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*About the cover*

**DR. STANLEY H. KLEVEN**

Stanley H. Kleven was born in Dawson, MN in 1940. He attended St-Olaf College and studied physics and mathematics before getting his DVM at the University of Minnesota in 1965. He pursued a Ph.D in Microbiology at the same University, working on *Mycoplasma meleagridis* in turkeys. He is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Microbiologist and of the American College of Poultry Veterinarians.

Before devoting his career to poultry, he practiced in a large animal practice in North Dakota, and was an instructor and fellow in Veterinary Microbiology and Public Health at the University of Minnesota.

He came to the Poultry Disease Research Center (PDRC) at the University of Georgia in 1970 and became Director of that prestigious research group 2 years later. His research focused on diseases of poultry with emphasis on the diagnosis and epidemiology of avian mycoplasmosis. He is a highly respected mentor for dozens of master's and Ph.D. students, the author of hundreds of book chapters and scientific articles, and an avid supporter of the AAAP and NPIP.

At first, one of the PPLO (and later *Mycoplasma*) researchers' perceptions was that the strains were all the same and equally "bad". Dr. Kleven's research along with that of others led to the discovery of diversity between the strains and species of avian *Mycoplasma*, identifying antigenic, genomic, virulence and tissue tropism differences between them. This was particularly helpful, especially as these findings were used to trace *Mycoplasma* movement and behavior within and between poultry flocks.

Dr. Kleven is highly supportive and encouraging to those around him and has fond memories and interesting stories about his fellow researchers. He talks of his students with enormous pride. He is soft-spoken and has a very contagious smile. He has three children and one grandchild that are all close by as he enjoys his retirement in Athens with his wife Kathy Myrtle Burns of 64 years.

Submitted by Dr. Louise Dufour-Zavala