



## William F. McCulloch Award for Excellence in HAI Practice and/or Education

**2016 Award Winner: Dr Aubrey Fine**



*Above (from left): Elizabeth Ormerod, Aubrey Fine and Rebecca Johnson*

The International Association of Human-Animal Interaction Organizations, IAHAIO, awarded Dr Aubrey Fine its William F. McCulloch Award for Excellence in HAI Practice and/or Education in Paris, 12 July 2016. This award

acknowledges outstanding achievements of practitioners and educators in the field of human-animal relations, in particular Animal Assisted Interventions, such as AAA and AAT. Dr Fine was unanimously selected from an international panel of IAHAIO members.

Dr Fine is a native of Montreal, Canada. He received his graduate degree from University of Cincinnati in 1982. He has been on the faculty at California State Polytechnic University 1981. His leadership among faculty and teaching excellence earned him the prestigious Wang Award in 2001, given to a distinguished professor within the California State University system (23 Universities), in this instance for exceptional commitment, dedication, and exemplary contributions within the areas of education and applied sciences. Dr Fine is also a licensed psychologist.

Dr Fine has been recognized by numerous organizations for his exemplary service and dedication to children, animals and the community. For example, he was awarded the Educator of the Year in 1990, from the Learning Disability Association of CA. as well as receiving the 2006 CA Poly Faculty Award for Community Engagement.

Dr. Fine is the author of several books including the ***Our Faithful Companions, Parent Child Dance, Therapist's Guide to Learning and Attention Disorders, Fathers and Sons, The Total Sports Experience for Children, Give a Dog Your Heart, The Handbook on Animal Assisted Therapy and Afternoons with Puppy. The Handbook on Animal Assisted***

**Therapy** is now in its fourth edition (Elsevier/Academic Press, 2015). He also has had a featured monthly column in *Dog Fancy Magazine* on the human animal bond entitled the *Loving Bond*. He has been a guest on numerous national TV and Radio Shows including on programs on ABC, Discovery Network, KTLA, and CNN. His work has also been featured in the Wall Street Journal, Time Magazine, LA and N.Y. Times. He was noted as a Pioneer in Animal Assisted Therapy in a March issue of the NY Times. Finally, Dr Fine is a board member of Pet Partners as well as a member of the steering committee on Human Animal Interactions for the American Veterinary Medical Association.