result of this experience and I strongly recommend this for others in future. Obrigado!