September '13

DEPARTMENT OF PATHOBIOLOGY NEWSLETTER

the Pathobiologist

Note from the Chair

What an interesting time to become chair. The new school year, PPP results looming, fish still dying (didn't somebody tell them that's not the priority anymore....) and so many things to learn.

Thanks for all of the congratulations - I take condolences as well!

I will leave this space to functional items for now until things are less hectic.

Apart from the Sept. meeting posted, there will be two department meetings in October and in November before we settle into meetings on a monthly basis.

I look forward to working with you all. Please remember that my door is really (almost) always open.

Cheers.

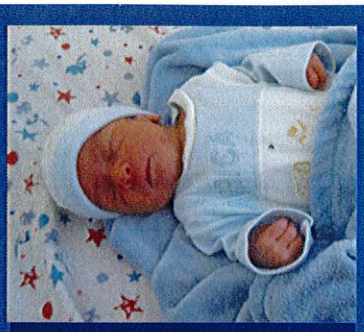
John S. Lumsden

In the news

Shayan Sharif has been selected to serve a 3-year term on the Genes, Cells and Molecules Grant Evaluation Panel of NSERC-Discovery and will be serving on a grant review panel for the US National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Two Pathobiology faculty were highlighted in the OVC Pet Trust publication *Investing in Discovery*. **Drs. Dorothee Bienzle** and **Dale Smith** for their work on feline immunodeficiency disease and proventricular dilatation disease.

Dr. Fernanda Castillo (former DVSc) was accepted as a Tier 1 National Scientist by the CONACYT, the science agency of Mexico.

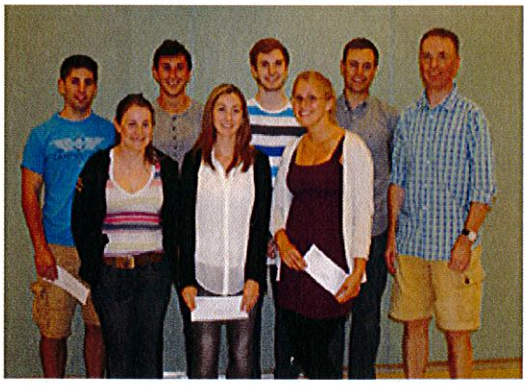


IT'S A BOY!

Khaled Abdelaziz, a research associate with Dr. Caswell, and his wife have welcomed a baby boy. Mother and son are doing well but big sister, Arwa is a bit jealous.

Summer Leadership & Research Program

Students represented Pathobiology extremely well at the poster presentation competition. **Spencer MacDonald** and **Christopher Pinard** tied for 1st place; **Kelsie Jagt** tied for 2nd place, and **Dominique Pike** tied for 3rd place. Congratulations to all students and supervisors.

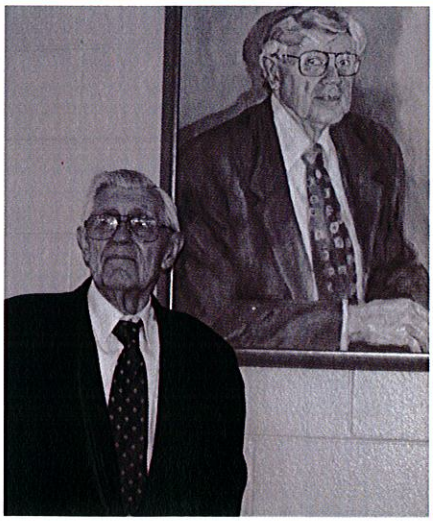


From left to right: Dominique Pike, Shannon French, Chirstopher Pinard, Shauna Morrison, Spencer MacDonald, Kelsi Jagt, Christopher Greenwood, Dr. Andrew Peregrine.

Good News

Congratulations to the Graduate Students who received OVC Scholarships:
Ryan Horricks - PhD [John Lumsden]; **Maria Carla Rosales Gerpe** - PhD [Sarah Wootton]; **MacKenzie Slifierz** - PhD Scholarship [Scott Weese]; **Laurence Tessier** PhD [Dorothee Bienzle]; **Maureen Jarau**, PhD [John Lumsden].

Graduate student **Jacqueline Gallienne** came in first for her age category, 20-24 yrs, in The Rocca Sisters Healing For Women's Cancers 10K Walk/Run at Bronte Creek Provincial Park in Oakville in June. Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy cause.



Dr. Donald Barnum

Don Barnum was highly respected for his scientific contributions and loved for the man he was. He made enormous contributions to veterinary microbiology, especially in research on bovine mastitis. He was a leader in veterinary public health decades before it was re-discovered in North America. He was a kind, humble, thoughtful, and caring person whose home was always open, especially to international graduate students. He loved the OVC and took every opportunity to participate in activities at the College even when it was difficult for him to get around. He will be missed by colleagues, staff, and students.
More details at: http://news.ovc.uoguelph.ca/post/60187909814/ovc-mourns-loss-of-don-barnum

September Calendar of Events

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

Sept. 13, Darrick Yu, PhD Seminar, "Functional analysis of ovine retroviral regulatory elements and applications for gene therapy."

Sept. 20, Dr. Gary Kobinger, Special Pathogens Branch, Public Health Agency of Canada, "The human-animal interface in Ebola virus outbreaks provides opportunities to prevent and treat."

Sept. 27, Dr. Hana Weingartl, National Centre for Foreign Animal Disease, CFIA, "High containment zoonoses - the pig connection."

University Events

Sept. 4-6, Guelph Jazz Festival Colloquium, The 2013 edition of the colloquium will feature a global summit for improvisers, covering a wide range of issues related to cultural activism and social responsibility. All events are free and open to the public. For more information about Sound Knowledges: A World Artist Summit, visit http://www.improvcommunity.ca/colloquia/guelph/guelph-jazz-festival-colloquium-2013.

Thurs. Sept. 5, CourseLink/D2L Starter Kit, Everything you need to know to get your CourseLink (D2L) online course up and running in one quick session, 1-3 pm. McLaughlin Library 200-A (OpenEd Learning Lab). **Drop-in Clinics**, One-on-one help with your on-campus D2L course; No registration required; Every Wednesday (1:00-2:30pm) and Thursday (2:30-4:00pm) in the Library (Room 200-A.

Sat. Sept. 7, Volunteers Needed for World Record Event to Fight Hunger, registration information and event details are available at www.uoguelph.ca/worldhunger; 9:30 a.m. (registration starts at 9 a.m.) to noon; Gryphon Field House (Arboretum Road and East Ring Road).

Thurs. Sept. 12, Strategies for Getting Published, offered by the Office of Research, led by Drs. John Livernois, Belinda Leach & Brian Husband, for more details contact Patti Minakis at ext. 56943, 12-1 pm, UC 441.

Sat. Sept. 21st, UofG Homecoming, Guelph Gryphons take on the McMaster Marauders, kick off at 1:00 pm, for information go to http://www.alumni.uoguelph.ca/involved/involved_hc2013_landing_page.shtml.

Tues. Sept. 24, UofG United Way Kick Off, Branion Plaza, 11:30-1:30; **OVC Kick Off will be announced by email**, Elizabeth Gilbertson is the department canvasser.

Wed. Sept. 25, Career Fair at RIM Park, All students are welcome to attend. Free shuttle buses will leave the University Centre for RIM Park every 30 minutes. Dress to impress and bring your student/alumni card and updated copies of your resume, For more information, visit https://www.recruitguelph.ca/cecs/2013-career-fair, 10:00 am, Rim Park.

Thurs. Sept 26, CCSAW Animal Behaviour and Welfare Seminar Series, Prof. Paul Andrews, McMaster University, "Evidence of adaptive design in depression", 12:30 pm, LLC 1713.

Notices

Courier: Courier parcels and Request Form, located outside Marilyn's office**,** need to be submitted to **before NOON** of the day you would like them to be sent out.

Remember to read your University of Guelph email; it's the way U of G communicates. Not reading it can be costly.

Always Protect Your Login and Password!

* neither CCS nor the University will ever ask for your password to be sent via email;
* clicking onto unsolicited web links can contaminate your computer;
* never enter your UofG password at a site you do not trust;
* during September attempts to get your password or other identity information are at their peak;
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Please be reminded to run the taps on all sinks that aren't used very often and pour water down floor drains, including eye wash stations, so that the traps are filled full with water. This needs to be done monthly. Thank you for your cooperation.

HEALTH & SAFETY CORNER

Safety Training, all new staff and students are required to take **WHMIS** and **Laboratory Safety Training** though Environmental Health and Safety at the UofG, as well as **lab specific orientation** with their supervisor. Details to register for courses, either in-class or on-line, with EHS is available at http://www.uoguelph.ca/ehs/courses/index.cfm.

Info regarding **Rabies Titre Clinics** and **Respiratory Inspection & Fit Testing** will be sent by email when it becomes available.

GRAD CORNER

Welcome to New Students

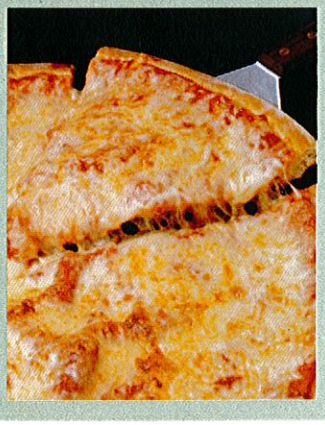
* **Adriana Pastor**—DVSc with Dale Smith;
* **Alexandre Leveille**– MSc with John Barta;
* **Kevin Stinson**– MSc with Brandon Plattner;
* **Allison Barre**– MSc with Janet MacInnes;
* **Diana Sinclair**– MSc with Claire Jardine;
* **Alexandra Rasiuk**– MSc with Byram Bridle;
* **MacKenzie Slifierz**– PhD with Scott Weese.
* **Jennifer Kylie**—DVSc with Pat Turner.

More students to come.

Defenses, Oral Qualifying Exams

None at this time.

REMINDERS

Graduate Settlement – If you are paying your own tuition fees, submit your payment to **Student Financial Services** by **Fri. Sept. 13** (if you are paying by debit or cheque give 5 business days before the 13th for the funds to reach SFS).

The New Project & Graduate Student Pizza Lunch will be held on **Thurs. Oct. 3, noon-1:30 pm in room 1800.**