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Dr. Lanny Pace Receives NIAA's President's Award

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO—Dr. Lanny Pace, executive director of the Mississippi Veterinary Diagnostic and Research Laboratory System, was presented the National Institute for Animal Agriculture's coveted President's Award at the organization's annual meeting on Tuesday, March 31, in Louisville, Ky. The President's Award is given to an NIAA committee chairman in recognition of exemplary leadership and dedication to NIAA. Dr. Pace heads NIAA's Emerging Disease Committee.

"The honor bestowed on Dr. Pace is extremely prestigious, as only one member is recognized and NIAA has 213 members that come from across animal agriculture—the beef, dairy, swine, sheep, goat, equine and poultry industries—and include national and state organizations as well as veterinarians, government regulatory personnel, academia, researchers, extension specialists, producers and allied industry organizations," said Dr. Robert Fourdraine, NIAA Vice Chair who presented the award to Dr. Pace.

"Dr. Pace has been, and continues to be, dedicated to helping animal agriculture stay abreast of emerging animal diseases. He plays a key leadership role in educating NIAA members and others within animal agriculture about emerging animal diseases and in creating resolutions and position statements regarding emerging animal disease issues, which are aimed at benefiting animal health and U.S. animal agriculture. What easily brought Dr. Pace to the top were his dedication and industry leadership, his servant's heart and his ability to quietly and efficiently tackle what needs to get done."

NIAA has five species-based committees—cattle, swine, sheep and goat, equine, and poultry—as well as six issues-based committees—animal care, animal health emergency management, animal health and international trade, animal identification and information systems, animal production food safety and security, and emerging diseases. Committees develop resolutions that, once approved by the Board, are shared with appropriate industry entities and government constituents and agencies. To date, NIAA committees have developed 89 resolutions, with the complete list and detail available online at www.animalagriculture.org.

The National Institute for Animal Agriculture provides a forum for building consensus and advancing solutions for animal agriculture—the beef, dairy, swine, sheep, goats, equine and poultry industries—

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and provides continuing education and communication linkages for animal agriculture professionals. NIAA is dedicated to programs that work towards the eradication of disease that pose risk to the health of animals, wildlife and humans; promote a safe and wholesome food supply for our nation and abroad; and promote best practices in environmental stewardship, animal health and well-being. NIAA members represent all facets of animal agriculture.

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