Notes from the Chair

I'd like to thank Krys Grodecki, faculty and the admin staff for their help in preparing our document for the internal review of our graduate programs. The document is near to completion and will be circulated shortly and then discussed at an upcoming faculty meeting. The final document will then be submitted for review. Your help with this project is very much appreciated.

While working on the internal review document, it appeared to me that Microsoft has been covertly shrinking the font size on my computer monitor making it increasingly difficult for me to read and edit. I am almost certain that most of my older colleagues (the 'oldies') have also noted this phenomenon. I imagine Microsoft tracks how long we sit in front of our monitors and, not to be outdone by Apple, has developed an inverse relationship between time and font size. The motivation.... Someone mentioned to me that I should get 'computer glasses'. No doubt, Microsoft is busy marketing these curiosities. In a flash of brilliance, I contacted the CCS helpline for a fix and found that ctrl +/- will enlarge/shrink font size. For the other 'oldies' out there - ENJOY! R

Good News and Congratulations

Geoff Wood, Sarah Wootton and new hire Byram Bridle were invited to present their research at the Canadian Cancer Research Conference in Toronto at the end of November. All will be representing Pathobiology and the University of Guelph. Geoff’s research title is “Role of Inflammation and Metallproteinase Activity in Promoting Invasive Prostate Cancer”; Sarah’s title is “The role of Akt isomers and Yxrx endocytosis motifs in a retroviral envelope-based mouse model for lung cancer”; Byram’s title is “A Histone Deacetylase Inhibitor Dramatically Improves the Therapeutic Index of an Oncolytic Vaccine by Augmenting Anti-Tumour Activity While Inhibiting Autoimmune Sequellae”.

Pat Shewen is the AAVI awardee as the Distinguished Veterinary Immunologist for 2011. The award will be given at the CRWAD conference in December. Much deserved recognition for Pat.

Dave McLellan and Maya Kummrow, previous DVSc Zoo graduate students, who passed the American College of Zoological Medicine Board on Oct 8 and are now qualified as Diplomates of the ACZM. Both Dave and Maya were 2 of 6 to pass on the first attempt. Maya, who is Swiss, is now a veterinarian at Han(n)over Zoo, Germany and Dave, who is an Aussie, is a Conservation Veterinarian with Zoos South Australia, in Adelaide.

Doug Campbell appeared on the CBC-TV news program The National on October 24 to talk about what killed thousands of birds along Georgian Bay. He also appeared on Global TV and is featured in an online question/answer news article about the severe form of botulism that is believed to have caused the mass bird die-off. The clip can be seen by visiting http://www.globaltoronto.com/whats+killing+the+birds+in+georgia+n+bay/64424307456/story.html

Pat Turner is now the President elect of the Association of Primate Veterinarians. She has also completed a seven year term as Chair of the Animal Care Committee. Pat brought a tremendous wealth of expertise, knowledge, and leadership to this role, and her contributions to animal welfare on campus have been vital for upholding the high animal care standards Guelph is known for. Well done Pat!

Valerie Wong on receiving an American Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathology “Share the Future” travel grant. The award will be given to Valerie at the annual general meeting in December.

United Way Bowling

The Pathobiology “Dead Fish” teams raised the second highest amount of pledges at the UW Bowling Night in October with $495.00. We are honoured to house the coveted Bowling Bowl Award for the next year.

Rob Foster was on a 4 week Pathology Roadshow and visited 6 different sites in Australia, Brisbane (Qld), Sydney (NSW), Darwin (NT), Perth (WA), Adelaide (SA), Melbourne (Vic), and did a video link to Launceston (Tas). This was sponsored by the Australian Animal Pathology Standards Program (made up of the Australian Society for Veterinary Pathology, Subcommittee on Animal Health Laboratory Standards and Animal Health Australia) and the Cl Davis Foundation (USA). Each year they invite an “expert” from overseas (North America in particular) to provide 12 hours of Continuing Education instruction at each site for pathologists from Universities and State and Private diagnostic laboratories throughout Australia. The topic this year was Reproductive Pathology including Failure of Pregnancy, Perinatal Pathology, Male and Female Genital Pathology and Disorders of Sexual Development.

Graduate Defenses & Reminders

Wed. Nov. 9th, D. Meegan Larsen, DVSc Final Oral Exam, “Molecular Determinants of Malignancy in Canine Osteosarcoma”, 9:00 am, room 1810.
Graduate Student Seminars
Mon. Nov. 28th, Pauline Delnatte, DVM Sc Seminar, 11:00 am; Adina Bujold, MSc Seminar, 11:30; Room 1810. Mon. Dec. 5th, Ian Villanueva, MSc Seminar, 11:00 am, Room 1810.

Graduate Student Evaluation Reports are to be submitted every semester. Forms for Summer 2011 are due to Donna Kangas by Thurs. Nov. 17th. The blank report can be found at: http://www.ovc.uoguelph.ca/path/doc/UofG-OVC-GradStudentFillableFinal_000.pdf.

Pathobiology Seminar Series
[Fridays at 11:00 AM in Room 1810 unless otherwise noted.]
Fri. Nov. 4th, Dr. Martin Stampfl, Pathology and Molecular Medicine, McMaster University, “Cigarette smoke and immune homeostasis: Implications for smoking-related diseases.”

Fri. Nov. 11th, Dr. Reggie Lo, Molecular and Cellular Biology, UofG, “Mannheimia Leukotoxin”.

Nov. 18th, Valerie Wong, PhD Candidate, Pathobiology, “Functional characterization of canine protein C”.

Nov. 25th, Julie Schneid, PhD Candidate, Pathobiology, “Immunophenotypic variation in neonatal pigs”.

Events
Teaching Evaluations will take place the week of Nov. 21 to Dec. 1 for BSc & Grad; Dec. 5-16 for VETM courses. Please contact Nathalie, Donna or Elizabeth to set this up. We need the course code/name, date, time and classroom location.

Tues. Nov. 1st, Hopper Lecture, Prof. Roy Culpeper, former president and chief executive officer of the North-South Institute in Ottawa. The title of his talk is “Financial Sector Policy and Development in the Wake of the Global Crisis”, 5:30 pm, OVC Lifetime Learning Centre, Room 1714.

Thurs. Nov. 10th, 1st Year Anniversary Party, AHL and Pathobiology, 3:00 pm, Room 1800. Cake and coffee!

Fri. Nov. 11th, Remembrance Day, Services will be held at War Memorial Hall at 10:30 a.m.

Thurs/Fri. Nov. 10-11, Poultry Innovations Conference, London, ON, for details please go to http://www.poultryindustrycouncil.ca/events/conference.php

Tues. Nov. 15th, The Roy C. Anderson Memorial Lecture in Parasitology, Dr. Richard K. Grencis, Professor of Immunology, Faculty of Life Sciences, The University of Manchester, Manchester, United Kingdom, “Immunity to Gastrointestinal Nematodes: Microflora, Macrofauna and Beyond”, 3:00 pm, Room 1714, OVC Learning Centre.

United Way Events
Thurs. Nov. 17th, OVC Lasagna Lunch. Sunken Lounge and PAHL foyer in front of room 1810, 11:30-1:30; Wed. Nov. 30th, OVC Bake Sale, Sunken Lounge & outside the OVC cafeteria, 10:00-11:00 & 12:00-1:00. Please give your pledge sheets to Elizabeth for entry into the grand prize draws and weekly prizes.

MCB Distinguished Speaker Series
[Seminar are at 12:30 pm, Thornbrough Building, Room 1307] Wed. Nov. 2nd, Michael Rossmann, Hanley Distinguished Professor of Biological Sciences at Purdue University, “Conformational Changes in Enveloped Viruses During Maturation and Fusion”; Wed. Nov. 16th, Andrew Stachelin, Prof. of Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology, University of Colorado at Boulder, “Elucidating the Nanoscale World of Cells Via Electron Tomography”.

Dec. 4-6, 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. 3-7, American College of Veterinary Pathologists 62nd Annual Meeting and the American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology 46th Annual Meeting, will be held at the Nashville Convention Centre, Nashville TN. For more details visit http://www.acvp.org/.

Pathobiology Seasonal Celebration Lunch will be held on Wednesday, December 21 at noon in the OVC cafeteria, room 1707. Tickets $10.00 (cash) from Elizabeth Gilbertson, room 3840. Deadline to purchase tickets is Monday, December 19. Don’t be disappointed, buy your tickets early.

Safety Corner: FLU CLINICS
In a large campus community, the flu bug can spread quickly, but Student Health Services is trying to minimize the impact with its annual flu shot campaign sponsored by Wellington- Dufferin-Guelph Public Health. It begins Oct. 31.

Walk-In Flu Clinics will be held Oct. 31 and on November 1, 4, 15 and 21 from 9 am to 4 pm in the J.T. Powell Building, Room 207.

There will also be by-appointment clinics on Nov. 3, 23 and 25. Call Ext. 52131 to schedule an appointment; times will vary.

Graduate News
Thanks to Jeff Caswell, Kayla Price and Scott Walsh for representing the department at the Graduate Studies Preview Day on Oct. 22 at the University Centre. This serves as a venue where prospective graduate students learn about opportunities.

Tues. Nov. 22nd, Recruit Guelph Job Fair, Graduating students from all disciplines are invited to network with employers at the first Recruit Guelph Job Fair for graduating students. Participating companies will be from a variety of sectors. For more information, visit www.cecs.uoguelph.ca/students_alumni/. Time: 10 am, University Centre, Peter Clark Hall.