Is it Spring yet??!

This Winter has been particularly cold and isolating in more ways than one. I hope the return to in-person teaching/seminars has helped with a sense that we are able to gather again in a safe and enjoyable manner.

I hope you all had an opportunity to increase your knowledge about the significant and impactful role that Black Canadians play in shaping our past, present and future this past month. Although the month is over, I hope you will continue to learn about their amazing accomplishments.

There are so many exciting initiatives going on and I hope to update you on all of them as they come to fruition.

In the meantime...stay strong Biomed!!
Dr. Pavneesh Madan's Father Awarded India's Highest Honour!

Delighted to share this news: Dad conferred with one of the highest civilian awards of India. #PadamShri #AzadiKaAmritMahotsav #RepublicDay

Mr. Moti Lal Madan, a distinguished Veterinarian and Biotechnologist has been honored with Padma Shri in field of Science & Engineering. He has led the team who performed World’s first successful Invitro Fertilised (IVF) of a buffalo, leading to the birth of a calf, Pratham.

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Congratulations to Dr. Jim Petrik who is a co-applicant on his second CIHR grant from the Indigenous People's Health panel. Dr. Alison Holloway from McMaster is the principal applicant. The grant is a 5-year award, entitled "Land-based community monitoring of selenium in the Canadian rockies: Stoney Nakoda Women's Health and Well-Being."

Of note, the grant was ranked number 1 in the competition.

This complements his other CIHR grant from the same panel looking at "Exposure to toxins on the incidence of cancer in Northern communities." for which he is also a co-applicant with Dr. Holloway.

Jim is also a co-applicant on a grant co-funded by the Canadian Cancer Society and CIHR titled "Firefighters Fighting Cancer" with investigators at Dalhousie Medical School in Nova Scotia.

Congrats Jim on this amazing "triple" success!
Dr. Jim Petrik gave an invited talk at the University of Pennsylvania's (UPENN) Ovarian Cancer Forum. Several research leaders in ovarian cancer from across North America attended this forum. The forum organizer said that the talk was so well received that uPENN sent out a tweet about it:

https://twitter.com/Penn_OCRC/status/1490386202716954625

Penn Ovarian Cancer Research Center on Twitter
“Thank you to Jim Petrik from the University of Guelph @uofg for a great talk on tumor angiogenesis and the role of anti-angiogenic peptide 3TSR in ovarian cancer! Wonderful turn out too (n=80)! @Penn @pennvet @BasserBRCA @CAMBUpenn @PennCancer”
twitter.com
Alicia's STEMM work and more...

**Dr. Viloria-Petit** joined the Gender Equity (GenEq) Committee of the University of Guelph in January 2022. GenEq is an initiative to advance the status of women at the university by encouraging and supporting activities to promote women inclusion and leadership roles on campus and beyond. GenEq upcoming big event is the celebration of **International Women Day on March 8th**. Don't miss the talk by invited speaker, Linda Lara-Jacobo: *Reducing the gender gap in STEMM through women's networks*. Stay tuned for the email announcement of the Zoom event.

Dr. Viloria-Petit was one of the three co-chairs of the first Canadian Extracellular Vesicle Symposium, which took place virtually on January 27th and attracted nearly 200 attendants from all over Canada. Apart from serving as a hub for the establishment of a national collaboration network, the symposium was the initial step toward the creation of the Canadian Extracellular Vesicle Society (CEVS). If you are interested in joining this emerging society, feel free to contact Dr. Viloria-Petit at aviloria@uoguelph.ca

To learn more about the Symposium, visit the website: [https://canvesiclesymposium.squarespace.com/home](https://canvesiclesymposium.squarespace.com/home)

Dr. Viloria-Petit also served as an invited judge for the 2021-2022 Ignite Medical Case Competition. Ignite is an annual bilingual poster presentation contest founded by students at the University of Ottawa, which is open to students all over Canada and the US. Built on the core principle of inclusiveness, the IgNITE Medical Case Competition provides undergraduate students that have never stepped foot in a lab, and those who are completing their thesis, the opportunity to develop and present novel research proposals to professionals.

Consider participating in the Ignite Medical Case Competition as a competitor or mentor for the 2022-2023 competition. For more information, visit the website: [https://www.ignitecompetition.org](https://www.ignitecompetition.org)
Dr. Jibran Khokhar presented at the University of Queen's Centre for Neuroscience Studies during their seminar series.

Dr. Khokhar also gave a talk during the Brain & Mental Health Summit, and this talk can be found on Zoomer TV (https://brainhealth.tv/live/).
Zoetis Award for Research Excellence (Faculty Award)

The Zoetis Award for Research Excellence is available to faculty in any department of the Ontario Veterinary College. Please submit your recommendation for this award to the OVC Awards Committee c/o Elizabeth Lowenger, Manager, Student Affairs at lowenger@uoguelph.ca by noon on March 1, 2022.

PURPOSE:
To foster innovative research, on which the scientific advancement of the profession depends, by recognizing outstanding research effort and productivity.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION:
Nominees must be members of the faculty of the College of Veterinary Medicine. Nominees should be the principal investigator in research that shows promise of attaining national recognition. This research must have been conducted within the past three years.

PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION AND SELECTION:
Any faculty member may nominate a qualified candidate. The nominations will consist of a nominating statement, curriculum vitae, pertinent reprints or manuscripts, and up to three letters of support.

The OVC Awards Committee will evaluate each nominee using the above criteria and choose the recipient.

AWARD:
The Award will consist of an inscribed plaque and a cash award of $1,000.00 in Canadian funds.
The Carlton L. Gyles OVC Support Staff Excellence Award is available to members of the support staff in any part of the Ontario Veterinary College. Please submit your recommendation for this award to the OVC Awards Committee c/o Elizabeth Lowenger by March 1st, 2022 at noon.

Type of award: Annual award of up to $1,000 and a plaque.

Eligibility: All support staff members in any part of the Ontario Veterinary College are eligible. This includes administrative assistants, technical, secretarial or animal care staff involved in support of the teaching, research, animal care or other activities in the College. A typical awardee might be a research technician or someone involved in support of teaching laboratories or of work in the clinics.

Selection criteria: The person selected should exemplify some of the characteristics of Dr. Gyles, including the following:

1. Being an exemplary role model;
2. Creating a positive effect on those around them;
3. Being thoughtful and compassionate;
4. Having a willingness to accept responsibility that goes beyond their job function;
5. Being a mediator;
6. Striving always for high quality;
7. Striving for everyone to win
8. Being optimistic.

This is an award for genuine excellence.

Nominations can be made by any faculty or staff member, or student in the College, including groups. The one to two page nomination should include the nominee's name and contact information and the reason the nomination is being made. Up to three supporting letters from people aware of the nominee's qualities and contributions should be included.

Nguyen, M., Sabry, R., Davis, O.S., Favetta, L.A. *Effects of BPA, BPS, and BPF on Oxidative Stress and Antioxidant Enzyme Expression in Bovine Oocytes and Spermatozoa.* Genes (Basel) 2022, 13, 142. https://doi.org/10.3390/genes13010142


Please do not hesitate to knock on my door (with your mask!) or contact me by email if you have ANY questions/concerns at tsaleh@uoguelph.ca

Stay safe, stay well

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