**Chair’s Note**
I write this during a discussion at Senate regarding differentiations, Internationalism and budgets. All weighty stuff that will affect Guelph and PABI. The university budget is balanced for this year however demographics and costs will potentially realize future MYPs that may involve cuts, however the traditional approach based on attrition will not be sustainable. ‘Structural changes’ are highly likely coming to the university. 

On the plus side you will find several examples of success on the part of our faculty and trainees in the adjacent column and this does bode well for PABI.

A special thanks to Leo Susta who stepped in on very short notice to successfully teach the Phase III Poultry Elective!

Spring is coming!  
*John S. Lumsden*

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**In Memoriam**

Dr. Joan Budd, OVC’50, was a faculty member in Pathobiology as a Associate Professor in wildlife pathology. Dr. Budd was also a founder of OVC’s programs in wildlife and fish diseases and served as a member of the Mammalian and Avian Pest Management Committee with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment. Her contributions were recognized by receipt of a distinguished service award from the Wildlife Disease Association. She celebrated her 100th birthday in November of 2011. A memorial celebration of Joan’s life will be held on Saturday April 11 at 2:00 pm at the Cutten Fields, 190 College Ave, E, Guelph, ON.

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**Congratulations and Good News**

The distinction of University Professor Emeritus was given to Dr. John F. Prescott at the OVC Winter Convocation on February 19th. The prime criteria for UPE is sustained and outstanding scholarship of such a level that it is recognized internationally. John’s career spans 38 years with the university. Watch convocation and John’s address to students, at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SF3f1yWH4. (Elizabeth Stone, Franco Vaccarino, John Prescott, photo by Jane Dawkins)

Drs. Bruce Wilkie and Pat Shewen’s research, which led to the Presreeze vaccine for shipping fever in cattle, is one of the top 50 contributions by Ontario Universities as determined by the Council of Ontario Universities Research Matters Campaign! This break-through was one of five from the University of Guelph that were judged to have most changed the lives of Ontarians. Voting will now occur throughout the summer to determine the public’s top five favourites. For further information visit https://www.uoguelph.ca/cpa/wp/2015/04/voting-begins-for-game-changing-discoveries/.

Dr. Jeff Caswell was awarded the Zoetis Research Award for OVC this year. Recognition for his research on innate immunity and pneumonia.

Dr. Brandon Lillie was granted Associate Professor status, tenure is effective July 1st.

Drs. Patrick Boerlin, who will study molecular epidemiology of antimicrobial resistance plasmids in bacteria from animals, and Nicole Nemeth, who will examine vector and vertebrate host dynamics of Powassan virus in Ontario, received NSERC Discovery Grants.

Dr. Sarah Wootton received a Cystic Fibrosis Canada Grant of $157,674 over two years to study nuclease-based gene therapy for permanent correction of CF.

Joelle Ingrao, PhD in Sarah Wootton’s lab, was awarded The 1989 Ecole Polytechnique Commemorative award from the Canadian Federation of University Women.

Dr. Dorothee Bienzle was featured in March 2015 issue of BD Accuri News, read the article at http://www.bdbiosciences.com/br/instruments/accuri/articles/index.jsp.

Dr. Patricia Turner received $38,300 USD funding from the National Pork Board to examine refinements to mitigate pain associated with commercial piglet processing.

Dr. Ravi Kulkarni recently joined the Pathobiology department as PHRN (Poultry Health Research Network) Coordinator. His research expertise and interests are in poultry health, disease and vaccines. Ravi completed a PhD in Pathobiology and worked at the Emory Vaccine Centre in Georgia. Articles regarding the PHRN and Ravi’s arrival have been announced in Canadian Poultry, AG ANNEX Agri News and World Poultry. Check out the PHRN website https://www.uoguelph.ca/phrn/content/poultry-health-research-network. His office is room 4821, ext. 54759. Drop by and say hello!
Symposium: [Link](http://space is always limited at this annual Lunch will be provided. Registration 9:30 am - 4:30 pm, Rozanski Hall, Tom Gibson, DVM, DVSc, DACVS, Myers; Jason Coe, DVM, PhD and the following presenters: Wendy S. Join Hill’s® Pet Nutrition along with Risk of Obesity and Osteoarthritis, ccess and Better Health for Pets at 2015 in the Faculty of Medicine; 3:30 pm, fulty of Pharmacy, and in the Depart- University of Toronto in the Division damage in the fetal basis of adult cuss “Oxidative stress and DNA by

HillsOVC2015.Eventbrite.ca. CE cer- tificates will be provided to partici- pants of this educational session. Thurs. May 28, The Centre for Pub- lic Health and Zoonoses Biennial Public Health Symposium at the Hanlon Convention Centre, in Guelph. The event will feature many key partic- ipants from academia, provincial, federal and regional government groups whose mandate involves the public health aspects of human, ani- mal and/or environmental health. CPHAZ will be hosting interactive poster sessions for graduate students again this year. These will involve a 3 minute presentation on the poster topic. Taking part in the interactive sessions will make the presenter eligible for the graduate student presentation awards. Posters/research topics can be any public health related theme, MSC, PhD, MPH and DVSc are all encouraged to submit an abstract for their poster. Key speakers this year include Dr. Gerry Wright, the Direc- tor of the Michael G. DeGroote Insti- tute for Infectious Disease Research at McMaster University and Dr. Allison McGeer, the Director of Infection Con- trol at Mount Sinai Hospital. To regis- ter go to [http://ovc.uoguelph.ca/ cphaz/symposium/registration](http://ovc.uoguelph.ca/cphaz/symposium/registration).

University Events

Tues. April 21, Kenneth Hammond Lecture and Spring Sustainability Symposium, Guest speaker Mark Stumborg, consulting engineer, pre- sent “Sustainable Agricultural Bio- products: Challenges and Opportuni- ties.” A wine and cheese reception will be held after the talk. 2:00 pm, Location: UC, Faculty Club, 5th floor.

OVC Events

The OVC community is invited to attend a Masterplan Feedback Opportunity which will be present- ed on display boards in the Cafeteria on Thursday April 9, 2015 from 9:30 AM- 1 PM. To view progress on the planning process to date and provide further comments as part of the consultative process. The con- sultants will be present to answer questions and discuss the plan.

Thurs. Apr. 9, The 2015 Chappel Memorial Lecture will be presented by Dr. Peter G. Wells who will dis- cuss "Oxidative stress and DNA damage in the fetal basis of adult disease". Wells is a professor at the University of Toronto in the Division of Biomolecular Sciences in the Facul- ty of Pharmacy, and in the Depart- ment of Pharmacology & Toxicology in the Faculty of Medicine; 3:30 pm, Room 1714 LLC, followed by a re- ception.

Sun. Apr. 19, Save the Date! Hill’s OVC Nutrition Symposium 2015 Getting To Yes!! Practice Suc- cess and Better Health for Pets at Risk of Obesity and Osteoarthritis, Join Hill’s® Pet Nutrition along with the following presenters: Wendy S. Myers; Jason Cole, DVM, PhD and Tom Gibson, DVM, DVSc, DACVS, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm, Rozanski Hall, Lunch will be provided. Registration is open! Please register soon as space is always limited at this annual symposium: [http://HillsOVC2015.Eventbrite.ca](http://HillsOVC2015.Eventbrite.ca). CE cer- tificates will be provided to partici- pants of this educational session.