Congratulations to the following faculty who received funding for OMAFRA projects: Jeff Caswell, Brandon Lilie, Bonnie Mallard, Nicole Nemeth and Shayan Sharif.

Bonnie Mallard is the recipient of the OVC Zoetis Faculty Award for Research Excellence. This is awarded to the principal investigator in research conducted within the past three years that shows promise of attaining national recognition.

Pat Turner will be the recipient of the ‘Humane Award’ from the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association at their annual general meeting in Newfoundland on July 9th for her special contributions to this field.

Delphine Lanièse received an award from the Association of Avian Veterinarians House Officer Manuscript competition. It is an annual award given during the Conference of the Association of Avian Veterinarians and recognizes the best scientific article on birds submitted by interns and residents. Dr. Lanièse will present her paper at the next AAV conference in New Orleans in August 2014 and will receive a plaque, free registration to the conference, and a $500 check. Dr. Lanièse is currently completing a DVSc in Pathobiology under the mentorship of Drs. Hugues Beaufreire and Dale Smith and an ABVP (Avian) and ECZM (Avian) accredited program in the Health Sciences Centre.

Follow our students as they blog about their Externship Experience. Each summer DVM students from the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) get hands-on practical experience at mixed (companion and food animal or companion and equine) veterinary practices through an eight-week Externship Course funded by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and Ministry of Rural Affairs (OMAF and MRA). This summer, five students, Chelsea Allan, Jodi Boyd, Michael Brown, Lindsay Oxby and Jeremy Shaba, are blogging about their Externship experience. The students will be blogging all Externship long, so don’t forget to follow their daily blogs at www.ovc.uoguelph.ca/externship. You can also see all the related videos on OVC’s YouTube channel at http://www.youtube.com/user/OntarioVetCollege.

Note from the Chair

Summer is here! Time for research, reflection (and eCVs, common CVs, etc.) and yes there is already one month gone. What happened to May?

John Prescott’s recently held retirement party (see pictures) was very pleasant and ‘with little blubbering’ according to Brian Derbyshire. We will look forward to John’s contributions as a retired and selectively active member of the department! Thanks to John for all his contributions to the department, to OVC and to the scientific community. I know that John relished handing over the reins of PODVM this week!

Candidates for the Anatomic Pathologist faculty position will be here over the next three weeks (see dates for the seminars on the reverse - the first is on June 5). Please participate in the process and provide your input on the feedback forms. Your opinion is important!

Cheers
John S. Lumsden

I scream, You scream, We all scream for ice cream!!!
Ice Cream Days will begin in June and will fall on Wednesdays - June 18, July 23 with leftovers on August 20 at 3:00 pm.

If weather permits it will be held outside at the picnic tables or inside in room 1800.

June 20-22, Alumni 2014 Weekend, Multiple events will be taking place to celebrate the university’s 50th anniversary, OVCAA AGM, OVC building tours and open houses, and much more campus events. To register and find out about all the events taking place, go to: http://www.alumni.uoguelph.ca/involved/involved_aw2014_main_events.shtml.
Pathobiology Seminar Series
Fridays @ 11:00 am, Room 1810

Fri. June 20, Ryan Horricks & John Lumsden, “Scuba diving for research”.

Veterinary Anatomic Pathologist Candidate Seminars
Thurs. June 5, Dr. Stefan Keller, Research Seminar, “Exploiting the lymphocyte antigen receptor for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes”, 11:00 am, Room 1713.

Fri. June 6, Dr. Stefan Keller, Teaching Seminar, 11:00 am, Room 1715.

Tues. June 10, Dr. Zoltan Demeter, Research Seminar, “Classic and emerging pathogens of the dog: from canine distemper virus to canine parvovirus coronary”, 2:30 pm, Room 1810.

Wed. June 11, Dr. Zoltan Demeter, Teaching Seminar, 2:30 pm, Room 1810.

Mon. June 16, Dr. Taylor Reynolds, Research Seminar, TBA, 2:00 pm, Room 1810.

Tues. June 17, Dr. Taylor Reynolds, Teaching Seminar, 11:00 am, room 1812.

OVC Events
Wed. June 11, Agri-Food Seminar, 2pm, PAHL Rm 1810

Distinguished professor Paul Moughan (doctor of science, honoris causa, University of Guelph, June 2014) presents “Agri-food Opportunities and the Riddet Institute, New Zealand.”

June 16 Visiting Speaker 11am OVC 1642

Nucharin Songsasen, DVM, PhD and research scientist at the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute, presents “Canid conservation program at SCBI: a holistic approach — from laboratory to natural habitat”.

Fri. June 13, OVC Convocation Ceremony, Oath and Awards; 10:00 am, War Memorial Hall. If you can volunteer to help in any way, you can register on this survey for the procession (we can accommodate 45 on stage), as an usher (5 required for each ceremony) or to hand out name cards and hoods (3-5 required at each ceremony). https://surveys.cs.uoguelph.ca/limeSurvey/index.php?sid=291459&lang=en

Tues. June 17, Community Meeting: OVC Budget, OVC faculty and staff are encouraged to attend a community meeting for an update on the overall college budget including the OVC Health Sciences Centre. This is your opportunity to participate as a contributing member of the OVC community. There will be an opportunity for questions and constructive feedback after the presentation. Elizabeth Stone and Stephanie Nykamp will make presentations followed by a question period. We look forward to your contribution as to how we can all face both the challenges and opportunities in the upcoming year, 12:30 pm, LLC 1714.

U of G Events

June 9-13, Faculty Writing Retreat, Sponsored by UGFA, Are you trying to find time to work on an article or book chapter? Register now for the second annual Faculty Writing Retreat. The retreat will offer an opportunity to build a supportive writing group with colleagues from across the university and to join in group discussions on writing and publishing. Individual consultations will also be available, daily 8:45am-4pm, McLaughlin Library Room 300A. If you wish to attend, please email the following information to writing@uoguelph.ca.

Sat. June 21, Main Campus Entrance and Gryphon Statue Unveiling, NE Corner of Stone Road and Gordon Street, Join President Summerlee, the UGAA, community members, campus employees and fellow alumni at the unveiling of U of G’s newly landscaped main entrance, including the custom-designed Gryphon Statue. Unveiling will take place rain or shine. 9:00 am, All welcome.

IMMUNOLOGY CLUB

The first meeting of Immunology Journal Club in summer semester will be held on Friday, June 6, at 11:30 am-12:30 pm in room 4838.

For each session, there will be one presenter. The meetings will run bi-weekly. Immunology journal club will provide a forum of discussion for the review of one paper from the current literature on topics of relevance to immunology. We would develop our competencies as researchers, as well as keeping our knowledge up-to-date. The topic of next week is “Effector and memory T cell responses to commensal bacteria”.

ARBORETUM EVENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT WALKS $2, 5 and under free

J.C. Taylor Nature Interpretive Centre 7 to 8:30 pm

June 4 — Extreme Evolution

June 11 — Creatures and Features of the Creek

June 18 — Basics of Birding

June 25 — Nature Photography 101

SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Wed. June 4, Sketching Nature, 10 am -12 pm

Sat. June 7, Close Up and Macro Photography, 9 am - 12 pm

Wed. June 11, Look, See, Paint, 9 am - 12 pm

Sat. June 14, The Secret Life of Lichens, 9 am - 4 pm

Mon. June 16, The Mysterious World of Moths, 9 am - 4 pm

Tues. June 17, Medicinal Plants, 6 pm - 8 pm, $35

HEALTH & SAFETY CORNER

⇒ A Release and Indemnification Form must be filled out and signed by the Chair for all non-University of Guelph visitors & volunteers before they arrive to the department;
⇒ Lab coats should not be worn outside of the labs and main lab corridor;
⇒ Lab coats should be buttoned up;
⇒ Use the one handed glove procedure when moving from lab to lab. One gloved hand to hold the sample – the other ungloved to open the doors;
⇒ Acceptable lab footwear has a closed toe, snug-fitting heel and a nonslip sole. Sandals are not appropriate lab footwear;
⇒ No food or drink are allowed in any lab, research or teaching;
⇒ Wear safety glasses when appropriate.

NEW — Room Bookings

BOOKING ROOMS In order to streamline the room booking process, individuals booking rooms will be asked to do so using the generic room reservation email addresses that have been set up. It is not wise to have room booking requests sent directly to staff member addresses as these emails are not usually monitored when the staff member is absent.

Please begin using the generic room request email immediately to respond to inquiries. Email addresses have been set up as follows:

roomdean@uoguelph.ca
roomhsce@uoguelph.ca
roompath@uoguelph.ca
roomscs@uoguelph.ca
roomspop@uoguelph.ca

DEFENSES & ORAL QUALIFYING EXAMS

Wed. June 4, Doran Kirkbright, DVS Qualifying Exam, General Area: Anatomic Pathology; Specific Areas: 1) Fish Pathology; 2) Research – Epitheliotaxis, 9:30 am, Room 4838.

Tues. June 10, Kelly Fleming, MSc Final Defense, “Variation of bioactive components in colostrum and milk of Canadian Holsteins classified as high, average and low immune responders”, 9:30 am, Room 1810.

Wed. June 18, Marcio Costa, PhD Final Defense, “Characterization of the equine intestinal microbiota by high throughput sequencing”, 1:30 pm, Room 1810.

REMINDERS:
⇒ Forms for setting up a final defense must be received by Donna Kangas at least eight weeks prior to the date proposed for the defense;
⇒ Protect your passwords! Be aware of attempts to get your personal information. No one from the University will ask you to provide your login and password in an email. Go to the IT Security website for information on the latest scams;
⇒ Please make sure that you use your University of Guelph email account. This is how the University of Guelph along with the Department of Pathobiology sends out important notices;
⇒ Pick up your mail daily/weekly;
⇒ Keep Donna and Cathy up to date with your address and telephone numbers and emergency contact information.

NOTICES

July 14-18, Writing Services’ DISSERTATION BOOT CAMP (DBC) for graduate students, Dissertation Boot Camp is a one-week intensive program designed to help graduate students accomplish their writing goals and accelerate their time to completion. The Council of Graduate Schools recommends dissertation boot camps because these programs have proven to help reduce attrition rates and assist in shortening time-to-degree, daily from 8:45am - 4pm. APPLY ONLINE: http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/worksshops-events/dbc/dbc_form

*DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: Monday, June 9th, 2014 (The application process is competitive as space is limited.)