

2017 Recipient of the IETS Distinguished Service Award



Pascale Chavatte-Palmer

Pascale Chavatte-Palmer obtained her BS in 1984 and completed her DVM in 1989 with the national veterinary school of Alfort, located in Maisons-Alfort, Val-de-Marne, near Paris. She then went on to complete her residency in theriogenology with the University of Florida School of Veterinary Medicine, Gainesville, FL. Wanting to pursue a career in research, Chavatte-Palmer completed her PhD in 1995 at the University of Cambridge, and her postdoctoral studies in 1997 at the National Institute of Medical Research (INSERM), Paris.

Chavatte-Palmer began her career as a Lecturer from 1998 to 2006 with AgroParisTech, a leading university in life sciences and agronomy and one of the foremost and most prestigious Grandes Ecoles in France. It was after this that she joined INRA (National Institute of Agronomical Research) as a researcher/team leader, and she is still with this fine institute as a research director of the Reproduction and Developmental Biology unit.

Chavatte-Palmer has been an active member of IETS since 1999 and was elected as a member of the Board of Directors of IETS from 2009 to 2014. She was a co-chair of the scientific program for the 38th Annual Conference of the IETS in 2012 held in Phoenix, Arizona. She was also the head of the Local Conference organizing committee for the 41st Annual Conference of the IETS in 2015 held in Versailles, France. Chavatte-Palmer was very actively involved in the sponsorship committee that year, making the Versailles meeting one of the most financially successful meetings held in Europe. One IETS committee that was very dear to Chavatte-Palmer was the HASAC committee, which she chaired from 2010 to 2014 and acted as deputy chair after this. She certainly was an outstanding chair who made certain that HASAC represented IETS' priorities with the different governing bodies and other influential groups worldwide.

Chavatte-Palmer's scientific passion has permitted her to significantly advance the field of placental function and pathology. With over 266 publications and over 2,500 citations of her work, she remains an active scientist in reproductive biology. She has researched different areas such as progestogens in horses, bovine cloning and placental pathology, developmental programming and placental adaptations to a high fat diet in rabbits, fetoplacental imaging, effects of air pollution by diesel exhaust on fetoplacental development and offspring health in rabbits, and developmental origins of health and disease in horses and small ruminants. Chavatte-Palmer certainly is an important member of our scientific community and is also a member of different societies and an invited speaker to many international meetings.

Because this award is given to recognize individuals who have provided outstanding leadership or service to the International Embryo Technology Society, it is clear why Pascale Chavatte-Palmer is a logical choice for the 2017 Distinguished Service Award. Congratulations!