Annual General Meeting Agenda
10 am Saturday, June 23, 2018
Lifetime Learning Centre, Ontario Veterinary College

1.0 Call to Order
1.1 Welcoming remarks
1.2 Remarks from the President of the University of Guelph
1.3 Approval of the Agenda
1.4 Approval of the Minutes from the 2017 Annual General Meeting, Saturday, June 10th, 2017
1.5 Business Arising from the Minutes
1.6 Dean’s Address
1.7 President’s Report
1.8 Treasurer’s Report
1.9 Review Engagement Report
   Motion: “Appoint two persons to conduct a review engagement and submit a Review Engagement Report. The two persons should not include the OVC Alumni Association Treasurer.”
1.10 Receipt of circulated reports for information
   12.1 President’s Report
   12.2 Dean’s Report
   12.3 Development Report
   12.4 Communications Report
   12.5 Honours & Awards
   12.6 Financial Report
1.11 Development Report
1.12 Resolution Approving Acts of the Directors
   Motion: “That all resolutions passed and all acts, contracts and business transacted by the Directors since June 10th, 2017, be ratified and confirmed by the members of the Ontario Veterinary College Alumni Association.”

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Dr. Jeff Wichtel
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Dr. Paul Woods on behalf of Dr. Chris Doherty
Amy Tremaine
Meeting Minutes - OVCAA AGM
10 am Saturday, June 10, 2017
Room 1714, Ontario Veterinary College

1.0 Call to Order (10:10 AM) .................................................................................................................. Dr. Bob Van Deit

2.0 Welcoming remarks ............................................................................................................................ Dr. Bob Van Deit

3.0 Remarks from the President of the University of Guelph ............................................................ Dr. Franco Vaccarino
   - AGM is a highlight of Alumni Weekend, OVC is a great point of pride for the University.
   - Example of excellent work at OVC – had a student score perfectly on the NAVLE this year
   - Congratulations to OVC’67 on 50th anniversary, as well as other classes celebrating landmark years (including OVC’52 celebrating 65 years – some class members attending)
   - Congratulations to OVCAA award recipients
   - OVC is ranked 4th in the world and 1st in Canada among veterinary colleges
   - Recent $23M provincial strategic investment in OVC to support critical infrastructure renewal
   - OVCAA is important to maintaining our momentum

4.0 Moment of Silence ................................................................................................................................. Dr. Bob Van Deit

5.0 Recognition of Volunteers & Call for Board Members ....................................................................... Dr. Bob Van Deit

6.0 Approval of the Agenda .................................................................................................................. Dr. Bob Van Deit
   - With correction of date in motion under 13.0
   - Motioned, seconded, carried

7.0 Approval of the Minutes from the 2016 Annual General Meeting, Saturday, June 11th, 2016
   - Motioned, seconded, carried

8.0 Business Arising from the Minutes
   - None

9.0 Dean’s Address ...................................................................................................................................... Dr. Jeff Wichtel
   - President Vaccarino and university executive are very engaged and supportive of OVC, fortunate to have this support
   - Have been developing next strategic plan
     - Student experience and curricular innovation
       - Primary Healthcare Centre programs are fully implemented
     - Public profile and outreach

10.0 President’s Report ............................................................................................................................... Dr. Bob Van Deit (on behalf of Dr. Chris Doherty)
   - Special welcome to OVC 1967, as well as other classes celebrating special anniversaries
   - OVCA alumni reception at the OVMA Conference in January 2017 was an excellent event
   - Hosted 4th OVCAA continuing education last fall, another is planned for this fall
   - 27th annual OVC alumni hockey tournament was also a success once again
   - Thanks again to the board members for all their work over the course of the year

11.0 Treasurer’s Report .......................................................................................................................... Dr. Tiffany Durzi
   - Books are in good order, events this year have lead to a positive balance.
   - Working closely with accountant over at UofGAA.
   - Details available on request.

11.1 Review Engagement Report
Motion: "Appoint two persons to conduct a review engagement and submit a Review Engagement Report. The two persons should not include the OVC Alumni Association Treasurer."

- Motioned, seconded, carried

12.0 Receipt of circulated reports for information

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12.3 Development Report ................................................................. Sonia Randhawa

- Class projects
  - $125K raised collectively for the college
  - ~15 launching/ongoing class projects

13.0 Resolution Approving Acts of the Directors

Motion: “That all resolutions passed and all acts, contracts and business transacted by the Directors since June 11th, 2016, be ratified and confirmed by the members of the Ontario Veterinary College Alumni Association”.

- Motioned, seconded, carried

14.0 Elections:

14.1 Election and Ratification of Officers .................................................. Dr. Bob Van Delst

Motion: “That all officers and directors as listed on the slate be elected”.

- Motioned, seconded, carried

15.0 Presentation of OVC AA Awards.......................................................... Dr. Bob Van Delst

- Distinguished Alumnus Award: Dr. Neil Anderson (OVC 1967)
- Young Alumnus Award: Dr. Andria Jones-Bitton (OVC 2000)
- Alumni Volunteer Award: Dr. Mark Gemmill (OVC 1993)

16.0 Adjournment 11:10 AM

To begin, let us welcome and congratulate the class of 1968 on their 50th anniversary of graduation, as well as other classes who are gathering for special milestones throughout the year, including OVC ’58, OVC ’73, OVC ’78, OVC ’88, OVC ’93, OVC ’98, OVC ’03, and OVC ’08. The OVC Alumni Association has had another busy year, with many events on our calendar.

Our Alumni Reception at the OVMA Conference and Trade show in Toronto this past January brought together classmates, colleagues, and friends for an evening of drinks and appetizers. Dean Wichtel and final year OVC students joined as well, to network with our community of alumni. Our fifth Continuing Education Symposium was held in the fall, at the OVC Lifetime Learning Centre. Our sincere thanks to all of our OVC faculty presenters: Drs. Stephanie Nykamp, Shane Bateman, Chantale Pinard, and Colleen Best. We were very grateful to have the support of Hill’s Pet Nutrition, SCIL Animal Care Company, and TD Bank in sponsorship of our CE Symposium. Given the success of our symposium series, we are planning to have another this coming fall.

The 28th annual OVC Alumni Hockey Tournament took place in April. With over 100 graduates, spouses, children, and friends in attendance, this is consistently one of the biggest events of the year for us. Even in the face of challenging winter weather conditions, spirits were high and the OVC Alumni Hockey tradition was well-represented.

Finally, our “Words of Wisdom” project continues to be a success, and we encourage alumni to submit their helpful words of advice or encouragement for the incoming OVC class of 2022. These comments will be placed in the pocket of the lab coat that the students receive at their Professional Welcoming Ceremony in September. If you would like to submit your words, please visit the registration table.

With the academic year coming to a close, it is my pleasure to welcome Dr. Paul Woods, OVC ’85, as incoming President. Dr. Chris Doherty, OVC 2013 has assumed the role of Treasurer. I would also like to thank the entire OVCAA Board of Directors for all of their hard work through the year, with special mention of the tremendous help that the OVC Alumni Association has received from Amy Tremaine of Alumni Affairs and Development at the University of Guelph.
It’s an honour to join you again for your Alumni Weekend celebrations. This is my third Alumni Weekend at the University of Guelph—it’s always a pleasure to connect with you, our alumni and share the exciting work we do at OVC. I’m looking forward to the opportunity to share just a few of our successes over the past year with you today.

I’m very pleased to report OVC is again celebrating a top ten ranking among veterinary schools in the world through the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) university rankings. This year the QS rankings place the Ontario Veterinary College as the seventh best veterinary school in the world, as well as first in Canada and fourth in North America. It’s no surprise to us, and I’m sure not to you either, that OVC has consistently placed in the top 10 since QS first included veterinary science in their rankings in 2015.

The QS ranking methodology relies on research impact, academic reputation among our peers, and the desirability of our graduates as perceived by employers—all areas we consider of vital importance. We’re pleased these areas are recognized nationally and internationally.

This ranking pays tribute to our exceptional faculty, staff, students and alumni. We all share a commitment to the OVC mission of teaching, service and research to improve the health of animals, people and the environment, and it shows.

As you entered the Lifetime Learning Centre today, you had a first-hand glimpse of some of the construction underway at OVC. The construction adjacent to the Lifetime Learning Centre will be our new Enhanced Clinical Learning space. You may have also seen the work underway on the west side of the OVC campus on renovations to the animal isolation unit. Renovations for anesthesia and surgery suites in the Health Sciences Centre are also well underway. More about these projects later in this report.

The past 12 months have continued the long list of achievements of our faculty, staff, students and alumni. Here are just a few examples of how OVC and veterinarians are helping make the world a better place.

OVC Strategic Planning

Last year I updated you on our progress with the OVC Strategic Planning. I’m pleased to let you know we launched our Healthy Futures OVC 2022 in November 2017. This vital process will guide us through important initiatives that will impact our ability to deliver on OVC’s mission and vision and embrace opportunities in the years ahead.

They cover several key areas: public profile and outreach; state-of-the-art facilities, infrastructure, and technology; recruitment, retention, collaboration and organizational health; research experience and leadership; and student experience and curricular innovation.

I encourage you to read more about this process and our progress on the Ontario Veterinary College’s website at www.ovc.uoguelph.ca/strategic-planning.

Construction underway at OVC

A number of construction projects are underway on the OVC campus. The University of Guelph (U of G) received $30 million from the federal and provincial governments
to improve research and innovation facilities. Among the initiatives across campus is a biosafety level 2 production animal research isolation unit located on the OVC campus. The U of G currently has the only facility in Ontario for housing production animals for infectious disease research.

The ability to accommodate level 2 pathogens is essential for research into the understanding, treatment and prevention of infectious disease in animals including cattle, sheep, swine and poultry. The new facility will improve researchers’ ability to identify and prevent threatening infectious diseases and will allow additional research and training for scientists and veterinarians involving emerging infectious diseases, disease outbreak preparedness, food safety, public health, zoonotic diseases, and the changing needs in health management of livestock.

New surgery and anesthesia facilities at OVC’s Health Sciences Centre, within the existing space at the OVC Companion Animal Hospital, will enhance the learning experience for students, and offer advanced and complex care for pets. These new facilities include new anesthesia induction and recovery rooms, two endoscopy and eight surgical suites, operating room, including the first minimally invasive unit at a veterinary teaching hospital in Canada. The renovations are made possible by donations to the OVC Pet Trust’s Friends Together for Longer campaign.

The hospital renovations are happening in conjunction with construction of new Enhanced Clinical Learning spaces at OVC, announced in 2016 which has been made possible by a $23 million investment from the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development.

These projects are scheduled to be complete in early 2019.

OVC applications stay strong

Applications to OVC, both from domestic undergraduate and graduate and international applicants remain strong. In fact, our international applications have more than doubled over the last few years.

OVC one-year and five-year post graduate surveys

OVC continues to conduct one-year and five-year graduate and employer surveys. Information received on the OVC 2016 cohort, based on one year after graduation, shows 100 per cent were employed within six months of graduation. We found that 63 per cent were in private clinical small animal practice, 13 per cent in internships, 10 per cent in private clinical rural community mixed practice, four per cent in private clinical large food animal practice, three per cent in private clinical equine practice and three per cent in industry. Employer feedback on these surveys notes, OVC graduates are good “all round veterinarians” with strong client communication skills and excellent knowledge base.

Health Sciences Centre caseloads growing

The OVC Health Sciences Centre is helping more animals than ever before with a growing caseload. In particular, the caseload in the Large Animal Hospital has grown significantly over the past year. There were almost 22,000 patient visits to the OVC HSC in 2017, with the majority referred by veterinarians across the province for special diagnostic procedures or treatments not readily available in general practice.

Research Networks

OVC’s work on interdisciplinary research and training programs in poultry, dairy and swine is continuing. The Poultry Health Research Network now has more than 60 members and held their third Research Day in June. As well, the Ontario Swine Research Network, at the U of G, held their third Swine Research Day in May, bringing together the Centralla Swine Research Update and the Mike Wilson Swine Research Day. The Dairy at Guelph group coordinated with Dairy Farmers of Ontario in a booth at the Canadian Dairy XPO in Stratford in April.

Hill’s Pet Nutrition Primary Healthcare Centre

In 2010, OVC launched a new model for companion animal primary healthcare education and service delivery: the Hill’s Pet Nutrition Primary Healthcare Centre (Hill’s PHC). OVC’s primary healthcare program offers a unique emphasis on the student experience and on innovative service delivery, with a focus on nutrition, communications and relationship building amongst the veterinary team members, clients and their pets.

Since opening, the centre has provided new learning opportunities for students that are focused on the core competencies required in general practice, which include: surgical, technical, business and communications skills; veterinary leadership skills; expanded knowledge in preventive care with an emphasis on the critical role that diet and nutrition play in overall well-being; and the importance of the human-pet bond.

Discussions about the goals for the next decade of the Hill’s PHC are underway and will continue over the coming months.

Digital Outreach

The 2018 edition of Externship Blogging Project, which features some of our students sharing stories, pictures and video of their externship experiences online, got underway in June. The students will be blogging all summer long – please check it out at ovu.uoguelph.ca/externship.

Wellness initiatives at OVC

The student club, OVC THRIVE, continued its strong presence this year with its second annual THRIVE week in January focusing on mental awareness and well-being. THRIVE stands for “Teaching Healthy Resilience in the Veterinary Environment,” and was built on three main goals; to create an open and accepting culture regarding mental health, to encourage students to prioritize self-care, and to provide tangible resources to help students build resilience.

The week began with distribution of a mental health resource kit to all of the students in the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program, all OVC graduate students, as well as interns in the OVC Health Sciences Centre. The kit included a quick reference card listing all of the available mental health resources provided by the University of Guelph with contact information, a set of puzzle blocks with motivational words to encourage mindfulness and reduce stress levels, a handy notebook and pen.

As well, orientation week for the Class of 2021 included an off-site orientation camp to help students connect and begin to build the relationships that will carry throughout their veterinary career. The first three days of orientation included a number of group and one-on-one activities, to encourage the Class of 2021 to get to know one another. The week wound up with the two-day outdoor camp at Bark Lake.
Laurent Viel, Department of Clinical Studies

Alastair Summerlee, Department of Biomedical Sciences
University Professor Emerita - June 2018 Convocation
Dale Smith, Department of Pathobiology

Honorary Degrees – June 2018
Emmanuelle Gattuso, television producer and communications entrepreneur who has raised millions for cancer treatment and research as well as OVC Pet Trust.

Alumni
Dr. Randy Bagg, OVC 1979, Global Regulatory Innovation Adviser at Elanco Animal Health Canada received the Canadian Animal Health Institute’s “Recognizing Its Leaders Award” for his significant contributions to the Canadian animal health industry.

Dr. Anne Croy, OVC 1969, has been elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. Croy was a member of OVC’s Biomedical Sciences Department from 1985 to 2004.

Dr. Jim Fairies, OVC 1980, was elected president of the Canadian Association of Swine Veterinarians.

Dr. Andrew Hoffman named the next Gilbert S. Kahn Dean of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, effective Aug. 1, 2018. He holds a doctorate in veterinary science from the Ontario Veterinary College.

Dr. Peter Ryan, OVC M.Sc. 1984, OVC Ph.D 1989; has been named Interim Dean of Mississippi State University’s Graduate School.

Dr. Ted Valli, OVC 1962, was inducted as a Distinguished Member of the ACVP

2018 Ontario Veterinary Medical Association (OVMA) Conference Award winners

Dr. Nancy Caven, OVC 1980 - 2018 Golden Life Membership Award

Dr. Matthew Croskery, OVC 1998 - Award of Merit

Dr. Mark de Wolde, OVC 1993 - Award of Merit

Dr. Michelle DaCosta, OVC 2015 - Rising Star Award

Faculty, Staff and Alumni Honours

Congratulations to the following OVC alumni, faculty, students and staff members:

Faculty
Dr. Cate Dewey, OVC 1979, concluded her tenure as Chair of OVC’s Department of Population Medicine.

Dr. Bonnie Mailard, Department of Pathobiology, received Governor General’s Award for Innovation, as well Immunogenetics Research received Innovation of the Year awards for U of G inventions.

Dr. Ken Leslie, OVC 1974, University Professor Emeritus, Department of Population Medicine, inducted into Journal of Dairy Science Club 100

Dr. Jan Sargeant, OVC 1986, Department of Population Medicine, inducted as a Fellow with the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS).

Dr. David Kelton, OVC 1984, Department of Population Medicine, received the 2017 American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP) Award of Excellence.

Dr. Dorothee Bienzle, Department of Pathobiology, is the new president-elect of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP).

Dr. Tom Gibson, OVC 1995, Department of Clinical Studies, became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (ACVS/AR) in January. Population Medicine professor Dr. Stephen LeBlanc, OVC 1997, was awarded the 2017 Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) Merck Veterinary Award for his work in farm animal health and production.

Dr. Ameet Singh, Department of Clinical Studies, accepted as American College of Veterinary Surgeons Founding Fellows in Minimally Invasive Surgery.

Dr. James Raeside, Department of Biomedical Sciences, will receive a Lifetime Achievement Award from The International Equine Reproduction Symposium in July 2018. The award was established in 2017 to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the discipline of Equine Reproduction, either through research or clinical practice.

Guelph Y 2018 Guelph Women of Distinction Honorees, including three honorees from the Ontario Veterinary College community, Profs. Bonnie Mallard and Tami Martino, and fourth-year Bio-Medical Science Major student Crystal Gong.

OVC’s Mona Campbell Centre for Animal Cancer was named Practice of the Year by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA). The Animal Cancer Centre was recognized for its exemplary care for patients suffering from cancer, and for its efforts to find new strategies and treatment options to treat cancer in companion animals.

Congratulations to faculty granted Tenure and promoted to Associate Professor:
Dr. Craig Bailey, Department of Biomedical Sciences
Dr. Fiona James, OVC 20015, Department of Clinical Studies
Dr. Adronie Verbrugghe, Department of Clinical Studies
Dr. Alex Popowich, Department of Clinical Studies
Dr. Byram Bridle, OVC PhD 2006, Department of Pathobiology
Dr. Amy Greer, Department of Population Medicine
Dr. Sherrilee Harper, OVC PhD 2014, Department of Population Medicine
Dr. Terri O’Sullivan, OVC 1998, Department of Population Medicine

Retiring faculty
Dr. Paula Menzies, OVC 1978, Department of Population Medicine.
Dr. Éva Nagy, a virologist in the Department of Pathobiology.
Dr. Alastair Summerlee, Department of Biomedical Sciences.
Dr. Patricia Turner, OVC 1992, Department of Pathobiology.

Staff
Congratulations to OVC staff who were honoured with President’s Awards for Exemplary Service in September.

Amit Khosa, information technology (IT) analyst at OVC, received the Spirit Award, President’s Award for Exemplary Staff Service.
Members of the OVC companion animal surgery team, Pat Davis, Stacey Harkness, Leslie Reid, Melinda Hanssen and Stephanie Roberts, received the Exemplary Team Recognition Award.

Elise Wickett, registered veterinary technician and OVC supervisor of patient care and delivery received the 2017 Canadian RVT of the Year.

Graduate and DVM Students
OVC PhD students Laura Jane Weber and Ashley Ross received Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

Masters student Priya Mistry, one of two University of Guelph students to receive a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarship.

Jamie Snook, OVC PhD student, named a Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation scholar.

Dr. Salah Uddin Khan, a post-doctoral fellow in Prof. Amy Greer’s lab in the Department of Population Medicine, was named one of 46 PhD graduates across the country to receive the first awards funded through a new program developed by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research Institute for Health Policy and Research and the Canadian Health Services and Policy Research Alliance.

Dr. Moran Tal, won the 2017 Waltham-ESVON student award at the 2017 European Society of Veterinary and Comparative Nutrition Congress in Cirencester, UK, in September 2017

DVS student Dr. Taika von Königslöw, OVC 2015, won the Dr. Bruce Wren Food Animal Incentive Award at the Western Veterinary Conference.

Laura Bassel, Emma Borkowski and Rebecca Egan received awards for their diagnostic case presentations at the Canadian Association of Veterinary Pathologists meeting on June 7, 2017.

Dr. Melissa Maxxinnom, OVC 2008, and current PhD student in Population Medicine (Epidemiology field), is the 2017 recipient of the D.F. Forster Magisteriate Medal related to her OVC MSc 2017 degree.

Dr. Ellie Milnes, graduate student, Department of Pathobiology, received a Travel Award and best oral presentation recipient at the 2017 Canadian Animal Health Laboratories Network (CAHLN) meeting. Milnes has also received a $12,500 research grant from the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians Wild Animal Health Fund.

Dr. Jamie Rothenburger, OVC PhD 2018, is the 2018 recipient of the D.F. Forster Doctoral Medal and the 2018 Governor General’s Gold Medal. Through the year, she was also awarded best oral presentation at the 2017 CAHLN meeting and Best Poster at the 2017 Wildlife Disease Association Annual International Conference in San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico.

Shannon French, graduate student, Department of Pathobiology, received Honorable Mention for her poster at the 2017 Wildlife Disease Association Annual International Conference in San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico.

Elizabeth Hartnett, OVC 2018, received the R.J.L. Walker Award for president of Students of the CVMA.

Corinne Schut, graduate student, Department of Pathobiology, awarded best poster presentation at the 2017 CAHLN meeting.

Mankarat Singh won the award for the best undergraduate student presentation at the Summit for Cancer Immunotherapy that was held in Gatineau, Quebec, June 25-28. Mani was co-advised by Drs. Khalil Karimi and Byram Bridie.

Ari Mendell, graduate student, Department of Biomedical Science, travel award to attend the Canadian Association for Neuroscience Annual Meeting May 13-16 2018 in Vancouver, BC.

Morla Phan, graduate student, Department of Biomedical Science, was awarded the Art Rouse Cancer Biology Graduate Student Award. Phan was also recognized at “The Undergraduate Awards” 2017 Highly Commended in the Life Sciences category in Dublin during November 2017.

Passages
Dr. Brent Hoff, OVC 1969 and DVSc 1983, long-time clinical pathologist and toxicologist with the Animal Health Laboratory and Laboratory Services, passed away on June 29, 2017.

Dr. Douglas C. Maplesten, former Dean of OVC, passed away in July 2017. Maplesten served as the seventh dean of the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC), University of Guelph from 1980 until 1984.

Dr. Donal (Don) McKeown, a former faculty member in OVC’s Clinical Studies and Population Medicine departments, passed away on January 16, 2018.

Dr. Russ Willoughby, OVC ’57, a former OVC faculty member and former Chair, Department of Clinical Studies, passed away on April 17, 2018. He also established and was the first Director of the Equine Research Centre from 1986 to 1990.

Dr. Harold Chapman, former OVC Professor, passed away on May 21, 2017.

Research
Our research and graduate studies programs continue to enjoy an international reputation for excellence. Here are a few highlights:

Dr. Shayan Sharif, Department of Pathobiology, received a U of G Research Leadership Chair.

Dr. Thomas Koch, Department of Biomedical Sciences, received a U of G Research Excellence Award.

Prof. Tami Martino, Department of Biomedical Sciences, received more than $900,000 from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), for a five-year study of how incorporating day-night rhythms could improve treatment of heart disease patients. Martino also received more than $680,000 from the CIHR for her research in applying circadian biology to treat heart attacks.

Prof. Byram Bridie, Department of Pathobiology, was one of fifteen members of the Canadian Oncolytic Virus Consortium (COVC), of which U of G is a member, which had its funding renewed by the Terry Fox Research Institute for the next five years.

Dr. Jim Petrik’s lab, Department of Biomedical Sciences, will receive a total of $120,000 over three years from an Alliance between the Cancer Research Society and Ovarian Cancer Canada to study Vascular normalization as a mechanism to increase uptake and efficacy of oncolytic viruses and vaccine-induced effector cells for the treatment of advanced stage ovarian cancer.

Dr. Viloria-Petit, Department of Biomedical Sciences, was awarded a Cancer Research Society (CRS) Operating Grant, as a co-PI with her collaborator at Memorial University of Newfoundland, Dr. Sherri Christian. The project aims at identifying adipocyte-derived modulators of breast cancer progression.
Honours & Awards Committee Report

Ontario Veterinary College Alumni Association Student Awards
Margaret A. B. Maxwell Memorial Graduate Scholarship: Claudia Kabakchiev
OVC Alumni Association Spirit Prize Phase 2: Salomon Schroeter
OVC Alumni Association Spirit Prize Phase 3: Garrett Schuilenberg
OVC Alumni Association Robert Clarke Public Health Prize: Robert D’Addazio

Ontario Veterinary College Alumni Association Alumni Awards
Each year, the OVC Alumni Association highlights the accomplishments and contributions of a few of our outstanding alumni. The OVC Distinguished Alumnus award recognizes OVC graduates who have brought honour to their alma mater and fellow alumni through their contributions to alumni affairs, education, community, their profession, country and the sciences. The OVC AA Young Alumnus award recognizes alumni who have made a significant contribution in their field within 15 years of graduation. The OVC AA Alumni Volunteer award celebrates OVC graduates who bring honour and recognition to the College by giving generously of their time within the college, in their community or veterinary organization.

Distinguished Alumnus Award
This year’s Distinguished Alumnus award is presented to Dr. Bruce Fogle, OVC 1970.

Dr. Fogle grew up in Toronto, and graduated in 1970 with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the Ontario Veterinary College. After graduating, Dr. Fogle went to London, England on a travel fellowship, to work as a veterinarian at the Zoological Society of London’s Regent’s Park Zoo. A year later he joined a veterinary practice in Knightsbridge, and in 1973 he set up his own practice, the London Veterinary Clinic, where he continues to work.

Dr. Fogle is a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, the British Veterinary Association and the British Small Animal Veterinary Association, and he holds honorary memberships of veterinary associations in Japan, Norway, and Catalonia, Spain. Dr. Fogle has written original scientific articles published in refereed journals in UK, USA and Canada and commissioned review papers published in scientific journals in Australia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Spain and Sweden. He has also been an invited speaker at symposia and veterinary faculties in 24 countries.

In addition to his work in clinical practice, Dr. Fogle has been involved in television and radio, hosting the live weekly TV series, Petwatch, for BBC 1, presenting two series, Good Companions and London Walkies for Thames TV and People and Pets, a year-long feature on Richard and Judy’s Good Morning for Granada TV.

Dr. Fogle has been active in charitable work, and he is the Co-founder and Vice-Chair of the charity Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. He is also the Chair of Humane Society International, an international charity that protects and celebrates animals world-wide. He has been a professional consultant to several international pet food and pet insurance companies, and in 1999 was the co-founder and content provider for a pet care website selected by Forbes Magazine as the ‘World’s Best Pet Care Website’. Dr. Fogle has also been Veterinary Consultant to Microsoft Encarta and Veterinary Advisor to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

In recognition of his charitable efforts, Dr. Fogle was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire, and the British Small Animal Veterinary Association granted him Honorary Life Membership.

Young Alumnus Award
Dr. Oblak graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree in 2008, followed by a DVSc in 2012. Dr. Oblak completed her internship and residency at OVC, before completing a Post Doctoral Fellowship in Surgical Oncology (one of only two in North America) at the University of Florida. Dr. Oblak joined the OVC faculty in 2013 as an Assistant Professor, Small Animal Surgery, in the Department of Clinical Studies.

Since her appointment at OVC, Dr. Oblak has been an active member of the surgery service, performing 19-22 clinical weeks annually. In DVM teaching, she provides 6-15 lectures and 40-60 hours of labs annually, and co-coordinated a large DVM undergraduate course with 113 lectures from 2016-2018. She is also actively involved in graduate student teaching and learning, including designing and teaching a graduate level Principles of Surgical Oncology Course and serving on graduate student committees.

Dr. Oblak’s research project has a focus on comparative surgical oncology and personalized medicine, and she has a keen interest in minimally invasive surgery. Over the last several years, she has been working to grow a Comparative Surgical Oncology Program at the Ontario Veterinary College through developing collaborations with several different institutions. Within OVC, she works closely with Drs. Alex Zur Linden and Fiona James as the RaPrDs Group (Rapid prototyping of patient-specific implants for dogs), and as a result of their research, Dr. Oblak recently performed the first canine cranioplasty with a 3D printed titanium plate at Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Oblak is also an active member of the collaborative osteosarcoma research group (Dog Osteosarcoma Group: Biomarkers of Neoplasia (DODGlobe) and provides clinical support for several research projects.

Dr. Oblak has served as a member of several major committees, including the OVC admissions committee (2014-2016) and OVC Pet Trust Scientific Advisory Committee (2017-present), on several faculty search committees, participated in the Strategic Planning Process and served on the Dean’s Advisory Committee (2014-2017). In her role as an Assistant Co-Director of the Institute for Comparative Cancer Investigation (ICCI), she co-chairs the Annual ICCI Symposium, among other roles. Dr. Oblak also works closely with the Oncology Service, attending weekly oncology rounds, and providing advice and consultation both internally and to the veterinary community.

In addition to her work at OVC, Dr. Oblak has been active in public outreach, including spending time in Chile with GAAP and Veterinarians International, Veterinary Community Outreach Mini Vet School, and presenting at various local veterinary association meetings. In 2013-14, Dr. Oblak was recognized as one of the Guelph Mercury 40 under 40, a distinction awarded to a selection of Guelph citizens under the age of 40 considered to be emerging leaders in the community.

Alumni Volunteer Award:
Dr. Hanna graduated from OVC with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 1989, and practiced in Kapuskasing, ON & Yellowknife, NWT. Dr. Hanna returned to the University of Guelph to complete an MSc in Biophysics in 1992, then a PhD in Biophysics in 1997, during which he discovered and characterized the sodium channel inactivation defect causing hyperkalemic periodic paralysis in Quarter horses.

Dr. Hanna has served as Regional Director (Canada) for the Evidence-Based Veterinary Medicine Association and has provided expert advice to the Competition Bureau of Canada, the Canadian Department of Justice, and the Canadian Olympic Equestrian Team.

Dr. Hanna has served as a Lecturer in Biomedical Sciences from 1999-2001, before being hired as an Assistant Professor in 2001. He is now an Associate Professor in the Department of Biomedical Sciences, teaching in the DVM, BSc and various Graduate programs. Dr. Hanna’s research is focused on neuromuscular disorders of horses, cattle, and dogs.

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Alumni Volunteer Award:
Dr. Oblak graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 1989, and practiced in Kapuskasing, ON & Yellowknife, NWT. Dr. Hanna returned to the University of Guelph to complete an MSc in Biophysics in 1992, then a PhD in Biophysics in 1997, during which he discovered and characterized the sodium channel inactivation defect causing hyperkalemic periodic paralysis in Quarter horses.

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OVC Highest Priority Account
The OVC Highest Priority Needs is an unrestricted fund that focuses on meeting the overall needs of the college. Donations to this fund are used, at the Dean’s discretion, for areas of greatest student need and innovative programs within the College, whether they are scholarships, bursaries, equipment renewals, collaboration amongst faculty and students, or student experience opportunities.

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OVC Student Assistance
With rising tuition costs and related fees, the student experience is becoming increasingly more expensive. At the University of Guelph we recognize that financial capacity should not be a barrier to any student’s academic potential. Student assistance provides a means to offset these ever increasing costs as well as support student learning. Funds allocated to this area will be used to establish and enhance undergraduate (i.e. DVM), upper-year scholarships and graduate scholarships within the College.

Preserving Veterinary History
OVC houses the largest veterinary museum collection in Canada, which plays an important role in preserving Canadian veterinary history. Curated by Dr. Lisa Cox, the C.A.V. Barker Veterinary Museum and Archive contains over 12,000 artifacts and rare books. Dr. Cox has been working on cataloging the collection as well as improving the preservation, conservation, and access to the collection through scholarly historical research and new exhibitions.
Pet Trust Report: 2017-2018

Kim Robinson, Managing Director, OVC Pet Trust

It has been another very successful year for OVC Pet Trust. In the 2017-2018 fiscal year, more than $4 million in funds were raised. OVC Pet Trust supports health care, research and education at the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) at the University of Guelph. Specifically, we support innovative discoveries that improve the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of diseases of companion animals, we train veterinarians to provide exceptional healthcare for pets and we provide leading-edge facilities and equipment for the OVC Health Sciences Centre.

In the fall of 2015, we launched a 99-million fundraising campaign to create new surgery and anesthesia facilities at the Ontario Veterinary College, and we are pleased to report the campaign is nearly complete. The new facilities are projected to open in early 2019, and will allow OVC to create a new world-class facility, remain at the forefront of veterinary medicine, raise the standard of care and provide the most advanced surgical and anesthesia techniques, diagnoses and treatment in Canada.

We continue to support projects to advance pet health. Each year, we invest more than $500,000 into research, support for graduate students and equipment to benefit companion animal health and well-being. In January 2018, we launched a new Pet Loss Support Guide for veterinarians across Canada to provide to pet owners — Preparing for the Loss of a Pet: A Support Guide for Pet Owners. In 2017, we introduced Coping with the Loss of a Pet: A Support Guide for Pet Owners. Both resources were developed internally by OVC Pet Trust through a collaboration with The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medical Centre and are available for order through Veterinary Purchasing.

We hope you will take some time to read the new spring/summer issue of Best Friends Magazine, published two times per year, highlighting how we are making a difference in the lives of pets with your support. Visit www.pettrust.ca/bestfriends to read a digital version of the latest edition of Best Friends.

This year we have continued our collaborative relationship with the Ontario Veterinary College by increasing awareness of the role of veterinarians in society. We will also continue to raise the profile of the Ontario Veterinary College by increasing awareness of the role of veterinarians in society.

Please connect with us on social media to stay updated and learn more. We’re on Facebook (www.facebook.com/ovcpet) and Twitter (@OVCPetTrust).

Communications Report: 2017-2018

Jane Dawkins and Karen Mantel, OVC Marketing Communications Officers

Report on Communications

During 2016-2017 OVC’s communications team continued to collaborate with the University of Guelph’s Communications and Public Affairs office to promote teaching, learning and research at OVC.

Highlights include:

- International coverage of Dr. Byram Bridle’s oncolytic virus research breakthrough which is leading to human clinical trials; Globe and Mail article on Women in Veterinary Medicine; and CBC The National coverage of Dr. Paul Wood’s cancer research, which involves evaluating the effectiveness of the therapeutic agent rapamycin in treating osteosarcoma in dogs and may have benefits for human health.

Our team remains committed to growing the college’s reach, deepening conversations and expanding engagement with future and existing students, staff, faculty, alumni, colleagues at fellow universities, private and government funding agencies and the broader community. We will also continue to raise the profile of the Ontario Veterinary College by increasing awareness of the role of veterinarians in society.

This year we have continued our collaborative relationship with the UoG Office of Research with an OVC SPARK (Students Promoting Awareness of Research Knowledge) writer exclusively devoted to reporting about OVC research stories.

The Office of Research has numerous strategic alliances with the media. SPARK-written news stories have appeared in agriculture publications across Ontario and Canada, on the University of Guelph website, in the UG Research magazine, one of the University’s flagship publications, and in Torstar and Metroland newspapers allowing our team to expand our reach.

The Externship Blog Project 2017: Now in its fourth year, nine student veterinarians are taking part in the Externship Blog Project 2017 and will share their externship experiences over the summer. This web and social media-based project, which originated in 2014, highlights the experience of student veterinarians during their externship placement. Students submit weekly posts about their experiences, talk about their work through writing, photos or video creation. Blogs are posted to the OVC
website and promoted through social channels.

Follow our student veterinarians this summer as they post articles and videos about their experiences in mixed animal practices across Ontario at www.ovc.uoguelph.ca/externship.

Integrated Marketing
OVC continues to blend traditional and social media efforts to ensure the college remains a leader in international conversations. Social media content focuses on student experience, learning and research.

We remain active on
Facebook: www.facebook.com/ontvetcollege
www.facebook.com/OVCAlum

Twitter, Instagram & Snapchat: @ontvetcollege

Traditional ‘Channels’
We are also continuing our traditional communications efforts using a mix of print and electronic communication products, including:

The Crest, OVC’s alumni newsletter, is published three times per year with a readership of 7,000 and is distributed with the U of G’s alumni Portico magazine. Over the past year we have focused on themed issues including the important role veterinarians play in rural communities, mental health and wellness, animal welfare, and diversity of veterinary careers, along with updates on alumni class projects, grads one year out and news from the College.

OVC Pet Trust’s Best Friends Magazine, is published two times per year, has gone through transformation over the past 12 months. The publication now aims to meet pet owners’ needs, covering stories of interest and interviewing OVC companion animal experts in a wide variety of areas. Best Friends also features funded research, patient stories and events. The publication has expanded from eight pages to 24 pages. Readership: 15,000.

OVC Bulletin is a weekly electronic internal newsletter, including news, stories, research updates, announcements, College and student events. Links are included to U of G Centres at OVC and other networks, encouraging an integrated approach to communications across the College. Each news-letter includes links to all social media channels to encourage followers and a call to share story and research updates with marketing communications. Alumni who have a story idea, can contact ovcinfo@uoguelph.ca. To access the Bulletin please visit www.ovc.uoguelph.ca.

Communications Report

OVC Alumni Association Board of Directors:

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Paul Woods, OVC 1985

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Student representatives to be named in Fall 2018.
To learn more about how to get involved with the Ontario Veterinary College Alumni Association please contact:

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