Congratulations

Congratulations to Emeritus Professor Dr. Julie Yager, Dr. Dorothee Bienzle, Dr. Chris Pinelli and Dr. Courtney Schott for receiving ACVP awards. >> more

OAHN Network has awarded Dr Patricia Turner with $50,000 towards the Development of a health and disease surveillance network for Ontario mink farms.

Dr John Prescott was named 2015 Distinguished Veterinary Microbiologist by the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists at the Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases held in Chicago in December. >> more

Dr Andrew Peregrine has received $45,000 from the Ontario Animal Health Network for a project entitled "Investigation of the prevalence of Echinococcus multilocularis and risk of infection in wild canids in Ontario".

Jonathon Kotwa, an MSc student with Dr Andrew Peregrine, has recently been awarded a 2015 Burroughs-Wellcome Travel Award to visit the National Veterinary Institute, Uppsala, Sweden for his wild canid surveillance project on Echinococcus multilocularis. Furthermore, in addition to funding from Bayer Animal Health ($52,000), this project has recently been awarded $19,500 from the National Center for Veterinary Parasitology at Oklahoma State University, USA.

Dr Leonard Susta has received $17,883 from Pet Trust for his project entitled “Determination of important causes of morbidity and mortality in psittacine birds submitted to the Ontario Veterinary College Teaching Hospital: Management and treatment implications”.

Pauline Delnatte - DVSc in Zoo Animal Medicine and Pathology, is now a Diplomate of the American College of Zoological Medicine. To date, 7 of our Zoo program students have written the ACZM exam, and all have passed on the first try. OVC students hold the record for this! Pauline is now an Associate Veterinarian at the Toronto Zoo and one of the clinical supervisors for the joint DVSc program with the zoo.

Jessica Walsh (MSc student, Turner lab) placed 2nd overall in the graduate student poster competition at the 2015 OMAFRA Emergency Management Expo held on December 1 for her poster entitled, "Evaluation and Validation of Appropriate On-farm Euthanasia Methods for Commercial Meat Rabbits”.

Yang grant research explores the role of inflammation in treatment-resistant prostate cancer. >> more

A big thank you to all participants and donors!!!!

We raised a total of: $2107 (this is almost double what we raised last year!)

This year, we had...

Faculty Members: 3  PostDocs: 1
Graduate Students: 3  Undergraduate Students: 1
Friends of Pathobio: 1  OVC Alumni: 1

Brandon Lillie raised the most money this year (500$)

Wildlife lab celebrates Nicole Nemeth and Jamie Rothenburger passing the ACVP board exam this fall.

Dr. Dorothee Bienzle
Dr. Courtney Schott
Dr. Andrew Peregrine
Dr. Patricia Turner
Dr. John Prescott

Happy New Year and welcome back! I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Cheers John

NEWS and MEDIA

There’s hope for CF patients in the form of research that could lead to more effective treatments – and possibly a cure. Pathobiology professor Sarah Wootton has received almost $300,000 in funding from Cystic Fibrosis Canada to study gene therapy that aims to replace the defective gene that causes CF with a functional one. >> more

U of G researcher Nicole Nemeth is studying the transmission and spread of the tick-borne virus. >> more

The Ontario Animal Health Network (OAHN) is a collaborative way of looking at disease in animals in Ontario. There is now an operational network for each major species group. We have owner and producer reports at oahn.ca, and veterinarians and vet students can sign up on our site to get access to vet-only reports and disease alerts. As well, we regularly share continuing education, animal health and disease links through our Facebook and Twitter pages. We would love to share your pathobiology research with vets from across Ontario, so please get in touch with us: oahn@uoguelph.ca.
January Events

Pathobiology Seminars

Seminars will take place at 11:30 am in PAHL room 1810 unless otherwise noted.

Jan 15 Jennifer Minogue “U of G Lab Management Factoids: Putting Due Diligence in your Vocabulary and Staying Out of Trouble” Host Byram Bridle

Jan 22 Dr Jeff Caswell; Dr Grant Maxie “Helpful Advice or Disparaging Critic? Your role as a peer reviewer of manuscripts” (based on a talk Jeff gave at ACVP), these are the editors-in-chief for Vet Pathol and J Vet Diagn Investigation, respectively.” Host: Brandon Plattert

OVC Events

Jan 14 12:30 pm PAHL 1812 Community of Teachers Meeting — The Role of Counselling Services within OVC by Bruno Mancini

Jan 15-16 Student of the Canadian Medical Associations (SCVMA) (details below)

→ For more news and events go to the OVC BULLETIN

PHRN Monthly Seminars

Jan 12 - 12:30-1:30 PM Animal Biosciences Room 141 Dr. Bedecarrats “Spectrum Lighting for Layers: From basic research to practical applications.”

Other Events

Westin Harbor Castle, Toronto

Jan 27 Regatta Room 7-9 pm The Ontario Veterinary College Alumni Association is thrilled to announce the hosting of an exciting social night for students and alumni! It will take place on Wednesday night, the week of the OVMC Conference, so plan to attend while in Toronto! This is a free event at an impressive venue, The Westin Harbor Castle. Appetizers and drinks will be provided! Register

Jan 28-30 OVMA Conference and Tradeshow

The largest veterinary conference in Canada, offering world-class continuing education opportunities and the most extensive veterinary trade show in the country. > more

International Plaza Hotel & Conference Centre, Toronto March 3-5 OAVT Conference > more

Upcoming Events

May 16-17 OVC Cafeteria 3-6:30 pm Industry Day

May 16-17 The Canadian Association of Veterinary Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine will be hosting our annual conference (CAVEPM 2016 – Thinking Outside the Epidemiological Toolbox) at the University of Guelph’s Ontario Veterinary College in Guelph. > more

What is OSCAR?

Web based self service tool that allows for:

- Tracking time and time taken
- Managing time off requests
- Displaying leave (vacation, sick, etc.) balances

OVC Scheduling Capability and Reporting System

- Phase 1 of the OSCAR system has been active in the OVC Health Sciences Centre since the beginning of 2015.
- Phase 2 will be implemented to start 2016, rolling the system out to the academic and ancillary departments at OVC.

Target date for first reporting period: January 8th – 22nd, 2016

Training Drop In Sessions

Drop in sessions are available to all employees (first hour) and supervisors (second hour). All sessions will take place in the population medicine computer lab (POPM 2500).

- Mon, Jan 11th 10am-12pm
- Thu Jan 14th 1:30-3:30pm
- Fri Jan 15th 10am-12pm
- Tue Jan 19th 10am-12pm
- Wed Jan 20th 1:30-3:30pm
- Thu Jan 21st 10am-12pm

HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION & REMINDERS

Guidelines for transporting biohazards within the department (and on campus)

- Items should be contained within a bucket or tote that is sealed with a lid
- Use freight elevator between floors (do not use passenger elevator)

Refer to the University of Guelph - Safety Policy Manual - Biosafety Program - Policy 851.11.01