The Pathobiologist

Department of Pathobiology
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Notes from the Chair

Greetings. I met with the consultants for the internal review of our graduate program before they departed on Friday afternoon. They were very pleased with the two day process and commented on the enthusiasm and pride that people had in the department. They commended positively on our self-study document although at 1300 or so pages it was a bit daunting. They were especially pleased to find that the topics raised in the meetings aligned very well with the self-study document. We will respond to their report which should arrive in a few weeks. I’d like to thank you all for your participation - very much appreciated. In the longer-term, we will have our self-study document and the correspondence with the external consultants to guide us in discussions aimed at evolving and improving our grad program.

Hearty congratulations are due to Brandon Plattner and Brandon Lillie who were successful in obtaining NSERC grants and to the following faculty who received notification of their next NSERC installments: John Barta, Dorothee Bienzie, Jeff Caswell, Tony Hayes, Claire Jardine, John Lumsden, Janet MacInnes, Bonnie Mallard, Eva Nagy, John Prescott, Shayan Sharif, Bruce Wilkie and Sarah Wootton. Drs. Nagy and Wootton also received an NSERC equipment grant.

We will be recovering fabric on the chairs at the Second Cup on the 1st floor and placing four new lounge chairs on the 4th floor in the glass staircase. Take a moment to walk by room 1810 where Nathalie Lemieux has posted winning photos from the OVC photo contest. Sincerely, R

Good News

Congratulations to the Graduate Student Award Winners; and thanks to the Department Awards Committee: Soren Rosendal Memorial Research Prize – Olivier Coté; Canadian Parrot Symposium Prize in Avian Studies – Pauline Delnatte; D.G. Ingram Graduate Travel Scholarship – Marlene Pabonosai; D.G. Ingram Memorial Scholarship – Heidrich Snyman; Korean-Canadian Dr. F. Schofield Memorial Scholarship – Lisa Santry, Janet Sunohara-Neilson & Derrick Yu; Col. Benjamin F. Leach Scholarship – Devon Metcalfe; Dr. Margaret A. B. Maxwell Memorial Scholarship – Pauline Delnatte; Dr. McSherry and Dr. Valli Scholarship for General Proficiency in Clinical Pathology – Melanie Ammersbach; Pathobiology Scholarship for Graduate Student Excellence – Heidrich Snyman; OVC Graduate Student Recognition Award Pathobiology – Laetitia Tattersky; Pfizer Graduate Student Research Prize – Scott Walsh; Peter and Christina Robertson Memorial Award – Pauline Delnatte; Roland A. W. Scott Memorial Scholarship – Iga Stasiak; Dr. J. Sherman Memorial Travel Prize – Chandrika Senthilkumaran; Vetoquinol Scholarship in Geriatrics in

Companion Animal – Amy Sturgeon; Dr. Gerbrand Wietse Berdero Memorial Scholarship – Kathleen Thompson-Crisp; Care-a-thon Animal Welfare Research Scholarship – Joelle Ingrao; Gladys (Billie) Davison Graduate Entrance Scholarships – Jacqueline Gallienne; Gallant Custom Laboratories Anniversary Scholarship – Lesley Berghuis; Jean S. Goudy Memorial Graduate Scholarship – Stephanie Reabel; Dr. Wilson Henderson Memorial Scholarship – Mosun Ogedengbe; Elizabeth Holdsworth Scholarship – Brian Stevens; Milton Travel Scholarship – Janet Sunohara-Neilson; Novartis Graduate Scholarship in Parasitology ACCESS – Mosun Ogedengbe; Small Animal Graduate Research Scholarship – Jason Stull; Caird F. Wilson Graduate Scholarship in Equine Performance – Olivier Coté.

Tues. Apr. 10th, OVC Graduate Awards Ceremony, 6:30 pm, OVC LLC.

Congratulations to Darren Wood who will receive the 2012 OVC Young Alumnus of Honour Award. The award will be presented at the OVC Alumni Association meeting on June 16th.

New Student Representatives
Mosun Ogedengbe and Scott Walsh have kindly agreed to take over the task of representing the graduate students of the department at the department meetings! Many thanks to Payvand Parvizi for being ‘the voice of the students’ for the past several years.

In February the clinical pathology section, in AHL, and the clinical pathology graduate students and faculty, of Pathobiology, achieved a score of 100% success for reporting results within the published turn around times for all clinical pathology tests. Way to go!

Congratulations to graduate student Kayla Price, MSc in parasitology, who is the first place Canada Zone Regional winner for the Alltech Young Scientist Competition with her paper entitled “Environmental modification to complement live Eimeria vaccination with conventionally housed replacement layer pullets”.

The OVC Pathology Club took home first prize during College 2012 for its display entitled “The Toxic Treatment”, club’s co-presidents are Kristina Lillakas and Erin Bristow, OVC 2013.

Geoff Wood will give a talk on April 12 in Toronto at the New Genomic Approaches for Gene Discovery and Personal
Treatment in Cancer Symposium. His talk title is "Canine osteosarcoma as a model of the human disease".


Graduate Defenses & Reminders
Thurs. Apr. 5th, Anil Kumar Puttaswamy, DVSc final oral defense, Biofilm binding functions of porcine plasma*, 1:30 pm, room 1810.

Wed. Apr. 25th, Jennifer Thompson, Final PhD Defense, 9:00 am, room 1810.

Mon. Apr. 30th, Marcio Costa, PhD Oral Qualifying Exam, 1:00 pm, room 4837.

Pathobiology Seminar Series
[ Fridays at 11:00 AM in Room 1810 unless otherwise noted. ]

Fri. April 13, Riadh Al-Badri, PhD Seminar, "Transcriptome analysis of two immunologically distinct strains of Eimeria maxima during sporulation".

Fri. April 20, Kenneth Simpson, Dept. of Clinical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University, "The emerging role of the intestinal microbiota in inflammatory bowel disease".

Fri. April 27, Bryan Griffin, PhD Seminar, TBA.

Events
Wed. Apr. 4th, Chappel Memorial Lecture, Dr. D. Lorne Tyrrell, OC, AOE, MD, PhD, FRCP, FRSC, Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology, University of Alberta, "The importance of animal models in developing therapies for viral hepatitis", 4:00 pm, LLC 1714, reception to follow seminar.

Thurs. Apr. 12th, New Genomic Approached for Gene Discovery & Personal Treatment in Cancer, A one-day symposium with guest speakers to include Geoffrey Wood and many others visiting world leaders in this area; Macleod Auditorium, Medical Sciences Bldg, University of Toronto; 9:00-6:15; details and registration at http://forwardgeneticstoronto.eventbrite.ca. Attendance is free - please register in order to estimate refreshments.

Notices
Tues. May 1st, 25th Annual Teaching and Learning Innovations Conference, Rozanski Hall; Proposals due by Monday March 5th 2012, please contact: Janet Wolstenholme email jkwolst@uoguelph.ca or Ext. 58084 or go to www.tssl.uoguelph.ca/tli.

May 6-9, Global Development Symposium, Symposium themes are; Theme 1: Global Public Health; Theme 2: Food Security and Health; Theme 3: Empowering communities for change. Keynote speakers include: Mr. Stephen Lewis, Distinguished Visiting Professor, Ryerson University; Dr. David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer, Canada; Dr. Brian Evans, Chief Food Safety and Chief Veterinary Officer, Canada; Dr. John McDermott, Director of Research Program on Agriculture for Improved Nutrition and Health, CGIAR; Dr. Alastair Summerlee, President and Vice Chancellor, University of Guelph. Full details regarding abstract submission can be found at: http://www.ovc150.ca/en/celebrate/Global_Develop_Sym_2012.asp.

Fri. June 15th, Cross-Border Connection in Canadian and US Veterinary History. The American Veterinary Medical History Society and the Ontario Veterinary College encourage you to join us in celebration of OVCs 150th Anniversary in 2012. Speakers to include: Brian Derbeshire, Terry Crowley, Dean Percy, John Prescott, Philip Teigen, Elizabeth Stone, Lisa Cox and Ian Barker. To register email Tara O'Brien at ovc150@uoguelph.ca.

Computers for Student Use:
There are two department computers, each with a flat bed and kodakchrome scanner, for graduate student use in the multimedia 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.

Can you name this photo of objects in Bldg 89? This first person to email egilbert@uoguelph.ca with the correct answer will win a hospitality gift card. Photo courtesy of Patrick Boerlin.