

the Pathobiologist

Note from the Chair



Greetings from 15ft in Grenada, waiting to surface and thankful for the break from winter pretending to be spring. Lots of challenges here, but very different from those in Pathobiology. Thanks to Eva Nagy for holding the fort as Acting Chair.

I hope that you have a productive spring semester of research.

No doubt you have heard about some the changes coming to administrative services in the college. I hope to be able to update you soon after I return on April 8th.

Cheers
John S. Lumsden



SPRING
is here!

Congratulations

There is a proposal in the works to change the name of *Rhodococcus equi*, the bacterium that causes an important respiratory disease of foals, to *Prescotella equi* to honour **John Prescott** and his work. John is retiring on May 1st and a celebration is also in the works.

Dorothee Bienzle successfully renewed an NSERC Discovery Grant to study "Host response to lentiviral infection".

Eva Nagy received \$88,704 from the Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation to support the purchase of biocontainment isolators that will enable researchers to safely develop new and more effective vaccines to protect poultry against infectious diseases that have a significant impact on the industry.



Happy Retirement

The department would like to wish all of the best to Krystyna, Sophia and Carol Lee who are all retiring on May 1st.



Krystyna Dziekanska's last day in the department will be April 2nd. Krystyna has been with the university for 26 years, since May 1988. Her positive attitude and dedication toward efficiency in the wash-up area are exemplary. Krystyna is a hard-working individual and we appreciate all her efforts over the years. She plans on taking a trip to Poland this summer to visit family.



Sophia Lim holds a Medical Technologist degree, as well as a BSc in Biochemistry from McGill. She came to the UoG in September 1987 to work on contract in the Dept of Chemistry for one year and then in the Dept of Food Science for another term.

Following that, Sophia joined the OVC in September 1989 working half time for the Veterinary Teaching Hospital and half time for Veterinary Microbiology and Immunology. During that time, she worked largely with Prof Bruce Wilkie, Bonnie Mallard, and more recently for Brandon Plattner. Sophia has been an invaluable resource to all of us.



Carol Lee Ernst has been with the university for 45 years. She began working in Pathology, then moved over to Vet. Services for a couple of years, then returned to Pathology. She has been with the CCWHC since it's inception, 22 years. Her plans for retirement are enjoying more time with her grandchildren and keeping husband Ted out of trouble!

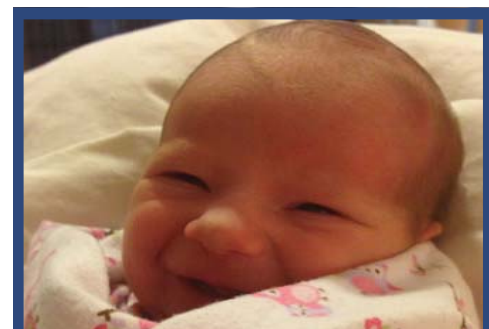


Dale Smith on study/research leave in Ngamba Island, Uganda; working with local veterinarians performing Chimp health checks.

Dale Smith has been sponsored by the Smithsonian Institute to help with a program called PREDICT, a component of a USAID Emerging Pandemic Threats program. She is reading pathology slides from a surveillance program in Queen Elizabeth National Park and supporting the development of diagnostic pathology, particularly wildlife pathology, in Uganda.

conversat After a nearly 40-year hiatus, the Conversat is back. This gala evening will be a feature of Alumni Weekend 2014, as we celebrate the University of Guelph's 50th anniversary.

'Conversazione' or 'Conversat' means, "meeting for conversation." Beginning in 1904, the Conversat was a key social event for faculty, staff, students and friends of the Guelph colleges. The 2014 Conversat will be the signature event of the year, involving all of the colleges and many units from across campus.
www.alumni.uoguelph.ca/involved/involved_conversat.shtml



Brian Steven, graduate student, and his wife Liz welcomed Alexandra Marian Stevens on Feb. 20, 2014. Everyone is happy and healthy.

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

Fri. Apr. 11, Dawn Bowdish, McMaster Immunology Research Centre, "Macrophage Phagocytosis is Essential for Immune Surveillance of the Upper"

Fri. Apr. 18, GOOD FRIDAY-NO SEMINAR.

Fri. Apr. 25, Ali Ashkar, McMaster University, "Autologous NK cells: possible treatment for breast cancer".

OVC Events

[Sign up for grant writing workshops](#)

Need help writing your NSERC or CIHR grants? A CIHR grant writing workshop has been scheduled for April 24, and the Office of Research is organizing an NSERC Discovery Grant writing workshop tentatively slated for May 14. For more information on these and other opportunities to enhance your research program, check out the [OVC Research Communiqué](#).

Thurs. Apr. 10, Chappel Memorial Lecture, Dr. Gerry Wright, Director, Michael G. DeGroot Institute for Infectious Disease Research, and Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Biomedical Sciences, McMaster University, "Resisting Resistance: How We Can Solve the Antibiotic Crisis", 3:30 pm. Room 1800 PAHL.

Thurs. Apr. 10, Better Planet Lecture Series at Guelph Civic Museum, Maurice Nelischer, Director for sustainability presents "Gown in Town: How the Campus and Community Interact", 7:00 pm. For more information visit <http://guelph.ca/museum/?p=1703>.

Sat. Apr. 26th, Physical Resources will be conducting the Annual Campus Electrical Shutdown, 7am until 7pm.

Any queries should be directed to either: Justin Selby, Senior Construction Co-ordinator, Ext. 56918, Email: justin@pr.uoguelph.ca, or Doug Doel, Electrical Design Manager, Ext. 53459, Email: douglas@pr.uoguelph.ca.

Campus Buildings **NOT** affected by the April 26, 2014 Campus Electrical Shutdown: Bldgs 49 & 89.

Wed. Apr. 30, 27th Annual Teaching and Learning Innovations Conference, The theme of this year's conference; Learning Outcomes: Celebrating Success, Building Capacity. For more info go to <http://www.opened.uoguelph.ca/tli/>. Keynote and **concurrent Sessions**, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Rozanski Hall.

Share your #ovcgreatmoments2014!

As the academic year comes to an end the OVC social media team wants to know about your OVC great moments from 2014! If you have a photo of a great moment or best memory from this school year please share them with us and we will post them on our Facebook and Twitter!



How to submit:

- Tweet #ovcgreatmoments2014 to @ontvetcollege on Twitter.
- Post to our [Facebook page](#).
- Email photos to jdawkins@uoguelph.ca.

Be sure to check out photos that have been submitted so far in OVC's #ovcgreatmoments2014 [photo album](#) on Facebook.

Department PHOTOS

We are still missing photos for the 3rd floor. Please arrange a time to have your photo taken with Nathalie x54670, nrllemieu@uoguelph.ca OR submit a suitable photo to print a 3" x 5" photo at 300dpi. (minimum 1,504 x 1,000).

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

FRIDAY APRIL 11th 3pm Room 1800

Please join us for coffee and cake to celebrate the retirement of

Krystyna Dzienska, Carol Lee Ernst & Sophia Lim

Defenses, Oral Qualifying Exams

Wed. Apr. 3, William Gow, DVSc Oral Qualifying exam, 9:00 am in room 4838.

Wed. Apr. 9, Monica Baquero, PhD Oral Qualifying exam, 1:00 pm in room 4837.

Wed. Apr. 16, Kristin Bondo, PhD Oral Qualifying exam, 9:00 am in room 1817.

Wed. Apr. 23, Neda Barjesteh, PhD Oral Qualifying exam, 9:00 am in room 4838.

Wed. Apr. 23, Maureen Jarau, PhD Oral Qualifying exam, 1:30 pm in room 4837.

Apr. 1 - May 2, Course Selection, using WebAdvisor, register now to avoid late fees. Registration is two parts: Part I: Register into your courses UNIV*7500- Research and Writing & UNIV*7510- Full-time Student or UNIV*7520 Part-time Student; Part II: Graduate Settlement.

Reminders: Pick up your mail every week; if your address has changed, notify Donna, Cathy, and the Office of Graduate Studies.



Computers for Student Use:

There are two department computers, a flat-bed and a kodachrome scanner for graduate student use in **the multi-media room 1818A on the first floor**. Please see Nathalie Lemieux – ext. 54670; room 1814 – if you have any problems, or require assistance, with the computers.

HEALTH & SAFETY CORNER

Personal Protection: Eyes and Face

What appears to be a minor accident can have tragic consequences if it damages your eyes. Whenever you are working with the following materials **you must wear protective eyewear**:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toxic or corrosive chemicals • Infectious agents • Power tools • Liquified gases | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ultraviolet or intense visible light • Intensely radioactive materials • Reagents that are hot or being heated • Materials under pressure or partial vacuum |
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wear your safety glasses

Please be aware that **safety cabinet is not always the only protection necessary** when working with these materials, **double the protection and wear your safety glasses**.

Correction

The March newsletter announced that "Khaled and her husband welcomed Ahmed", it should have read "Khaled and his wife Mai welcomed Ahmed". Sorry for the confusion.