

# the Pathobiologist

## Note from the Chair

Greetings. Our seasonal lunch is at noontime on 19 December. I hope everyone is able to attend and enjoy sharing a good meal with friends and colleagues. Dr. Pat Turner has kindly agreed to welcome everyone and say a few words on behalf of the Department. In a last minute change of plans, my daughter was faced with cancelling a trip to Florida. She was kind enough to ask if I would consider going with her. Hard for a father to turn down such a request so I will be away in (hopefully) sunny Florida from 18 to 24 December. This will give us a chance to visit with family we haven't seen much over the last couple of years. I know this is an extremely busy time of the year for everyone. Some classes and examinations end soon, but realize that some of our fourth year DVM teaching in the College continues on into the week beginning 17 December. I wish that all of you have plans to spend time with family and friends over the break and to do some things outside of work that you really love to do. Please try and avoid coming into the building - use the break to rest, relax and reflect on the good things and successes we've all had in our lives. I wish you all good health and best wishes for the Holiday Season and the New Year. Sincerely, R

-Robert M. Jacobs



**Dale Smith's** research on "Development of a screening test for proventricular dilatation disease in psittacine birds," will be highlighted by the Pet Trust Board in future communications to promote key pioneering and innovative research, major breakthroughs and paradigm-shifting events.

Congratulations to graduate student **Kayla Price** whose application was selected by the Office of Graduate Studies Awards Committee to be forwarded to the NSERC PGS/CGS Masters/Doctoral national competition.

Congratulations to Post Doc **Kathleen Thompson Crispi** who won 3rd prize at the "Genomics: The Power and the Promise" Science Event put on by the Gairdner Foundation and Genome Canada last month in Ottawa.

**Congratulations to Lesley Berghuis, Elizabeth MacMillan and Cathy Bernardi** for completing a 5K race at West Minster Woods on October 27.



## University Holiday Closure

**Mon. December 24, 2012 - Wed. January 2, 2013 inclusive. Classes begin Mon. Jan. 7, 2013.**

### Check Web, Local Media During Bad Weather

When a winter storm hits and you need to know if the University of Guelph is open before setting off for school or work, the best information sources are the U of G's website and local media; CJOY, 1460 AM; MAGIC, 106.1 FM, Guelph and many more. The campus switchboard will also have a recorded message. More information can be found at [www.uoguelph.ca/news/2011/11/check\\_web\\_local\\_1.html](http://www.uoguelph.ca/news/2011/11/check_web_local_1.html).

## Timesheet Day Adjustments

Friday, November 30 to Thursday, December 13/12 will be due on **Monday, December 10, 2012**

Friday, December 14 to Thursday, December 27/12 will be due on **Monday, December 17, 2012**

Friday, December 18/12 to Thursday, January 10/13 will be due on **Thursday, January 10, 2013**



## November Canada

The Movember Men of the department raised a total of \$612 through team and individual donations!



Above left to right: Hein Snyman, Brandon Lillie, William Gow and Geoff Wood proudly demonstrate their use of the 'microscope eyepiece slide investigation technique' while sporting their marvellous moustaches! Note: The men all plan to shave off their moustaches, much to the relief of the women in the department.

# December Calendar of Events

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

**Fri. Dec. 7, Maureen Anderson**, PhD Candidate, "Petting zoos: the good, the bad, and the biohazardous".

**Fri. Dec. 14, Jondavid De Jong**, Pathobiology Post Doc, "Red light, Green light: Trafficking of Jaagsiekte sheep retrovirus envelope protein".

### Dec. 13, FRS Training for Faculty – FRS/My Grants Tracker

This workshop will show faculty how to log into FRS, and how to navigate and interpret the different reports within FRS with particular emphasis on My Grants Tracker, a new report designed specifically for researchers to give a quick and easy way to interpret their financial position for any research account. For more information contact Patti Minakis x56943 or [pminakis@uoguelph.ca](mailto:pminakis@uoguelph.ca). Time is Noon-1 pm, Location UC room 442.

## University Events & Notices

**Sat. Dec. 1, Hill's Pet Nutrition Primary Healthcare Centre Open House**, 1-4 pm.

**Dec. 2-4, Conference of Research Workers in Animal Disease [CRWAD] Meeting**; the Chicago Marriott, Downtown Magnificent Mile, Chicago, Illinois. Details for registration and events can be found at [www.cvmbs.colostate.edu/mip/crwad/](http://www.cvmbs.colostate.edu/mip/crwad/).

**Dec. 1-5, American College of Veterinary Pathologists 62nd Annual Meeting** and the **American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology 46th Annual Meeting**, will be held in Seattle Washington. For more details visit [www.acvp.org/](http://www.acvp.org/).

**Mon. Dec. 10, Rumour Mill**, Alastair Summerlee and Maureen Mancuso will host a public forum, Noon, UC Room 103.

**Sat. Dec. 15, Dr. P. Basrur Celebration of Life**, 2 pm, Rozanski Hall.

## HEALTH & SAFETY CORNER

**Washing your hands** is the best way to stop spreading germs that can make you sick. When your hands are dirty, wash with soap and water. But when you can't wash with soap and water, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer to kill germs.

### How to clean your hands

1. Wet your hands with warm running water.
2. Put soap on your hands and rub them together to make foam.
3. Scrub your hands together for at least **15 seconds**.
4. Scrub all over, including the back of your hands, wrist, between fingers, and under nails.
5. Rinse your hands well with water.
6. Dry your hands with a clean cloth or paper towel.
7. Turn off the faucet with the cloth or towel.

## Submitting Grades

**Graduate Marks:** Reminder to Faculty that Graduate marks will be due to Donna by **Mon. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>** at noon.

**Undergraduate Marks:** Reminder to Faculty that Undergraduate marks are due no later than **Fri. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>** at noon.

## Proud Parents

Drayton Entertainment's production of Annie has attracted a lot of attention. Reviews have appeared in all local papers once or twice, on local radio stations as well as on several television programs. Nathalie Lemieux's daughter is cast as "Tessie". Cast members include professional actors from Toronto. Many have performed in Mirvish Productions, television, movies and much more. Don't miss this amazing production, it runs until December 23rd. <http://www.draytonentertainment.com/>



Belle "Tessie" on stage singing "It's a Hard Knock Life" with cast members Hadley "Duffy", Dominique "Annie", Avery "Molly" and Violet "Pepper"



## MYSTERY PHOTO

Last month's mystery photo winner was Cathy Bernardi who correctly answered that the photo was of the sun's reflection on the top of the round coffee table on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. She won a \$10 hospitality card.

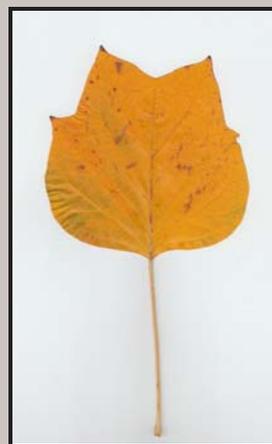


Photo courtesy of Patrick Boerlin

### Can you guess what this photo is?

Be the **SIXTH person** to call or email Elizabeth at 54649 or [egilbert@uoguelph.ca](mailto:egilbert@uoguelph.ca) and you could win too!!

## Defenses, Oral Qualifying Exams & Notices/Reminders

**Tue. Dec 18, Jason Stull**, PhD Seminar, "Pets as a Source of Zoonotic Disease", 9:30 am, Rm 1810;

**Graduate Student Research Symposium Congratulations** to graduate students who won awards at the symposium:

**Ian Ryerse**  
1<sup>st</sup> Place MSc Poster;

**Olivier Cote**  
PhD Oral Session 3.

## NOTICES

**Graduate Student Learning Initiative**, The GSLI offers a wide range of free workshops for graduate students each semester. Details and registration are available at <http://gsli.uoguelph.ca/>. Next workshops:

Jan. 14/13 [Conversation Partners Orientation & Information Session](#);  
Jan 22/13, [Research Project Management Course- Preparing for a Career in Research](#).

**Teaching Evaluations** will take place the week of **Dec. 3-14** for VETM courses. Please contact Nathalie, Donna or Elizabeth to set this up. We need the course code/ name, date, time and classroom.

## Pathobiology Seasonal Lunch Celebration

will be held at **noon** on **Wednesday, December 19** in the OVC cafeteria, room 1707.

Tickets \$10.00 (cash) from Elizabeth Gilbertson, room 3840.

**Deadline** to purchase tickets is **Friday, December 14**.

Don't be disappointed, buy your tickets early.