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Iditarod Trail Committee Chief of Drug Testing Resigns

Wasilla, Alaska - Today, Dr. Morrie Craig, chief of drug testing for the Iditarod Trail Committee, announced that he has made the decision to resign after more than 25 years at the helm. Dr. Craig pioneered the Iditarod's canine drug testing program, which at the time, was the only program of its kind in the sport of sled dog racing and has benefited generations of canine athletes. Dr. Craig will continue to work with the Iditarod Trail Committee on research projects that will continue to benefit sled dogs health and well-being.

ITC Chief Veterinarian Dr. Stuart Nelson had this to say about Dr. Craig, "As a colleague and friend, I have great respect for his knowledge and expertise, and I look forward to working with him on future canine drug testing research."

Dr. Craig is highly regarded by his peers, having received many professional awards such as the Oregon Academy of Science Scientist of the Year in 1996, the Oregon State University International Service Award in 2010, and more recently the Oregon State University Industry Partnering Award. He was also Fulbright Research Fellow in 2004 and was made a member of the Fulbright Specialist Roster in 2015. He was also inducted in the Greyhound Racing Hall of Fame in 2010. Dr. Craig has most recently received a lifetime achievement award from the International Society of Animal Clinical Pathologists.

Dr. Craig said, "I continue to be humbled by the vision that Joe Redington Sr. had to preserve the rich tradition of Alaska's sled dogs and its contribution for countless generations." He went on to say, "I hope I can continue to contribute to the sled dog through my ongoing research."

The search for Dr. Craig's successor will begin immediately.

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