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John Prescott and Valeria Parreira attended the 2nd Prato
Conference on the Pathogenesis of Bacterial Diseases of
Animals in Prato, Italy in October. They presented two posters
titled “Complete sequence of two virulence-associated
plasmids from necrotic enteritis isolates Clostridium
perfringens type A and comparison with C. perfringens
plasmids” and “Phylogeny of Clostridium perfringens isolates
associated with avian necrotic enteritis based on microarray
comparative genomic hybridization”.

Congratulations to Janet Beeler-Marfisi (former DVSc
graduate student) who passed the ACVP exam this Fall.

Wildlife/Zoo Pathologist Faculty
Candidate Seminars:

Thurs. Nov. 1, Dr. Hein Snyman, “Genetic factors in innate
disease resistance”, 11:00 am, room 1812.

Tues. Nov. 6, Dr. Nicole Nemeth, “The role of birds in the
continued emergence of West Nile virus in North America”,
2:00 pm, rom 1812.

Tues. Nov. 20, Dr. Maria Forzan, title: TBA, 11:00 am,
room 1812.

Mon. Nov. 26, Dr. Anibal Armien, title: TBA, 11:00 am,
room 1812.

Proud Pathobiology Parents

Katya Tarasoff, Dorothee Bienzle’s daughter, made the
Provincial Development Soccer team for 13 year olds.
Nathalie Lemieux’s daughter, Belle; has been cast as the
orphan named Tessie in Drayton Entertainment’s production of
Annie. She will perform in 16 shows between Nov 13th and
Dec 22nd. Her other daughter, Jasmine, decided to fundraise
for “Because I am a Girl Campaign” (in lieu of birthday gifts)
and has raised $325 to help girls receive an education!

Halloween FUN!

Pathobiology 1st Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest:
Participants in order of left to right: Ian Ryerse, Ian Villanueva,
Jon Liu, Scott Walsh, Marlene Palbomesai, Lesley Berghuis, Lisa
Santry (Missing Julie Schmied).Thanks to Marlene who
organized the event. Spooktacular!!

Pumpkin Carving Winners:
Best in Show - Ian Ryerse; Funniest - Jan Villanueva & Jon Liu;
Scariest - Lisa Santry; Nerdiest - Julie Schmied.

In Memoriam

D. Bruce Hunter who passed away
a year ago October 19, 2011.

Note from the Chair

Please try and attend the
upcoming town hall session
addressing ‘Review of Science’
on Tuesday 13 November in
room 1800. Consultants hired
by the university will be there to
ask questions and engage us in
discussion related to our science
programs. The consultants have
been provided with background
information. I feel this may be
an opportunity for us to
reinforce the relevance of our
science programs. Please come
prepared to speak up. Check the
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Prescott for his presentation
Friday morning on the history
and personal aspects of John
McCrae. Also, several faculty
and staff read selections of
McCrae’s poetry. Of particular
note was Dr. John Lumsden’s
moving rendition of In Flanders
Field. The Department thanks
you all for you efforts and
thoughtfulness for
Remembrance Day.

- Robert M. Jacobs
Pathobiology Seminar Series
Fridays @ 11:00 am, Room 1810

Fri. Nov. 2, Jason Stull, Pathobiology PhD Candidate, “Pets as a source of zoonotic disease: Current knowledge and future areas of study”.

Fri. Nov. 9, John Prescott, Pathobiology, “The Poppy for Remembrance: In Flanders Fields and the story of John McCrae”.

Fri. Nov. 16, Tony Hayes, Pathobiology, “Equine endometrial proteins associated with success or failure of early pregnancy”.

Fri. Nov. 23, Emma Allen-Vercoe, Molecular and Cellular Biology, “Microbial ecosystems therapeutics; a new paradigm in medicine”.


Fri. Nov. 30, Olivier Cote, PhD Candidate, “Front and Back - Roles of Equine Secretoglobins”.

OVC & University Events & Notices

Sat. Nov. 3, OVC 150th Anniversary Finale, Join the OVC Community in War Memorial Hall as we cap the 150th anniversary celebrations with a free evening of entertainment and fun for the whole family, 7:00 pm. RSVP at ovc150@uoguelph.ca.

Tues. Nov. 6, 2012 Hopper Lecture, The 2012 David Hopper International Lecture presents Helen Mack Foundation, a key fighter against impunity and Mack Chang, President and founder of the Myrna Powell Bldg., 2nd Floor Room 207, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Thurs. Nov. 8, OVC is 150! Exhibit Opening - In honour of the 150th anniversary of the Ontario Veterinary College, the Library’s Exhibit Committee has curated OVC is 150! Untold stories from the Archives, an exhibit that celebrates the history of veterinary medicine. Time 4:00 pm, Library's Academic Town Square.

Thurs. Nov. 8, OMAFRA-AHL Animal Health Strategic Investment Wrap Up Event, Holiday Inn –Guelph, Oakwood Ballroom, 8:00-4:00. For more information, or to register, go to www.ahl.uoguelph.ca.

Fri. Nov. 9, Remembrance Day, Services will be held at War Memorial Hall at 10:30 a.m.


Wed. Nov. 14, Graduate Student Research Day, LLC”


Dec. 2-4, Conference of Research Workers in Animal Disease [CRWAD] Meeting; the Chicago Marriott, Downtown Magnificent Mile, Chicago, Illinois. Details for registration and events can be found at http://www.cvmbs.colostate.edu/mip/crwad/.

Dec. 1-5, American College of Veterinary Pathologists 62nd Annual Meeting and the American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology 46th Annual Meeting, will be held in Seattle Washington. For more details visit http://www.acvp.org/.

United Way Events

Thurs. Nov. 15th, UW Second Annual Lasagna lunch in honour of Dr. Roberta Poma, Sunken Lounge or Pathobio Foyer, 11:30-1:00 pm, $5 for lasagna & roll.

Fri. Nov. 30th, OVC Annual Bake Sale, Sunken Lounge or Pathobio Foyer, 9:30 to 10:30 am, and 2:30 to 3:30 pm. Please give your pledge sheets to Elizabeth for entry into the grand prize draws and weekly prizes.

Flu Clinics

Get your flu shot at Student Health Services, J.T. Powell Bldg., 2nd Floor Room 207, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm on the following Dates: Thurs. Nov. 1; Fri. Nov. 2; Tues. Nov. 6; Wed. Nov. 7; Thurs. Nov. 8; Wed. Nov. 14; Mon. Nov. 19; Fri. Nov. 23. For information on other Public Flu Clinics offered by Public Health Units please call the Public Health Branch Flu Hotlines 519-846-2715 or 1-800-265-7293 ext. 4624.

Gloves should not be worn outside of the labs. The only exception to this rule is when carrying materials from one lab to another. In such a case the “one single hand glove rule” applies [i.e. only one hand (the one to carry the materials) should be gloved and the other hand (the one used for opening doors) should not wear any glove].

Please be kind enough to NOT wear perfumes or scents in the building. Some individuals are exquisitely sensitive to scents and suffer asthma or migraines quickly after exposure. The university is officially scent-free.