

## *In memoriam*

### **Janis Huston Audin, MSc, DVM, 1950-2009**

Dynamic editor-in-chief of the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association* and strong One Health advocate dies



© American Veterinary Medical Association/Scott Nolen

Dr Janis H. Audin (MSc Illinois 1975, DVM Illinois 1979), a champion of progressive veterinary medical journalism and 'One Health' died on 22 April 2009 following a long, courageous and difficult battle with pancreatic cancer. The world has lost a truly significant One Health leader and advocate. Under her guidance, the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association (JAVMA)* implemented a 'one-health wonders' column that recognised and highlighted prominent One Health individuals among the medical and veterinary medical professions in the United States. The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) has lost a dedicated and gifted editor-in-chief.

Dr Audin joined the editorial staff of the AVMA in 1985, as an assistant editor and was promoted to associate editor in 1989 and editor in 1994. She became the editor-in-chief of both the *JAVMA* and the *American Journal of Veterinary Research* in 1995. Prior to that, Dr Audin practised as an associate veterinarian in Calumet City, Illinois, for four years.

During her tenure, Dr Audin was noted for implementing procedural and technological changes in the journal to reduce costs, improve timeliness of publications and promote readership interest and awareness. New features in the News section introduced under her leadership have made the journals more practical and public health-relevant. For instance, Dr Audin fostered the United States Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (USDA-FSIS) 'Inspection Insights' – a public health-oriented food safety monthly column related to meat, poultry and egg products – from 1996 through 1998. She also increased international manuscript submissions.

On 23 March 2009 AVMA Executive Vice President Dr W. Ron DeHaven named Dr Audin as editor-in-chief emeritus of the Publications Division. Wisely, it also meant that Dr Audin could continue contributing to the staff effort to ensure the high quality of the AVMA scientific journals while the Association began a comprehensive search for her successor.

Having observed the *JAVMA* editors-in-chief for 50 years, I consider her one of the best, if not the best of a most distinguished list. Janis was a special personal friend and my soul mate with respect to dealing with life-threatening cancer. I deeply mourn her loss and will miss her.

Bruce Kaplan, DVM

Dr Bruce Kaplan is gratefully acknowledged for authorising the reproduction of this text which was first published on the One Health Initiative website ([www.onehealthinitiative.com](http://www.onehealthinitiative.com)) on Thursday, 23 April 2009

Please also see the AVMA and JAVMA News articles at [www.avma.org/aa/audin\\_janis\\_090423.asp](http://www.avma.org/aa/audin_janis_090423.asp) and [www.avma.org/onlnews/javma/may09/090515ff.asp](http://www.avma.org/onlnews/javma/may09/090515ff.asp)