Dear Colleagues

Mixed reviews from the groundhogs today but spring is coming sometime.

Dr. Brandon Lillie has agreed to be Assistant Chair until Sept. 2016, when he will begin study leave.

Thanks Andrew Peregrine for serving for the last 5 months. Many positive changes are taking place at the University and I hope that I have seen the last of budget cuts as Chair.

I will continue to rely on your input and contributions as we adapt and strive to maintain our high standards in research and teaching.

Cheers John

June 2015

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Congratulations

Dr. Byram Bridle received $12,265 from the Pet Trust Foundation for a project entitled "Construction and validation of viral-vectored vaccines to induce robust tumour-specific T cell responses in dogs with oral melanomas".

Dr. Darren Wood and Dr. Geoff Wood have received $28,653 from Pet Trust Foundation for their project entitled “Correlation between plasma and tumour cell microRNA in dogs with multicentric lymphoma”. The award will support DVSc student Karlee Craig’s project.

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NEWS and MEDIA

One of the featured breakout sessions at the 2016 Dairy Strong Conference was given by Dr. Bonnie Mallard where attendees took a look into High Immune Response Technology and Breeding Selection. >> more

Dr. Peregrine is urging shepherds against routine deworming as new dewormer offers new hope in resistance battle. Ontario Farmer >> January Publication.

Dr. Peregrine is just starting a two-year study with one of his graduate students to try to discover how widespread the fox tapeworm is among wild animal populations in southern Ontario. Guelph Mercury Articles >> Jan 19 | Jan 20

Dr. Andrew Peregrine, Dr. Claire Jardine, and master’s student Jonathon Kotwa are investigating Echinococcus multilocularis. Known as the fox tapeworm, it’s found in the intestines of foxes and coyotes, and also affects small rodents such as voles and mice.

>> OVC Bulletin >> University of Guelph News Release

Lab Aims to Make Chickens Healthier to Improve Food Safety. The chicken eggs in Prof. Shayan Sharif’s lab look like ordinary eggs, but they’re not. >> more

Frozen fecal transplantation is effective at providing relief to Clostridium difficile (C. diff) patients, according to a new study co-authored by Prof. Scott Weese. >> more

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Elf Auction benefitting the Guelph Humane Society and Painted Rock Animal Farm & Sanctuary

The annual OVC Elf Auction is a student-run initiative to raise money in support of DVM class funds and charities. The 2015 edition of the Elf Auction was in benefit of the Guelph Humane Society and Painted Rock Animal Farm and Sanctuary. A new item up for auction was organized by Drs. Byram Bridle and Andrew Peregrine; it was an opportunity for students to play alongside faculty members in an ice hockey game. The inaugural Elf Auction game was played in the evening of Tuesday, January 5 and was a tremendous success.

The faculty members and students had a fabulous time playing the game and then converged afterwards at a local Tim Horton’s restaurant to socialize while enjoying litres of hot chocolate and dozens of doughnuts.
February Events

**Pathobiology Seminars**

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

- Feb 5 Tarek Bisnar “Identification of Novel Molecular Markers in Prostate Cancer with Potential Clinical Implication” Affiliation: Prostate Cancer Centre, Calgary. Hosted by Byram Bridle
- Feb 19 Devon Metcalfe “Infectious Disease Challenges in Acute Care Hospitals: An Infection Control Perspective” Affiliation: Guelph General Hospital. Hosted by Scott Weese/Bryam Bridle

**OVC and UofG Events**

- Feb 4 Phase 1 Masterplan Update
  Drop in anytime 1707 (cafeteria) 10 am–2 pm
- Feb 3 Dr. Tyler Flockhart “Phase 1 Masterplan Update”
- Feb 24 Winter Convocation at 1 pm

**OVC Student Teaching Equipment Fund**

The fund is intended for the purchase of equipment that directly improves the quality of learning available for students at OVC. The equipment must be referable to a specific DVM course or courses. Accessibility of the equipment purchased by the SEF should be mentioned in suitable course materials.

**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.”
- May 17 The 9th annual Institute for Comparative Cancer Investigations Research Symposium LLC 1714

**Graduate Seminars:**

- Feb 24 DVMs Qualifying Exam - Rebecca Egan PAHL Room 4838 at 1 pm

**Upcoming Due Dates**

- May 11 Summer 2016 Convocation Due Date
  Last day to submit approved thesis and last day to submit a hard copy application to graduate (with a late fee)
  
**Registration Reminders**

Registration is in two parts:

**Part One:** Register into UNIV*7510 Full-Time or UNIV*7520 Part-time and UNIV*7500 – Research and Writing and your courses.

**Part Two:** Your Graduate Settlement if your are on PayRoll Deduction or they hold an Award/Scholarship. To Avoid a late fee do this before approx. May 1, 2016 - the date has not been posed on Student Financial Services at this time.

If you are paying your own tuition, you will have more time. Make sure that you do this early to avoid any late fees of approx. $100.00

**Reminders**

Graduate students wanting to finish in W16, must have your work paper into the Graduate Program Assistant, Donna Kangas at least eight weeks ahead of the defence.

Graduate students in their second semester: Please make sure that you submit your Advisory Committee form and Graduation Degree form to avoid not being able to register for S16.

**Read Your UofG Email Daily:** This is how the Department of Pathobiology and other Departments of the University of Guelph contacts you.

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

**Health and Safety Information**

The CDC has issued a Level 2 Alert for people travelling to Central and South America, Mexico, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean:

A new mosquito-borne virus, Zika virus, has been circulating in some of these countries, and while infection causes minimal disease in adults, there is risk for transmission to unborn children if pregnant mothers are infected, causing fetal birth defects.

Recommendations are for pregnant women to consider postponing travel to any area where Zika virus transmission is ongoing, or at a minimum to use enhanced protection against mosquito bites. Check the CDC site above, or discuss with your family doctor.

**>> Travel Health Notices**