

Note from the Chair

The summer is speeding along and I find it hard to believe we are already into August. I hope everyone has had a chance to take some vacation or has some plans in place. We are quickly ramping up for teaching and tenure and promotion deliberations in the fall. I see that Patrick Boerlin and his committee looking after our seminar series is requesting suggestions for speakers this academic year. We have had excellent speakers over the last year and the attendance has been excellent. Please try and attend even if the subject is not directly in your field. Broadening your experience, learning new approaches in science, and discussing/debating science are valuable goals of our seminar series. Also, as the fall semester approaches a number of grad students are giving research progress seminars or finishing their programs and defending their theses. It's particularly important for other grad students to be in attendance to support your peers and ask questions as part of the 'quality control' of our graduate program. I'll be away for a couple of weeks later in August and if I don't have a chance to catch up with you in the hallways or at our Ice Cream/ Yogurt Day (23 Aug) please make sure you take some time away from work and travel safely.

-Robert M. Jacobs



Summers here, remember to keep cool!

Adjunct professor **Graham Crawshaw** was the keynote speaker at the Annual General Meeting of the RCVS 2012 held on July 6th, his talk was entitled "Toads and Tamarins – a career in zoo and wildlife medicine".

Bonnie Mallard was featured in the 2012 *President's Report: Building a Better Planet*. The article, on page 9, talks about her new genetic profiling tool for dairy cows. Carolina Stryjecki, daughter of media technician **Alina Stryjecki**, was also featured on page 7. The articles can be found at www.uoguelph.ca/president/report/bigpicture.shtml.

Happy Anniversary to **Tami Harvey** who joined the department a year ago.



Congratulations to **Claire Jardine**, husband Brendan Delehanty and big brother Tien on the new addition to their family, **Dang**. Dang joined the family on June 19, 2012.

Grants, Scholarships and more...

Pat Turner has recently been nominated to the Institute for Laboratory Animal Research Council. ILAR Council is an advisory body of the Earth and Life Studies division of the U.S. National Research Council. In addition to the Council appointment, Pat will be taking on Co-Editor-in-Chief responsibilities for the ILAR Journal.

Patrick Boerlin is a section editor of BMC Veterinary Research, details at <http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcvetres/>

Andrew Peregrine was elected the Vice President of the American Association of Veterinary Parasitology. After a two year term of Vice President Andrew will become the President.

Scott Walsh, PhD student with Sarah Wootton, received an OGS award for \$15,000 starting in September.

Jondavid DeJong was featured on the highly popular virology netcast called "This Week In Virology". He and 4 other post-docs and research associates participated in a round table discussion on a wide range of topics including our past and current research, our career goals for the future, and some of the challenges of research science at the annual meeting of the American Society for Virology, in Madison Wisconsin. Details can be found at TWIV: <http://www.twiv.tv/>.

Adjunct professor **Davor Ojkic** received an NSERC CRD for \$153,000 in a group project with the U of Saskatchewan and VIDO to research "Prevention of inclusion body hepatitis (IBH) in broiler chicken industry: Optimizing two prototype fowl adenoviral vaccines".

Congratulations to the following recipients of OMAFRA awards:

Andrew Peregrine received \$100,000 to study "Effect of targeted selective treatment at lambing on Haemonchus burdens on Ontario sheep farms with anthelmintic resistance". He also received \$70,000 from Enlanco USA and \$40,000 from the Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency for this project.

Shayan Sharif received two awards: \$149,000 to study "Enhancing the efficacy of poultry vaccines using innate immune adjuvants" and \$190,000 to study "Novel immunological compounds as an emergency response tool for control of avian influenza virus".

Brandon Plattner received \$105,000 to study "Antibody responses and modulation of fecal bacterial shedding during subclinical Johne's disease in calves".



Get some exercise
with a friend
or
just relax.
Enjoy

August Calendar of Events

Pathobiology Seminar Series & Events

Fri. Aug. 10, Dr. Michael Stear, Professor of Immunogenetics, Institute of Infection, Immunity and Inflammation, Garscube Campus, University of Glasgow, "Causes and Consequences of Substantial Genetic Variation in Resistance to Parasitic Disease", 11:00 am, Room 1810.

Next Departmental Meeting September 27, 2012.



Ice Cream and Frozen Yogurt Day, Thurs. August 23rd at 3:00 pm in room 1800, or if the sun is shining on the front lawn. See you there!

OVC Events & Notices

Tues. Sept. 4, Orientation of New DVM students, 9:30 am, room 1714.

Thurs. Sept 20, 4-7 pm OVC Animal Cancer Centre Grand Opening

University Events & Notices

Thurs. Aug. 23 & Fri. Aug. 24, The Use of Narrative in Teaching and Learning: Exploring Tools for Effectiveness. Instructor workshop, register before Aug. 21 at www.tss.uoguelph.ca/registration/index.cfm?act=view&event_id=1980, 120A McLaughlin Library.

Wed. Sept. 5, Community Breakfast, 9:00-10:00 a.m., Field House.

GRADCORNER

Defenses, Oral Qualifying Exams & Notices/ Reminders

Wed. Aug. 8, Dion Lepp, PhD Final Defense, "Comparative genomic analysis of clostridium perfringens strains associated with necrotic enteritis of poultry", 9:00 am, Room 1810.

Thurs. Aug. 9, Véronique LePage, MSc Final Defense, "A study of syngnathid diseases and investigation of ulcerative dermatitis", 9:30 am, Room 1810.

Thurs. Aug. 9, Kathleen Thompson-Crispi, PhD Final Defense, "Genetic regulation of adaptive immune responses in Holstein dairy cows across Canada", 1:00 pm, Room 1810.

Graduate Seminars Monday August 13th in Room 1810

- 10:00 am
Lisa Santry, MSc
- 10:30 am
Rachael Mozes, MSc
- 11:00 am
Amanda Mansz, DVSc
- 11:30 am
Amy Sturgeon, MSc



In Memoriam BERNARD J. McSHERRY

An open house to celebrate **Bernard's** fully-lived life will be held at Jonathan McSherry's farm from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday, August 7 for family and friends. Please contact Elizabeth at egilbert@uoguelph.ca if you need directions to the farm.

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

Clean up your computer. Don't forget to periodically clean all the accumulated temporary files from your computer. Use the Accessories/System Tools/Disk clean-up function. Remember to **Back up** your files too!

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.

Backpack Drive, OVC's Information Technology Services (ITS) staff have teamed up with colleagues in Computing and Communications Services (CCS) and the U of G library to help fill the backpacks of school-aged children in some of Guelph's economically disadvantaged neighbourhoods. Donations of backpacks, and any kind of school supplies: i.e. pencils, pencil crayons, pens, markers, highlighters, pencil cases, erasers, scissors, glue sticks, rulers, calculators, lined paper, binders, lunch bags, dictionaries, etc., can be dropped off at the OVC ITS main desk **until Fri. Aug. 17**. More details can be found in the OVC Bulletin.

MYSTERYPHOTO

Last month's mystery photo winner was Brandon Plattner who correctly answered that the photo was of the bike rakes outside the building. He won a \$10 hospitality card. **Can you guess what this photo is?** Be the first to call or email Elizabeth at 54649, egilbert@uoguelph.ca.



Photo courtesy of Patrick Boerlin

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**:

1. Toxic or corrosive chemicals
2. Power tools
3. Materials under pressure or partial vacuum
4. Ultraviolet or intense visible light
5. Liquefied gases
6. Intensely radioactive materials
7. Reagents that are hot or being heated

NOTE that eye protection from best to worst is as follows:

1. Goggles
2. Face shields
3. Safety glasses
4. Regular glasses
5. Nothing
6. Contact lenses