Dear Colleagues

Welcome back refreshed for a new academic year. I certainly feel like I’m 20 years old again… We’ll look forward to everyone’s stories from vacation (like close encounters with black bears and adopting two potcake dogs – one like a Russian doll – surprise there are two more inside!, so four potcake dogs), meeting new graduate students and working to maintain our department’s high standards! There will be a pizza lunch on Sept. 14 at 12:30pm in room 1800 to welcome new members of Pathobiology.

Cheers John

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Congratulations

Dr. Byram Bridle receives Terry Fox Grant to help dogs, humans with bone cancer – studying bone cancer in dogs may yield new therapies for treating osteosarcoma patients. >> more

Dr. Byram Bridle also received $32,100 for one year from the National Centre of Excellence in Cancer Biotherapies. This funding is to prepare for upcoming clinical canine melanoma biotherapy trials.

Dr. Bonnie Mallard was a successful applicant in Genome Canada LSRAP competition. >> more

Dr. Bonnie Mallard also received $125,000 from OMAF Gryphon Laair funds to evaluate the potential of using the HIR/Immunity+ technology in beef cattle. Dr Doug Hodgins, a research associate with the group will spearhead this project. >> more

Dr. John Barta and Dr. Bonnie Mallard are celebrating 25 years of service at the University of Guelph.

OVC researchers share in CFi investment to U of G - Pathobiology professors Nicole Nemeth and Leonardo Susta teamed up and received a $125,000 grant to advance their studies in infectious avian diseases.

Dr. Patricia Turner was appointed Chair of the Code Scientific Committee for NFACC’s Rabbit Code Development Committee. The Code Scientific Committee provides guidance on key animal welfare priority issues, which will be used as a basis to make recommendations for enhancing the care of commercial meat rabbits nationwide.

Dr. Patricia Turner was appointed Chair of the Animal Welfare Working Group for the World Veterinary Association. The WVA’s mandate is to promote animal health, animal welfare, and public health on a global basis through key partnerships with other international associations, such as the OIE, FAO, WAP, and WMA. Animal welfare was identified as 1 of 4 critical external priorities for the WVA in their 2015 Strategic Plan.

Dr. Shayan Sharif has recently been selected as an Editor-in-Chief for Veterinary Immunology and Immunopathology.

Dr. Byram Byram was interviewed by CHCH about his grant and bone cancer research. >> watch the news clip

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IN THE NEWS

Researcher searches for clues to antibacterial resistance - Molecular epidemiologist Prof. Patrick Boerlin is working with researchers in the United States and Alberta on several projects, studying antibiotic resistance in bacteria from beef cattle. >> more

Prof. Patricia Turner is leading a research team committed to developing a user-friendly set of biosecurity recommendations. The team includes Dr. Scott Weese, Dr. Patrick Boerlin, and graduate student, Jennifer Kylie. >> more

Dr. Byram Byram was interviewed by CHCH about his grant and bone cancer research. >> more

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Congratulations to the winners from this year’s Summer Leadership Research Program Poster presentations.

Pathobiology Winners:
First Place Winner: Aaron Percival
Third Place Winners: Ashley Cormier and Sabrina Stevens

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“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”
- Nelson Mandela

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“Poultry Industry BBQ, a joint venture of the University of Guelph, Livestock Research Innovation Corporation (LRIC), Poultry Industry Council (PIC), and the Poultry Health Research Network (PHRN) took place on Campus on July 16, 2015. The attendees included industry leaders from the poultry commodity groups, UofG President Dr. Franco Vaccarino, Vice President of Research Dr. Malcolm Campbell and OVC Interim Dean Dr. Kerry Lissimore, and researchers from across the campus and beyond”. >> more

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Above Photo: SLRP winners
Pathobiology Winners: Aaron Percival (red shirt); Ashley Cormier (far right) and Sabrina Stevens (blue dress).

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September Events
Pathobiology Events/Seminars

Sep 14 12:30 pm Rm 1800 Join us for our annual pizza lunch to welcome new members to Pathobiology.

Sep 18 11 am Rm 1810 PABI-6440 student talks: Rebecca Egan & Rob Mould
Topic: “Intestinal immune response during early enteric Mycobacterium avium subspecies paratuberculosis infection in calves”

Sep 25 11:30 am Rm 1810 Ravi Kulkarni
Topic: “Immunosenescence: Boosting Vaccine-induced immunity in the Elderly”

For more news and events go to the OVC BULLETIN

U of G Events

Sep 5 – Residence Move In About 4,000 first-year students will move into residence and begin their university experience. Move-in takes place across campus and spans the entire day.

Sep 8 – 12 Orientation Week Eight days of events to introduce you to opportunities, resources, the community and expectations. >> details

Sep 29 Library Carnival Learn how the library can help you succeed this semester at the fourth annual Library Carnival, featuring booths with games, trivia, prizes, food and popcorn. Location: University Centre, Courtyard >> details

Sep 30 Career Fair at RIM Park
Network with more than 200 employers at the P4E Career Fair at RIM Park in Waterloo. Free transportation will be provided to and from the fair from the University Centre. Students from all programs.

Thank you from the Ice Cream Sundae Committee

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our United Way Ice Cream Sundae Day fundraisers this summer. The last ICS event collected $210.56, pushing our grand total well over the $500 goal, raising $549.31 for the United Way. Making this donation to the United Way would not have been possible had the ice cream and supplies not been donated by the department; thank you John!

Welcome New Babies!

Zariah
Parents: Astrid Oscos, Snowball & Taureen Harrison
DOB: July 15

Benjamin
Parents: David & Kate Cristo
DOB: July 11

Mariam
Parents: Abby Abida & Asim Shaghl
DOB: July 30

PIZZA LUNCH
Mon Sep 14 12:30 pm room 1800
Join us for our annual pizza lunch to welcome new members to Pathobiology.

Health and Safety Information & Reminders

Lock Up your Bicycle. Bicycle racks are provided across the campus and have been positioned in well lit, high traffic locations for your convenience. Secure your front wheel and frame to the bike rack. You may wish to use more than one lock. Thieves will take bicycle parts if they cannot take the whole bicycle. Take all easily removable parts and accessories with you to class or lock them somewhere in a secure place. >> more

Grad Student Corner

Welcome to our New Graduate Students

DVSc Students:
- Elin Hernandez (Turner)
- Eleanor Milnes (Smith/Nemeth)
- Ayman Samman (Susta)

MSc Students:
- Jaramar Balmar-Cedeno (Lumsden)
- Mei-Hui Huang (Keller)
- Rachel Imai (Barta)
- Ryan Snyder (Barta)
- Jonathan Kotwa (Peregrine)
- Kathryn Smith (Nemeth)
- Taylor Valee (Lillie)
- Xiao Ting (Wendy) Xie (Turner)
- Laura Van Liewshout (Wootton)
- Pauline Zhang (Boerlin)

FINAL DEFENCE:

Sep 2nd PAHL Rooms 1810 & 4838
Alexandra Rasiuk, MSc Final Defence
“Role of Type 1 Interferon Signalling in Regulating Cell Survival, Proliferation, and Cytokine Production in Antigen-Presenting Cells”

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

If you have not registered, please do so soon. Just a reminder that registering is two parts.

PART A: Using WebAdvisor you can register in UNIV*7500 - Research and Writing and UNIV*7510 - Active Part-time. You can also register for your courses.

PART B: "General Settlement" on WebAdvisor. This is if you are being paid by payroll. If you have any questions, please ask the Graduate Program Assistant.

PAYING YOUR OWN TUITION? The Payment deadline is Fri Sep 18th, 2015 - late fees apply after this date.

DEFENDING FALL 2015?: You’ll need to apply to graduate at Winter 2016 Convocation by or before October 23rd, 2015 to avoid a late fee.

Graduate Program Progress Reports (Summer 2015):
Due Tue Sep 15th, 2015 at 4:00 pm. Submit to the Graduate Program Assistant, Pathobiology.

Read your uog email daily: This is how the Department of Pathobiology and other Departments of the University of Guelph contacts you. If you have problems with your e-mail account, please contact CCS at extension 58888. If you are not getting messages from the Department of Pathobiology, please let the Graduate Program Assistant know.

Mailbox: Pick up your mail on a daily or weekly basis. If you are not here, please make arrangements to have your mail picked up for you.

Contact the Graduate Program Assistant (GPA)
Donna Kangas at pathgrad@uoguelph.ca
- Send all of your e-mail requests to GPA to insure your requests will be answered.
- If your home address has changed recently, please inform GPA to update her records.