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David Sanchez-Migallon Guzman

Exceptional avian veterinarians from all around the world were nominated for the [T.J. Lafeber Avian Practitioner of the Year](#) Award. An independent Selection Committee selected three finalists, and Dr. David Sanchez-Migallon

Guzman was named the recipient during the Plenary Session of the 47th Annual Conference of the [Association of Avian Veterinarians](#).

[David Sanchez-Migallon Guzman](#), LV, MS, DECZM (Avian, Small Mammal), DACZM is a Professor of clinical zoological companion animal medicine and surgery at the University of California, Davis (UC Davis). He is currently service chief of Companion Exotic Animal Medicine and Surgery and the Messmer Family Presidential Chair. He is also a director of the Richard M. Schubot Parrot Wellness and Welfare Program at UC Davis.

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The independent Selection Committee, consisting of [Association of Avian Veterinarians](#) members, was chaired by [Dr. Yvonne R.A. van Zeeland](#).



About T.J. Lafeber

[Dr. T.J. Lafeber](#) was recognized as a pioneer in companion bird medicine and the human-companion bird bond. His concern for the health and welfare of his avian patients led him to develop medical treatments, diagnostic techniques, and nutritionally balanced foods. Dr. Lafeber's lectures were infused with his caring demeanor and enthusiasm, inspiring students and veterinarians alike to advance the fledgling field of companion bird medicine. The Caring Hands Award statue (*shown above*) is a bronze cast of Dr. Lafeber's hands and his most beloved avian patient, the budgerigar.

Some of Dr. Guzman's affiliations include...

