

In memory of Yoshiko “Yoshi” Suzuki**April 2, 1923 – June 30, 2006**

The International Society of Animal Science has lost a long-time member of the society with the passing of Yoshiko “Yoshi” Suzuki.

Yoshiko “Yoshi” Suzuki was born on April 2, 1923 in San Francisco. Soon after she graduated from high school, WWII broke out and she was among the Japanese sent to the Tule Lake internment camp. She graduated in 1949 from the University of California, Berkeley, with an A.B. in Bacteriology, and in 1978 she received a doctorate in Agricultural Science from the Tokyo University of Agriculture. From 1949 to 1950 Yoshi worked at the University of California, San Francisco, Hooper Foundation. Between 1950 and 1981 she worked with Dr. Clyde Stormont as a Staff Research Associate at the University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine, first at the Department of Veterinary Microbiology (1950–1973), and later at the Department of Reproduction (1973–1981). From 1981 to 2006 she acted as chief analyst and Chief Financial Officer at Stormont Laboratories, Inc. She had many accomplishments but is best remembered for her doctorate thesis establishing the eight blood group systems of horses that subsequently led to the development of horse parentage testing. Yoshi also had an enormous impact on training many scientists from the USA and from around the world who passed through Stormont Laboratories.

Yoshi was a member of the Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society of North America and the International Society for Animal Genetics. In the years 1964, 1969 and 1979 she received Distinguished Performance Awards from the University of California. She co-authored more than 60 publications, contributed to a chapter in a book published by Academic Press, New York, and presented numerous lectures and abstracts to international scientific conferences. Among her activities outside the university she acted as a consultant and expert witness on the results of horse and cattle blood typing tests on behalf of private litigants, as well as livestock regulatory agencies.