



Humane Slaughter Association

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Humane Slaughter Association (HSA) announces 2016 Award Winner

The Humane Slaughter Association (HSA) has announced the winner of its 2016 Humane Slaughter Award. The award, which recognises individuals or organisations that have made major scientific advances in the welfare of livestock during slaughter, transport or killing for disease control, has been given to Professor Neville Gregory in recognition of the developments and technological developments he has made over 37 years which have led to significant and considerable advances in humane slaughter.

As leader of the animal welfare group within the AFRC Institute of Food Research at Bristol, Professor Gregory helped initiate research into improving welfare during transport, stunning and slaughter - a neglected area of research. He was also instrumental in setting minimum standards for stunning - for example, electrical parameters and blood vessels to be severed at slaughter.

Professor Gregory has had published hundreds of original scientific papers and several books which are a fitting testament to his contribution to animal welfare science. In addition, he has acted as an expert advisor to different national and international institutions and his research outcomes have been widely used to set standards of welfare in European Directives and Slaughter Regulations.

As a leader, he has mentored scientists who later became world leaders in their own specialised field, and taught animal welfare to students at all levels and at several institutions around the world – inspiring and encouraging many generations.

Dr Robert Hubrecht, Chief Executive and Scientific Director of HSA said: “Millions of animals are killed for human consumption every day, Professor Gregory is an exceptionally talented physiologist who has contributed greatly to the welfare of farmed animals during production and at the time of slaughter”

On learning of the award, Professor Gregory paid tribute to colleagues who had worked with him to advance humane slaughter as well as to HSA staff.

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Note to Editors:

The HSA is an independent charity recognised internationally for promoting scientific, technical and educational advances towards improving the welfare of food animals worldwide at slaughter, killing, marketing and transport.

Its work includes researching, refining and demonstrating humane slaughter methods, publishing material such as guidelines, best practice, books and videos, funding research projects and the development of equipment. Specialist technical staff provide expert and practical advice on all welfare issues relating to food animals.

The HSA is funded by voluntary donations, subscriptions and legacies.

For more information about the HSA's work call 01582 831919, email info@hsa.org.uk or visit www.hsa.org.uk

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