Note from the Chair

Thanks to Jan MacInnes and Bonnie Mallard for agreeing to be Acting Chair during my absence.

Please remember to attend the pizza lunch on Friday May 9th to introduce our summer and new graduate students to the department.

The department meeting in May will be, in part, for an update on graduate student numbers/targets.

I hope that you will all have a productive summer of research, productivity and recharging!

Cheers
John S. Lumsden

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Graduate Student Award Winners; and thanks to the Department Awards Committee: Dr. Margaret A.B. Maxwell Memorial Scholarship -- Diana Sinclair; Korean-Canadian Dr. F. Schofield Memorial Scholarship -- Adina Bujold, Christopher Pinelli & Kayla Price; Canadian Parrot Symposium’s Award in Avian Studies -- Delphine Laniesse; D.G. Ingram Memorial Scholarship & Tamara Denberg Memorial Scholarship -- Christian Ternamian; Dr. Errol Hancock Scholarship -- Jennifer Kyle; Dr. McSherry and Dr. Valli Scholarship for General Proficiency in Clinical Pathology -- William Gow; Peter and Christina Robertson Memorial Award -- Adriana Nielsen; Pathobiology Award for Academic Excellence & Soren Rosendal Memorial Research Prize -- Lisa Santry; D. G. Ingram Graduate Research Travel Grant -- Marlene Paibomesai; Roland A.W. Scott Memorial Scholarship -- Adriana Pastor; Prof. Jeanne L. Burton Animal Health Scholarship -- Kelly Fleming; Dr. J. Sherman Memorial Travel Prize -- Kayla Price; OVC Graduate Student Recognition Award Pathobiology -- Neda Barjesteh.

Lisa Santry was the recipient of a Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) Doctoral Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarship-Doctoral award (CGS D) which provides financial support to high calibre scholars who are engaged in a doctoral program in the natural sciences or engineering.

PhD student Kayla Price was featured in an article discussing “Poultry Breeds to Protect Heritage Genes” at the Arkell Research Station, the barn’s occupants are a closed reproductive loop, maintaining the best lines from one generation to the next. Read the article at http://atguelph.uoguelph.ca/2014/03/u-of-g-maintains-poultry-breeds-to-protect-heritage-gen/; she was also involved with John Barta on the development of a new self-guided DVD and smartphone accessible website, https://www.uoguelph.ca/phrn/content/dvd-coccidiosis, which is closing the link between academia, industry, government and poultry producers to help combat coccidiosis, a costly poultry disease.

John Barta will be collaborating with some researchers at the CDC on Cyclospora cayetanensis and received funding for his project, "Advanced molecular detection of Cyclospora cayetanensis: Genomics based laboratory surveillance and reference diagnosis".

OVC Class of 2016 have designated Dr. John Prescott as their honorary class president - “Honorary Carocal”.

RETIREMENT LUNCH CELEBRATION FOR
Dr. John F. Prescott
Wed. May 28, 2014
from 12:00-2:00 pm in The Pines Room,
Springfield Golf & Country Club, 2054 Gordon Street.
Tickets are $30.00 each and can be purchased
from Elizabeth Gilbertson ext. 54649 or egilbert@uoguelph.ca.

PATHO HIGHLIGHTS
Undergrad TJ Williams, left, and PhD student Kayla Price help maintain poultry lines donated to U of G 10 years ago by Canadian poultry breeder Donald Shaver.

Honorary Carocal - Dr. Prescott, Class of 2016

April was a busy month for retirement celebrations...

Erin Harkness, and husband Brad, welcomed their first child, a girl named Gracie May, on Mon. May 5th, weighing 7lbs. Everyone is happy and healthy.

Congratulations to Vivian Nicholson on the birth of her grandson, Oliver Ben Nicholson born on April 17th, weighing 8 lbs. 1 oz.
Pathobiology Seminar Series
Fridays @ 11:00 am, Room 1810

Fri. May 2, Lucy Mutharia, Molecular and Cellular Biology, UoG, “Identifying the genes and proteins characteristic of Mycobacterium paratuberculosis: Adaptation and survival within and outside of a mammalian host”.

Fri. May 9, Mosun Ogedengbe, PhD Student, Pathobiology, “DNA barcoding of apicomplexa: mitochondrial evolution across the phylum”

Fri. May 16, Ehab Misk, PhD Student, Pathobiology, “Spring Viremia of Carp virus in Ontario”.

Fri. May 23, Tamiru Alkie, Post Doc, Pathobiology, “Cationic polymers for delivering recombinant vaccines and adjuvants”

OVC Events
May 4-7, Global Development Symposium: Critical Links Between Animal and Human Health, The 2014 Global Development Symposium (GDS2014) will explore interdisciplinary approaches to improving public health, food and water security and community empowerment. The symposium brings together social, environmental, medical and veterinary scientists with policy makers, students and community members who have an interest in positive global development. More info can be found at http://www.confmanager.com/main.cfm?cid=2704


June 20-22, Alumni Weekend, Celebrating 50, Multiple events will be taking place to celebrate the university’s 50th anniversary, annual general meetings, tours and open houses. To register and find out more go to: www.alumni.uoguelph.ca/involved/involved_aw2014_main_events.shtml

HEALTH & SAFETY CORNER
Welcome to NEW Graduate Students
Rebecca Egan
— DVS with Jeff Caswell
Mehdi Emam
— PhD with Bonnie Mallard
Juan-Ting Liu
— PhD with John Lumsden
Paige Vroom
— MSc with John Lumsden
Kristin Wythe
— MSc with Brandon Lillie

Reminders
Reminder to Faculty and Graduate Students:
All forms for setting up a final defense must be received to Donna Kangas at least eight weeks prior to the date proposed for the defense.

Graduate Student Evaluation Reports for Winter 2014 are due to Donna Kangas by Fri. June 6th. Please make sure that the Advisory Committee has all signed the form before handing it in. Link to the form: https://www.uoguelph.ca/graduates/tufts/sites/default/files/docs/evaluation_report.pdf

Reminder to Graduate Students:
If you are responsible for paying your own tuition - payment has to be received in Student Financial Services before Fri. May 16th.

Last day to Add courses is Fri. May 16th.

Please pick up your mail on a daily or weekly basis. If you are going to be away from the department for more than a week, please make arrangements with someone to pick up your mail for you.

If you have moved recently, please give your new mailing address to Donna Kangas/Cathy Bernard so that we can keep our records up to date.

Take advantage of University of Guelph Alumni promotions, find out more CLICK HERE. Discounts to/f or Mirvish shows, Ontario Science Centre, Canada’s Wonderland, Via Rail, Swiss Chalet meals, and so much more.

PIZZA LUNCH
Welcome to NEW graduate and summer students. All welcome.