

Mark Jutila named 2006 Distinguished Veterinary Immunologist

Each year, the Nominating Committee of the American Association of Veterinary Immunologists has the difficult job of submitting three names from among a list of outstanding professionals in our discipline to the AAVI Board for consideration as the association's Distinguished Veterinary Immunologist. The board then has an even more difficult task in making the selection. Each individual being considered for this prestigious award is to be congratulated. There will be no end to the list of well-qualified persons to choose from in the future, which demonstrates the vitality represented in the field of veterinary immunology. This year's selection is Dr. Mark Jutila from Montana State University.

Dr. Jutila received a BS in microbiology from Montana State University in 1982, MS in bacteriology from Washington State University in 1984, PhD in immunology from Washington State University in 1986, and completed a post-doctoral fellowship at Stanford University in 1989. He is currently a Professor in the Department of Veterinary Molecular Biology at Montana State University. His record of research is clearly exemplary and has led to significant advances in the understanding of lymphocyte immunology and the mechanisms of lymphocyte trafficking in health and disease. His work on gamma delta T lymphocytes in the context of host immune responses and developmental immunology is renowned worldwide. The sustained high quality of Dr. Jutila's research is quite evident by the large number of peer-reviewed publications in top tier journals. He has over 80 referred journal publications and has been author of 14 book chapters or invited proceedings. Dr. Jutila has been extremely successful in generating funding for his research program (>\$16.3 million) from a variety of sources including the USDA-NRI, NIH, and American Cancer Society. He is a highly sought after as a speaker at research conferences and symposia around the world with over 60 invited talks to his credit. Dr. Jutila has excelled in the research arena and this productivity has led to significant technological advances, including three awarded patents relating to the treatment of infectious diseases. He is a member of several learned societies and has served on several journal and grant review boards.

AAVI will conduct the annual board and business meetings in conjunction with the Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases (CRWAD), in Chicago on December 3-5, 2006. Dr. Jutila will be presented with the award at this time and will present the DVI Address following the business meeting on Monday the 4th. If attending CRWAD this year, you are encouraged to participate in the business meeting and attend Dr. Jutila's lecture.

-- Lorraine Sordillo