

Note from the Chair

I thank department members, many people outside of the department, and industry members for helping us with our recent interview for the Avian Health & Disease faculty position. Although the interview was longer than most, it went very well and there was good attendance at all sessions. The candidate, Dr. Amir Noormohammidi, from Melbourne, Australia, was challenged by the time zone shifting but was still smiling on his departure. I'd especially like to thank Drs. Dale Smith, Eva Nagy, and Shayan Sharif for helping out with Amir on a couple of evenings and weekends. This is an incredibly important task for us and it would be appreciated if you could forward your comments to anyone on the search committee (Jacobs, Nagy, Sharif, Guerin, Smith, Pinelli, Lillie) or Ms Gilbertson by the end of the day on 5 April 2013. The search committee will be meeting the following week.

This is a busy time of the year. I wish everyone good luck wrapping up the end of the semester and during the examination period. My best wishes to graduate students in their qualifying exams and thesis defenses. Please note that the department has to edit our P & T document (to comply with the Provost's guidelines) for submission at the end of April. I will be working with the department P & T committee (P. Boerlin, J. Lumsden, R. Foster, G Wood) to make initial edits, the document will be circulated to all faculty for comments, and then a faculty meeting will be held to formulate the final document and to vote. To be adopted, two-thirds of the faculty must vote in favour. Thanks for your helpfulness.

Robert M. Jacobs

Congratulations!

University 3 Minute Thesis Competition, Both **Janet Sunohara-Neilson** and **Zafir Syed** gave excellent presentations at the 3MT Competition in March and represented the department well. Congratulations to **Zafir** who was awarded **3rd prize and will receive \$250 towards tuition**.

NSERC Awards, the following faculty were approved: **Byram Bridle, Eva Nagy, Scott Weese, Sarah Wootton**.

Brandon Plattner also received an NSERC-RTI funding grant for \$108,121.

Kayla Price, PhD student in parasitology, has been awarded funds from the GGSF Travel Scholarship (NSERC). She will present a poster entitled "Live Eimeria vaccine success from the hatchery to the barn and the role of environmental management", at the environment and management section of the Poultry Science Association Annual Meeting in San Diego, California, on July 22-25.

Dr. Grant Maxie, Director of AHL, was honoured with the E.P. Pope Award by the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians for his noteworthy contributions to the AAVLD and the field of veterinary diagnostic laboratory medicine. He is a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists and a past president of the AAVLD and Canadian Animal Health Laboratorians Network.

PhD student **Marlene Paibomesai** will be at the Universidade de São Paulo - Faculdade de Zootecnia e Engenharia de Alimentos in Pirassununga, Brazil, working with Dr. Flavio Meirelles and Dr. Lilian Oliveria on characterizing FoxP3+ expression in Holstein dairy cows in early and late pregnancy. Funding is through the North-South Animal Biotechnology & Reproductive Biotechnology Consortium, which is provided by Canada Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) and Brazilian Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior (CAPES). Marlene will give weekly updates on her blog <http://braziliancattleandbirdsgalore.blogspot.ca>.



Hidden Hero Award

Mary Ellen Clark was featured in an @Guelph article last week for her outstanding contributions to the university and, in particular, our department. Read the article at <http://guelph.uoguelph.ca/2013/03/staff-member-honoured-for-being-a-hidden-hero/>.

Antimicrobial Resistance

Our ability to treat bacterial infections is increasingly impeded by the rise of multi-drug resistant superbugs and a lack of new antibiotics. Antibiotic Action is a global organization working towards combating this problem and engaging the public, practitioners and policy makers. If you would like to get involved or sign the petition to support Antibiotic Action, more information can be found at www.antibiotic-action.com.



Congratulations to **Nicole and Jim Petrik** on the birth of their new son **Zackary**. He was born on Thurs. Mar. 21 at 1:20 PM. He was 8 lb 2 oz and 21 inches long. Best wishes to all of you.



Jean Bagg has decided to retire and will be leaving us at the end of this month. Jean has done an amazing job supporting faculty and staff in the college for 36 years. Please join us on **Thurs. Apr. 18** at 3:00 pm in the OVC Cafeteria Rooms B & C for coffee and cake. We will be **collecting donations for a gift** for Jean, if you would like to contribute please see Elizabeth Gilbertson by **Mon. April 15th**.



Cathy Bernardi came in second for her age group in the Slainte Irish Pub St. Pat's Day 5k run in March. www.events.runningroom.co/m/site/?raceId=8624.



Pathobiology Seminar Series Fridays @ 11:00 am, Room 1810

Apr. 5, Charles M. Dozois, Microbiology & Immunology, INRS-Institut Armand-Frappier, Laval, "Siderophore-based iron acquisition and *Escherichia coli* virulence: Ironing out the details".

Apr. 19, Darrick Yu, PhD Seminar, "Functional analysis of ovine retroviral regulatory elements and applications for gene therapy", **Changed to Room 1812**.

Apr. 26, Alicia-Viloria Petit, Biomedical Sciences, TBA.

University Events

Wed. Apr. 3, OVC - University Budget Community Meeting, President Alastair Summerlee and provost Maureen Mancuso will present an update on the University budget in a series of community meetings at each of the colleges, 12:30 pm, Room 1800.

Sat. Apr. 6, Equine Guelph Report on Research, [Equine Guelph](#) presents a seminar at the University of Guelph, featuring Ontario Veterinary College researchers who have starred in the popular "Report on Research" video series. This event, which commemorates Equine Guelph's 10 years of service to the equine industry, will provide information about the latest developments in equine research. To register, call Equine Guelph at 519-824-4120, Ext. 54205, or email Jolene Perdue at egmania@uoguelph.ca

Tues. Apr. 9, Chappel Memorial Lecture, Guest speaker **Dr. Daria Mochly-Rosen**, Prof & Sr. Associate Dean of Research, Stanford University School of Medicine, "From basic research in heart disease to anti-Leishmaniasis treatment; academic path of translational research", 4 pm, OVC LLC 1714.

Thurs. Apr. 11, Seminar on Mobilizing Research Knowledge, "From idea to impact: How we can help you mobilize research knowledge", led by Dr Owen Roberts & Dr Bronwynne Wilton, 12-1 pm, UC room 442.

Wed. Apr. 17, MCB Distinguished Speaker Series, Dr. Frances Sharom, CRC & Professor, Department of Molecular & Cellular Biology,

UofG, "The ABCs of membrane transport", 12:30 pm, ANNU room 156.

Sun. Apr. 28, Annual Electrical Shutdown, 7:00 am until 7:00 pm. Essential/emergency power and lighting, as provided by the campus essential power system, will not be affected. Heating, ventilation, air conditioning and hot water will not be available during this shutdown. Any queries should be directed to **Justin Selby**, Senior Construction Co-ordinator, Campus Electrical Shutdown, at **ext. 56918** or email justin@pr.uoguelph.ca.

Wed. May 1st, 26th Annual Teaching and Learning Innovations Conference, Rozanski Hall; The theme of this year's conference; Community Engagement: Pedagogy, Partnership & Practices recognizes growing links between the university and the wider community and challenging our assumptions to traditional instructional practice. For more info go to <http://www.uoguelph.ca/tss/tli/index.html>.

Arboretum Events

Apr. 16, Gardening Fundamentals Workshops, These six weekly courses are for beginner and experienced gardeners. The fee is \$10 per course. Register by Apr. 10th. 7 - 9:30 pm;

Apr. 18, Introduction to Birds, Bring a lunch and, if you have them, a bird book and binoculars. Cost is \$75 plus HST. 9 am - 4 pm;

Apr. 26, Warbler Workshop Level II: The Less Common Ones, The fee is \$75. Registration and payment are due Apr. 16. 9 am - 4 pm.

For more information, visit <http://www.uoguelph.ca/arboretum/educationandevents/workshops.shtml>.

NOTICES

There are two department computers, each with a flat bed and kodachrome scanner, for graduate student use in **the multi-media room 1818A on the first floor**. Please see Nathalie Lemieux – ext. 54670; room 1814 – if you have any problems, or require assistance, with the computers.

Photo Contest Winners can be viewed online at www.ovc.uoguelph.ca/photocontest/.



Defenses, Oral Qualifying Exams

Mon. Apr. 8, James Ackford, MSc Seminar, "Optimizing foreign gene expression in recombinant fowl adenovirus vectors", 11:00 am, Room 1810.

Fri. Apr. 19, Maureen Anderson, PhD Final Defense, "Video observation of infection control practices in veterinary clinics and a petting zoo, with emphasis on hand hygiene and interventions to improve hand hygiene compliance", 1:00 pm, Room 1812.

Tues. Apr. 30, Julie Schmied, PhD Final Defense, "Immunophenotypic variation in neonatal pigs and immunomodulating or anti-allergic effects of microbial treatments", 9:00 am, Room 1810.

NOTICES

Registration for Summer 2013 is now open on WebAdvisor (register now to avoid any late fees).

Registration is two parts:
Part I: Register into your courses UNIV*7500-Research and Writing & UNIV*7510-Full-time Student or UNIV*7520 Part-time Student.

- I. If taking a course that requires a signature from the instructor you can print this form from WebAdvisor or http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/undergraduate/files/graduate_course_waiver.pdf
- II. **Part II:** Graduate Settlement (this is if you are paying your tuition by payroll). If your country is paying, make sure that you have given Student Financial Services all the information.

HEALTH & SAFETY CORNER

Personal Protection: Eyes and Face

What appears to be a minor accident can have tragic consequences if it damages your eyes. Whenever you are working with the following materials **you must wear protective eyewear:**

1. Toxic or corrosive chemicals
2. Infectious agents
3. Power tools
4. Materials under pressure or partial vacuum
5. Ultraviolet or intense visible light
6. Liquefied gases

Please be aware **that safety cabinet is not always the only protection necessary** when working with these materials, **double the protection and wear your safety glasses.**

