Note from the Chair

Wow!! It is December. So much to do still. One more department meeting on the 12th. Get ready to vote! Also remember the department seasonal lunch on the 19th - first come first served for tickets!

A positive experience has been taking the opportunity to attend more graduate student seminars to better appreciate the breadth of research taking place in the department.

Thanks for all of your help and goodwill over the last three months. I look forward to working with all of you in the new year. I might even finish moving out of my old office before then...I hope that you have a happy and safe xmas break.

Cheers
John S. Lumsden

Congratulations

Dr. Bonnie Mallard Recognized with the 2013 Dairy Herd Management Innovation Award

The 2013 Dairy Herd Management Innovation Award given to the High Immune Response Technology and its licensed daughter technology, Immunity+ may qualify. This award was given to Dr. Bonnie Mallard and Brad Sayles (Global VP at Semex Alliance) for inventing and introducing this innovative technology to the dairy industry this year. These awards are given each year at the World Diary Expo held in Madison, WI and anyone can apply. This is the largest dairy event in the world and attended by people for every country involved in dairy production. I have attached a link that tells more about the award and the application process, as well as some photo related to receiving this award.

http://www.dairyherd.com/innovation-awards/

Dr. Patricia Turner recently passed her recertifying exam for the American Board of Toxicology.

Pathobiology’s Nagy Lab and the Barta Lab who had entries in the November 2013 Poultry Innovation Conference (PIC) in London ON. The following two posters placed for awards as indicated below:

1st place: James Ackford and Robert Kozak, Eva Nagy lab
2nd place: Kayla Price, John Barta Lab

Movember Team

From cleaned-shaven faces to groomed (or not so groomed) moustaches, the department Mo Team has raised over $3500 to date with donations still trickling in. Anyone still wishing to make a donation can do so at:

http://moteam.co/pathobio-2013


Dr. Nikki Lepage and her husband, Vincent Bérubé, welcomed their son, Xavier, on the morning of Nov 13.

SEASONAL LUNCH

Festive punch, turkey/veggie dinner with all of the trimmings $11
RSVP Sandra sbrenner@uoguelph.ca by Dec 9th 4pm
Thu, Dec 19, OVC Rm 1707 12-2pm

BEFORE

AFTER
Pathobiology Seminar Series
Fridays @ 11:00 am, Room 1810

Dec 6 Kayla Price TOPIC: "Coccidiosis vaccines in commercial poultry: Ensuring success through environmental manipulation"

Dec 13 Dr. Dawn Bowdish from McMaster University TOPIC: "Macrophage phagocytosis is essential for immune surveillance of the upper respiratory tract." followed by a meet and greet at 2pm in room 4834.

Look for emails detailing other Friday morning seminars for the month of December.

University Events

Tue Dec 3 Guelph Gives on Giving Tuesday
As part of The BetterPlanet Project, U of G will host a "Guelph Gives" fair on Giving Tuesday to promote ways that student can give back. Local charities, volunteer organizations and campus groups will be in the UC to answer questions, sign up volunteers and accept donations. Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Location: University Centre

Dec 5 Emergency Management Research Expo Learn about emergency management research from guest speaker Brad Andres, Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development. The emergency management theme addresses agri-food emergencies in Ontario. Get informed on timely topics with researchers, government and industry. Network over lunch and learn from graduate student research posters. For more information, visit http://www.uoguelph.ca/omafra_partnership/ktt/. Arboretum 9 am - 3 pm

City of Guelph Events

Dec 6 6:30pm Winter Lights and Music St. George’s Square—Sing carols with George’s of First Light Theater, light the tree with Santa, and join a candlelit walk to Market Square. 6:45pm Performances by the Guelph Community Singers and a showcase from the University of Guelph Varsity Skating Team.

Visit http://guelph.ca/ to find out about more community events.

United Way Update
Our Bake Sale on Friday, November 29 raised $441.07. Thank you to all the generous people at OVC for their contributions towards our campaign so far! The bake sale marks the end of OVC’s formal campaign but it’s not too late to make a contribution. Pledge forms are still accepted.

As of week 8 of our campaign (November 20) we have raised $28,032.00 towards our $39,000.00 goal.

Our OVC Incentive Draws were won by:
1 Year Free Parking Pass: Lisa Robertson
Coca Cola Gift Pack: Patricia Dunn
Photography Gift Certificate: Pamela Longworth
PartyLite Candle Pack: Sue Kinsella
Hair & Flowers Gift Certificate: John Prescott
Pot of Gold Chocolates: Lisa Robertson

Adopt-A-Family Give the gift of giving this holiday season.
http://www.childrensfoundation.org/adopt-a-family/how-you-can-help

http://guelph.ca/event/winterlightsandmusic/

Health & Safety Corner
Food and drinks are not permitted in department teaching labs (1813 and 1819). It is the responsibility of the instructors to follow and enforce these guidelines.

The fifth edition of "Antimicrobial Therapy in Veterinary Medicine", of which John Prescott was the originator in 1984 and is now an editor, was published in October.

Defenses, Oral Qualifying Exams

Wed Dec 4th Final Defense
Laetitia Tatiersky, DVS. 10:30 am Presentation Rm 1810 and Oral Exam Rm 4838
Thesis title: "Effect of glucocorticoids on gene expression of cutaneous antimicrobial peptides and susceptibility to chytridiomycosis in the northern leopard frog (Lithobates pipiens)"

Tue Dec 17th Final Defense
Lesley Berghuis, MSc. 9:30 am Presentation Rm 1810 and Oral Exam Rm 3826
Thesis title: "Stimulating innate immunity in feedlot cattle: strategies to induce tracheal antimicrobial peptide gene expression"

Wed Dec 18th Final Defense
Janet Sunohara-Neilson, DVS. 10:30 am Presentation Rm 1810 and Oral Exam Rm 4838
Thesis title: "Investigation of Leporid herpesvirus 4, an Emerging Pathogen of Rabbits: Infection and Prevalence Studies"

Reminders

Dec 1 — Canada Graduate Scholarships (Master’s) - CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC
Application Deadline for CGS M (CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC) to the Research Portal for more details see: www.uoguelph.ca/graduatestudies/finance/extawards_ogs

Dec 2 — Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) Deadline for submission of complete application package to the Graduate Awards Contact in the department in which you are/or intend to be registered for your Master’s or Doctoral studies. For more details see: https://www.uoguelph.ca/graduatestudies/finance/extawards_ogs