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.
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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.