...of the semester that is. I hope that the Fall has gone smoothly for everyone as we prepare to enter the final exam period. This time of year is always stressful, but with the pandemic, it is of particular importance that we check up on ourselves first, and then those around us who may need our assistance. PLEASE reach out if you are feeling overwhelmed and stressed. OVC and UofG have numerous supports in place to help you. Our new Director of Wellness, Dr. Andria Jones-Bitton has put together an informative infographic that I encourage you all to review (https://ovc.uoguelph.ca/doc/covid/well-being-domains.pdf).

All of your hard work is NOT going unnoticed. THANK YOU for adjusting so well this semester! We STILL got this Biomed!
Publications from around the Dept this month...

**Jude Frie's** (PhD candidate in the Khokhar lab) paper will be included on the eNeuro *Featured Research* page from Nov 1- through November 16. They also shared his research on Twitter here: [https://twitter.com/SfNJournals/status/1321089781066059776](https://twitter.com/SfNJournals/status/1321089781066059776)

*Congrats Jude!*


Murawski M, Schwarz T, **Erak V**, **Sohal J**, **Ahmadi B**, Kridli RT and **Bartlewski PM**. *Lack of effect of short-term lupin grain feeding on ovulation rate in non-prolific Polish Mountain ewes during the breeding season: Ultrasonographic and endoscopic assessment of ovarian activity*. *Archives of Razi Institute* *(in press)*

Côrtes LR, Souza-Fabjan JMG, Dias DS, Martins BB, Maia ALRS, Veiga MO, Arashiro EKN, Brandão FZ, Oliveira MEF, **Bartlewski PM** and Fonseca JF. *Administration of a single dose of 300 IU of human chorionic gonadotropin seven days after the onset of estrus improves pregnancy rate in dairy goats by an unknown mechanism*. *Domestic Animal Endocrinology* *(in press)*

Schwarz T, Małopolska M, Nowicki J, Tuz R, **Lazic S**, Kopyra M and **Bartlewski PM**. *Effects of individual vs. group housing system during the weaning-to-estrus interval on reproductive performance of sows*. *Animal* *(in press)*


Rodriguez MGK, Santos VJC, Uscategui RAR, Mariano RSG, Simões APR, Del Aguila P, Maronezi MC, Padilha-Nakaghi LC, Avante ML, **Bartlewski PM** and Feliciano MAR. *Maternal and fetal ultrasonographic characteristics, vulvar temperature, and vaginal mucous impedance as parameters associated with the onset of parturition in term and induced pre-term ewes*. *Animal Reproduction Science* *(in press)*

Former/present graduate students and former undergraduate project students


Dr. Jibran Khokhar gave a virtual talk at the University of New Mexico Cognition, Brain and Behavior Seminar Series.

SCHIZOPHREНИA AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERs: CRACKING THE CHICKEN-OR-EGG QUESTION

Jibran Y. Khokhar
November 20, 2020
As you may be aware, as part of CIHR’s Review Quality Assurance (RQA) Process, they aim to recognize outstanding contributions to peer review. Through feedback and observations from Committee Chairs, Scientific Officers and CIHR staff, the RQA process captures contributions that exemplify the very best of peer reviewers, such as providing reviews that exceeded expectations, completing additional tasks on short notice, and participating constructively in discussions about applications that were not assigned to them.

It is my pleasure to inform you that Dr. Brenda Coomber is among a select group of reviewers who have been identified through this process as an outstanding reviewer in recognition of her exemplary contribution to peer review during the fall 2019 Project Grant competition.

This, in addition to an invitation to participate as member of CIHR’s College of Reviewers, is in recognition of Brenda's selfless generosity volunteering her time and expertise and to her commitment to excellence in peer review.

Congrats Brenda, we are proud of your recognition!
I am sure you are all familiar with our Graduate Program Assistant, Katherine Iversen (pictured on the left). Pictured here is her latest addition to her home (and to our Biomed family) "Westley". Westley is a Wirehaired vizsla and he joined her home in the last week of October.

Enjoy the bundle of energy!!
Canadian Association for Neuroscience on the Hill: Dr. Jibran Khokhar met with MP Lindsay Mathyssen (NDP-London) to advocate for increases in federal funding for health research, as well as bringing attention to equity, diversity and inclusion related issues in tri-council funding.

Thanks for bringing these important issues to the forefront Jibran, thanks!
What the heck is that?

Dr. Jeff Thomason is challenging members of the department to figure out what this is and to let him know. The FIRST correct response will be acknowledged in the next Biomeder.

We are also issuing a challenge for you to find something weird and wonderful in your teaching and/or research for the next challenge! Send you submission(s) to Tarek Saleh.

Happy hunting!
GSR Days winners

Over the Summer, the OVC held its annual Graduate Studies and Research Days with both oral and poster presentations (virtual of course).

I am honoured and incredibly pleased to announce that Biomeders achieved 50% of the day's awardees!!

Best MSc oral presentation: Megan Misner (Favetta lab)

Best MSc Poster presentation: Yi Fan Liu (Vickaryous lab), Nariko Kuwahara (MacLusky lab)

Best PhD Poster presentation: Kate Nicholson (MacLusky lab)

Congrats to all of our presenters and our award winners!
1. Media on our Circadian Medicine Research. **Dr. Martino** was quoted in The Guardian about time of day and seasonality and our immune system. Also a special mention about our latest study on microbiome therapy for heart attacks. The Guardian is a British daily newspaper, founded in 1821, with a daily circulation of 110,000.


2. **Dr. Martino** was very excited to be invited to speak on CBC radio’s award-winning cutting-edge science show Quirks & Quarks. The topic was how far back, evolutionarily speaking, circadian rhythms go. The program is heard by a national audience in Canada of nearly 800,000 people, and by thousands more around the world on the weekly podcast. [https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-51-quirks-and-quarks/clip/15808676-how-far-back-evolutionarily-speaking-circadian-rhythms-animals](https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-51-quirks-and-quarks/clip/15808676-how-far-back-evolutionarily-speaking-circadian-rhythms-animals)

3. **Dr. Martino** was also very honored to be invited to give a lecture to the American Heart Association, Scientific Sessions 2020. This On Demand seminar at the very start of the conference (Friday Nov 13, 2020) was chosen to remain posted until Jan. 4, 2020. The session was on Circadian Influences on Cardiovascular Disease Risk and Drug Therapy. [https://professional.heart.org/es/meetings/scientific-sessions](https://professional.heart.org/es/meetings/scientific-sessions)
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Stay safe, stay well

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