Dear Colleagues,

Welcome back for the new year. I hope that you had a chance to recharge. A notable exploit over the break was the Bienzle family’s certification as open water divers in Costa Rica.

Congratulations and thanks all around to those who contributed to the United Way this year.

3-minute seminars are coming again this semester for both faculty and grad students! This is a fun, yet challenging, way to promote our science and deliver your message. Further details to follow.

—John S. Lumsden

Congratulations and Good News

Byram Bridle, and Paul Woods, are the only two veterinary researchers involved in the BioCanRx New $25-Million National Cancer Network (NCE) announced by Ed Holder, federal minister of state for industry. They belong to the NCE’s “launch project” on synthetic antibody therapy. They will make novel canine-specific antibodies designed to prompt a patient’s immune system to kill tumours. Read the article at https://www.uoguelph.ca/cpa/wp/2014/12/new-25-million-national-cancer-network-includes-ovc-profs/.

Chris Pinelli received a Graduate Studentship in Prostate Cancer Research from Prostate Cancer Canada which provides a stipend for outstanding graduate students conducting prostate cancer research. Each award is $40,000 for one year. His research is entitled “Role of chronic inflammation and proteases in the emergence of castration-resistant prostate cancer”.

John Prescott was quoted in an article in the January issue of The Walrus entitled “Playing Chicken: Antibiotics made modern farming possible. By abusing them, we risk everything”. In the article he discusses veterinary antimicrobial drug use in animals.

United Way

At the UofG closing lunch on Friday our department was honoured with the President’s Prize which recognizes the campus unit with the highest increase in both participation and dollars raised. Pathobiology had a 45-per-cent increase in participation and 99-per-cent increase in overall giving. Our goal was $5,500 and so far we have raised a $9,695. (Elizabeth Gilberston receiving the award from United Way Executive Director Ken Dardano)

At the Guelph, Wellington & Dufferin 2014 United Way Campaign Closing & Celebration Luncheon the OVC team was one of three educational institutions that was awarded the United Way “Spirit Award”. The OVC goal was $37,500 and we raised $41,553. The totals may still increase as we did not deposit funds raised from the bake sale on Nov. 28.

Seasonal Lunch

Winners of the Jeopardy Game at the Seasonal Lunch are: Nicole Compo, Jon david De Dong, Mehd1 Emam, Russell Fraser, Jennifer Kylie and Brandon Lillie. Elizabeth Stone won the OVC trivia; Lauri Wager-Lesperance and Vivian Nicholson jointly won the ‘Dept. Chairs of VMI and Pathology’ question (VMI stands for the former department of Veterinary Microbiology and Immunology). The door prize was won by Leah Read.

Pathobiology Seminar Series

Fridays at 11 am Room 1810

Jan. 16, Andrew Peregrine, Pathobiology, "Echinococcus multilocularis: An emerging public health issue in Canada?"

Jan. 23, Greg DeDekaban, Robarts Research Institute, University of Western Ontario, "Tracking therapeutic cells in vivo by cellular magnetic resonance imaging".

Jan. 30, Cezar Khursigara, Assistant Professor, Molecular and Cellular Biology, UofG, TBA.
**OVC Events**

Mon. Jan. 12, OVC Community Meeting — Accreditation and Infrastructure, 12:30 pm, Room 1810.

**University Events & Notices**

**Reminders**

- Please try to send print jobs to print on both sides of the paper!
- Most importantly IF YOU PRINT IT—PICK IT UP. Every month a large amount of unclaimed printing is thrown in the recycle bin in the copyroom;
- Don't send black and white printing to the colour printer;
- Kitchenettes, please be mindful of food/lunches that are kept in the 3rd and 4th floor refrigerators, dispose of items in a timely manner.

**Arboretum Workshops**

For information on workshops available this winter go to [http://www.uoguelph.ca/arboretum/educationandevents/workshops.shtml#SLRBasics](http://www.uoguelph.ca/arboretum/educationandevents/workshops.shtml#SLRBasics).

**Human Resources**

Register now for Learning & Development programs, Human Resources, Learning & Development program registration for Fall 2013 and Winter 2014 is now open for faculty and staff at [www.uoguelph.ca/learningmatters](http://www.uoguelph.ca/learningmatters).

**University Events & Notices**

**Tues. Jan. 13, Talk Local Presents Catalyst Centre.** The Catalyst Centre's Erin Skimson, Steve De Brabandere and David Hobson will explain how U of G's scientific innovation is being harnessed for the benefit of humanity. Talk Local on Rogers Cable 20 is hosted by U of G alumnus Martin Bosch, Time: 7 p.m.

**Thurs. Jan. 15th, Office of Research Seminar:** "Help! My application deadline is approaching and I still need to complete the budget!!", led by Dave Reinhart, Financial Services, and Dr. Bev Hale, Prof. and OAC Assoc. Dean Research, 12:00 pm, UC Room 442.

**Wed. Jan. 28, MCB Distinguished Speaker Series, Dr. Rowan Sage - Professor, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, University of Toronto, MacNaughton (MACN 113) starting at 1:00 pm.**

**February 16-20, Reading Week—no classes.**

**Major Holidays for upcoming year.** HREO website lists the major holy days of obligation for a number of religions for 2015. The URL is: [https://www.uoguelph.ca/hr/staff-faculty-pay/paid-holidays](https://www.uoguelph.ca/hr/staff-faculty-pay/paid-holidays). If you have any questions contact Jessica Hanson at x56598 or at hansonj@uoguelph.ca.

**OVC Events**


Fri. Jan. 16, Laura Bourque, DVSC Oral Qualifying Exam, 12:30 pm, Room 4838.

**Welcome to New Student**

Amanda MacDonald — PhD, Nicole Nemeth/Claire Jardine.

**Notices/Reminders**

- All paperwork requiring the Graduate Coordinator or Chair’s signature must go to the Program Assistant Donna Kangas in SAS;
- OVC Internal Awards are coming soon, watch for emails with information;
- Financial need forms are due to Student Financial Services by Jan. 10.
- Reminder to use the pathgrad@uoguelph.ca email address when dealing with graduate matters and correspondence with Graduate Program Assistant Donna Kangas in SAS;
- Barb Gaudette will be away from the office until further notice. Please email or call Carol Ann Higgins, ext. 54784, chiggins@uoguelph.ca, for any research related inquiries or deadlines.

**Health & Safety Corner—Cold Weather Tips**

Check Web, Local Media During Bad Weather, When a winter storm hits and you need to know if the University of Guelph is open before setting off for school or work; the best information sources are the U of G’s website and local media; CJOY, 1460 AM; MAGIC, 106.1 FM, Guelph and many more. The campus switchboard will also have a recorded message. More information can be found at [http://www.uoguelph.ca/news/2011/11/check_web_local_1.html](http://www.uoguelph.ca/news/2011/11/check_web_local_1.html).


**Did You Know? Did You Know?**

- If you drive in snow, anticipate being marooned. A winter storm survival kit may save your life.
- The wise avoid driving during winter storms.
- Cold weather puts a strain on your heart, even without exercise.
- Be careful when shoveling snow, picking a car or other exertion.
- Regardless of your age or physical condition, avoid overexertion in the winter.

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**3-Minute Thesis Competition**

Date and details to follow.

Pathobiology will hold its 3rd Annual 3 Minute Thesis Competition, please send entries and inquiries to either:

Sarah Wootton, kwootton@uoguelph.ca, Or Byram Bridle, bbridle@uoguelph.ca.