

Those Who Laid the Groundwork Years Ago

- Randall C Cutlip, USDA-NADC Research Leader, now retired: an early mentor, standardized the AGID test.
- Guy & Pat Flora and Ken & Kathy Kark, former caretakers of *The Shepherd* magazine, published early OPP Society directories.
- Mary Jarvis: early OPP Society secretary: posted OPP information online before the rest of us even knew what a website was.
- Cleon V Kimberling: another of our early mentors, Dr. K first proposed a national sheep health program in 1993.
- Andrés de la Concha-Bermejillo: Veterinary Pathologist at Texas A&M, former OPP researcher from whom we learned so much.
- Marie S Bulgin: retired from the U of Idaho Caine Veterinary Teaching Center: an early mentor who also steered us to Andrés.
- Bill Hartmann, former State Veterinarian, and James E Collins, former MN-VDL Director: eased the path to MN OPP/CAE program.
- Michael M Jochim, of VDT, Inc: another early mentor who taught us more about the AGID, which remains a trusted workhorse.
- Dan Persons, producer: while serving as MLWP president in 2008, suggested that the group begin working with the OPP Society.
- Diane Sutton and Alan Huddleston, USDA-APHIS-Veterinary Services: offered advice and encouragement at crucial junctures.
- Brian Magee and Mary C Smith, of Cornell University: while Brian's retired, both continue important work in New York.

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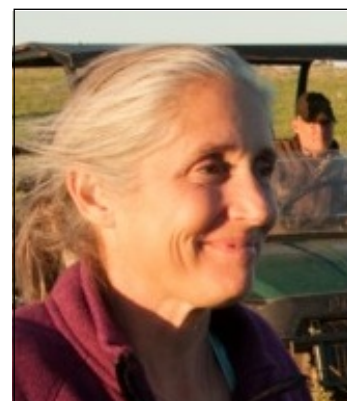
Our University of Minnesota A-Team



Londa Kroone, Sr. Tech.
Our acclaimed OPP technician is the most skilled in the country at reading AGID as well as Elitest plates. Londa patiently fielded all requests while we learned how best to use this new ELISA.



Devi Patnayak, BVSc, PhD
As the busy Section Head for Serology at VDL, Devi has gone way beyond expectations while on this journey with the OPP trial, never failing to assist in our search for more information.



Cindy Wolf, DVM
An OPP Society Founding Director who now wears many hats, Cindy is always in our corner when the stakes are highest and the chips down. A dynamic advocate for sheep and goats, and their owners.