OPENING A DIALOGUE

In a welcome departure from the current "cold war" prevailing between animal protectionists and animal researchers, the HSUS recently proved that cooperative ventures with at least some elements of the biomedical community are still possible. On May 31, The HSUS and the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) cosponsored a symposium, "Alternatives to the Animal Model in Exercise Science Research and Teaching," as part of the ACSM's annual conference, held this year in Orlando, Florida. The ACSM is a professional society made up of more than 12,000 physicians, physical therapists, educators, and others in the sports-medicine and exercise-science fields.

Dr. Martin L. Stephens, vice president of the HSUS Laboratory Animals Department, delivered the symposium's opening address, "The Importance of Dialogue Between the Animal Protectionists and Animal Research Communities." He discussed the HSUS's policy and approach to animal-research issues; depicted the worsening polarization on these issues between the animal-protection and biomedical communities; and described the "three Rs" approach to animal research—refinement, reduction, and replacement—as a pragmatic framework for narrowing the gap between the animal subjects' pain or suffering (refinement), lessen the numbers of animals needed (replacement), and altogether (replacement).

Retiring HSUS vice president Phyllis Wright has served the society for more than twenty years.

A TRIBUTE TO PHYLLIS WRIGHT

In every generation, there are a few people whose vision and determination establish the agenda for the many. It is not always apparent who these people are, for often their message and influence are only understood and appreciated in hindsight, fulfilled through the words and actions of others.

It is, of course, not possible to avoid being influenced by Phyllis Wright if you are even remotely in her vicinity. It is not always at that moment that the real impact of her character and passion is felt, but rather, later, in their multiplication in those who, once her students, become ambassadors of her caring concern and persistent determination.

No advocate for animal protection and scientific communities has been more dedicated or devoted to her calling than Phyllis Wright, and few will be her peers in the years ahead. She has inspired and motivated an array of people who have joined the battle of those seeking to free animals from abuse and suffering and create a world in which cruelty is replaced by compassion.

We shall miss you, Phyllis. But your presence shall hardly ebb away. Not only have you challenged our minds and inflamed our spirits, but you have also made an imprint on our hearts so indelible that you will be one with us always—John A. Hoyt, president.

Phyllis Wright will serve as HSUS special consultant for the "Until There Are None, Adopt One" campaign.

Recently, the HSUS Scientific Advisory Council met in Fishingdon, D.C. (see the side front cover). Among the participants were (from left to right) internist and emergency-medicine specialist Jennifer Leaung, M.D., M.S. Hvg.; developmental psychologist Frank R. Astone, Ph. D.; and psychiatrist Ruth A. Baron, M.D. Other members of the new council are computer scientists Collen Crangle, Ph.D.; psychologist Patricia A. Knoxes, Ph.D.; radiologist Caroline Landell, M.D.; veterinarian Richard H. McCapes, D.V.M.; child psychiatrist Les Nyman, M.D.; anesthesiologist Roger D. White, M.D.; and neurologist David O. Wehlers, M.D., the chairman.

Because it was not possible for Mrs. Lindgren to attend the HSUS annual conference in San Francisco, California, last year, the presentation was made at the U.S. Embassy in Stockholm on February 1, 1991. Because it was not possible for Mrs. Lindgren to attend the HSUS annual conference in San Francisco, California, last year, the presentation was made at the U.S. Embassy in Stockholm on February 1, 1991.