

In 2007, the American Association of Oriental Medicine (AAOM) recognized this seminal work by NAA acupuncturists by awarding its first Founders of the Profession Lifetime Achievement Awards, and creating the Pioneers Honor Roll. Dr. Gene Bruno and Dr. William Prensky were awarded the first "Pioneers of the Field Lifetime Achievement Awards. Dr. Steven Rosenblatt, Dr. James Tin Yau So and Dr. Ju Gim Shek were added to the Founders Honor Roll.

As one of the directors of the research team that introduced veterinary acupuncture into the United States, Dr. Bruno and Dr. John Ottaviano were the only two practitioners who were allowed to treat animals in California in the 1970s who were not licensed in veterinary medicine. The result of this work of the NAA's veterinary research team led to the training of veterinarians and to the establishment of the International Veterinary Acupuncture Association (IVAS) in 1974. The IVAS is international and now has members in many countries including Italy. The IVAS is a non-profit educational organization.

In 2007, Dr. Bruno was elected to the Executive Board of the World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies (WFCMS).

## Awards

Special Award for Advancing Oriental Medicine in the State of Oregon	October 1993
:Presented by the Oregon Acupuncture Association	
Special Merit Award for Contributions that led to the Founding of	
Veterinary Acupuncture in the US	July 1975
:Presented by the National Acupuncture Association	

Gene Bruno (born April 13, 1948) grew up in the West Los Angeles area, spent a year in Boston, and has lived with his wife. He still has a medical office in Salem, Oregon.