2010 President’s Distinguished Service Awards

2010 Recipient for the Excellence in Service Award

Ralph Scheurle

When people think of the Animal Services Unit at UVic, they think of Ralph Scheurle. For over 36 years, he has devoted his career to the growth and improvement of the unit, and has gone the extra mile in his work and his interactions with other members of the university community.

“Ralph has been a key part of the growth of the research mission at UVic, responding to the requirements of faculty in providing high quality infrastructure support,” says Rachael Scarth, UVic’s Acting Associate Vice-President Research (Planning and Operations).

Ralph consistently focuses on the goal of providing high quality services to UVic faculty, while ensuring the highest standards of animal care and the best possible working conditions for staff.

During his career, Ralph has provided support and mentoring for students, faculty and staff while supervising a large staff with diverse responsibilities in animal care.

He has also been instrumental in coordinating the design and construction of several campus facilities: the Outdoor Aquatics Unit, the Medical Sciences Building animal care unit, and most recently the animal care unit in the Bob Wright Centre. From design through start-up, Ralph has collaborated with architects, trades people, suppliers and other UVic staff to ensure the successful completion of this state-of-the-art facility.

He characteristically deflects the applause onto his team saying that he feels his success is the result of a great team effort. Ralph says one of the great pleasures of his job has been working with such wonderful colleagues throughout his career.