

Note from the Chair

Greetings. In the last few years we have hired Byram Bridle (viral immunology), Claire Jardine (wildlife health), Brandon Lillie (anatomic pathology), Brandon Plattner (anatomic pathology) and Sarah Wootton (virology). This group of junior faculty is working hard and has achieved good successes. All have already applied for or have obtained research funding and are busy at various stages in developing their lab-based research programs. Similarly, they are engaging in different teaching responsibilities and some committee work. Those that have been here a few years have multiple graduate students in various degree programs. There is cohesion in this group. They are faced with the same challenges and have gratifyingly chosen to work together to pool their talents, experiences, and energies to help each other do better. These are people we take pride in. They competed hard and well in the interview process and showed us they have the potential to grow and achieve as academics. Making good hires is one of the most important investments the university can make. For the more mature faculty members, we can look at these people and see that our programs will thrive well into the future. In the next little while, we are setting off on two new faculty searches, one for an avian specialist to facilitate our initiative in avian health and research and the other in zoo and wildlife pathology. I look forward to working with the search committees assigned to these positions - our future is, mostly, in our hands.

-Robert M. Jacobs



Ian Duncan, Daina Hunter & Steve Leeson

Dr. Carlton Gyles represented the OVC at the annual Dr. Schofield Symposium held in Seoul, Korea, on April 12, Dr. Schofield's birthday. Other Department members who have in the past participated in the annual symposium that honours Dr. Frank Schofield are **Drs. Tony Hayes** and **John Prescott**. Dr. Frank W. Schofield, OVC '10 and former OVC faculty member, was designated a person of national historic significance by Parks Canada on recommendation from the Historical Sites and Monuments Board of Canada (College News, 2009)

As is usual for the Symposium, the tribute to Dr. Schofield began at the Patriot's section in the Korean National Cemetery in Seoul, where Dr. Schofield is buried — the only foreigner buried there. Following an elaborate ceremony at the cemetery, there were presentations by several dignitaries at the veterinary school in Seoul National University. Dr. Gyles spoke on "*E. coli* from Dr. Schofield's day to the present". In his talk, he highlighted how, despite a paucity of techniques and reagents in the 1940s and 1950s, Dr. Schofield used his brilliant powers of observation and deduction to arrive at conclusions that were proven to be correct decades later. For example, Schofield saw the similarities between *E. coli* in edema disease of pigs and *Clostridium perfringens* type D in pulpy kidney disease of sheep. Dr. Gyles had the opportunity to meet with former Korean graduate student Sang-Hyun Kim who was very helpful in showing him around Seoul. He was impressed by the warm hospitality of his Korean hosts and with how important Frank Schofield is in Korea.



The Poultry Industry Council (PIC) recently honoured three researchers from the University of Guelph with it's 2012 Poultry Worker of the Year Award (see photo bottom left). **Dr. Bruce Hunter's** award was accepted by his widow Daina Hunter. Bruce, who passed away suddenly in October 2011, was acknowledged for his 33 years of teaching and research at the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC). He ran the OVC's wild bird clinic for 15 years, and was a co-leader of a Veterinarians Without Borders poultry project in Ghana. He was also a highly-regarded expert on mink farming, and played a key role in the development of a Canadian Community of Practice in EcoHealth (CoPEH) and a graduate-level course in ecosystem approaches to health that involves the University of Guelph, the University of British Columbia and the Université du Québec à Montréal. (photo left below)

Good News

Joan Budd, a retired professor of wildlife pathology, was recognized for lifetime achievement in the science, technology and research category. Now age 100, she is a 1950 OVC graduate and was OVC's first female faculty member, retiring in 1980. Her career includes working within filter operations for the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War.

Congratulations to the following faculty who were awarded OMAFRA grants; **Brandon Lillie, Andrew Peregrine, Brandon Plattner and Shayam Sharif**.

Congratulations to **John Barta** who was awarded \$151,500 from the Federal Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FEDDEV) Applied Research and Commercialization (ARC) for his work on "Product Improvement, Immunogenicity and Safety Testing of Coccidiosis Vaccine, Live Oocysts in Chickens and Turkeys".

Congratulations to **Kayla Price** who was awarded an Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS).

The microscopes in room 2800 have been re-named in honour of faculty members: "**Big Bruce**" for the multi-header up at the front of the room (linked to big screen TV), named in honour of **Bruce Hunter**; "**Willie**" for the dry multi-header on the south side of the room, named in honour of **Brian Wilcock**, who dedicates a lot of his time teaching grad students, despite being 'retired'; "**Bernie**" for the cyto (oil) microscope, named in honour of **Bernard McSherry**.



June Calendar of Events

Pathobiology Seminar Series

Fridays at 11 am Rm 1810
unless otherwise notes

THU June 21, 11 am, Rm 1810 PhD Seminar, Chandrika Senthikumara, title: TBA

FRI June 22, 11 am, Rm 1810 PhD Seminar, Kathleen Thomson-Crispi, title: TBA

OVC Events & Notices

THU June 7, 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m
Grand Opening – OVC Equine Sports Medicine and Reproduction Centre. Ceremony followed by riding demonstration, tours and refreshments.

WED June 13 DVM Convocation
Ceremony and Oath 1:30pm *Rozanski Hall*

FRI June 15, 5:30pm at *Creelman Hall*
—150th Anniversary Dinner, tickets are \$35 and are purchased through Alumni House, **all classes are welcome**, to register go to: www.alumni.uoguelph.ca/involved/involved_aw2012_mainevents.shtml

University Events & Notices

June 16-17 Alumni Weekend
activities including class reunions, campus tours, alumni association AGMs, the President's Lunch, the Alumni Dinner and Pub and the annual Star Party. Our own **Darren Wood** will receive the OVC Alumni Association Young Alumnus Award on Saturday June 16 at 10:00 am, *LLC 1714* at the AGM. For details about the main events planned, please go to: www.alumni.uoguelph.ca/involved/involved_aw2012_mainevents.shtml

Wed. June 13, University of Guelph President's Dialogue, from 10 a.m. to noon in *Rozanski Hall* as part of the year-long celebrations marking the 150th anniversary of the Ontario Veterinary College. A panel of highly respected experts on animal, human and environmental health will engage in dialogue and debate about Feeding the Planet: Critical Links Between Human and Environmental Health. The dialogue will explore interdisciplinary approaches to improving public health and food security while empowering communities for lasting change. More information is available at www.uoguelph.ca/president/dialogue/planet/



SUPPORT the **OVC Riders** Heart & Stroke Big Bike Team Members from Pathobiology and support the entire OVC Team! Donations can be made **online** or directly to Elizabeth Gilbertson. Team Captain: Kim Best.

I scream, You scream, We all scream for ice cream!!! **Ice Cream Days** will begin next month and will fall on Thursday **July 26 & August 23** at 3:00 pm. IF weather permits it will be held outside at the picnic tables under the vestibule, if not room 1800.



Convocation Volunteers Needed

If you can help at either function please let Elizabeth Lowenger know. Tuesday June 12, 4 pm and Wednesday June 13, 1:30pm.

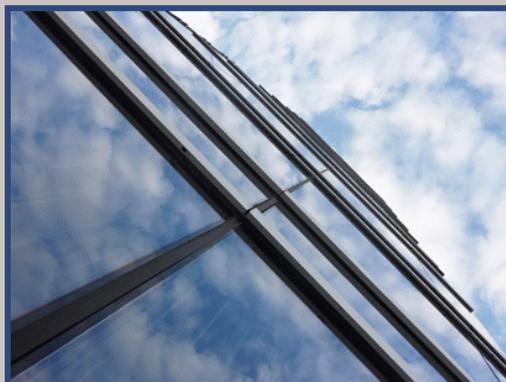
Workshops, Symposiums, Conferences, Meetings, etc.

JUNE 3-6, 11th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Animal Health Laboratorians Network (CAHLN) this years theme is "One Health, Emerging Diseases". National Centre for Foreign Animal Disease, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Winnipeg, MB. A draft meeting agenda can be found at www.cahln-rctlsa.com

Wed June 6 Research Enterprise and Scholarly Communication Workshops taking place from noon to 1:00 pm in Room 103 in the *Library*. Assessing Impact of Research: Citing References & Journal Impact Factors. Topics of this workshop include cited reference searching, verifying the impact of a journal, finding out who is citing a published work, and a discussion about the latest ways scholars are demonstrating impact. Registration can be found at: www.uoguelph.ca/ses/content/news/scholarly-communication-workshop-series-faculty

Fri. June 15th, Cross-Border Connection in Canadian and US Veterinary History
The American Veterinary Medical History Society and the Ontario Veterinary College encourage you to join us in celebration of OVCs 150th Anniversary in 2012. To register for the symposium email Tara O'Brien at ovc150@uoguelph.ca. For details go to: www.ovc.uoguelph.ca/150/cross-border-connections/speakers/

MYSTERY PHOTO



Last month's mystery photo winner was Jennifer Cottell and Gabhan Chalmers who correctly answered that the photo was of the light hanging in the 4th floor glass staircase. They won a \$10 hospitality card. **Can you guess where this photo of Bldg. 89 was taken? Be the first to call or email Elizabeth at 54649, egilbert@uoguelph.ca and you'll win too!!**

Photo courtesy of Patrick Boerlin

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Graduate Defenses, Oral Qualifying Exams & Notices/Reminders

MON JUNE 11 9:30 AM
Rm 4838 *Oral Qualifying exam*
Lauri Wagter-Lesperance

TUE JUNE 12 4:30 PM
Graduate Convocation
4pm for gowning
War Memorial Hall

WED JUNE 13 9:30 AM
PhD Final Defense **Payvand Parvizi** "Enhancement of Protective Immune Responses in Chickens against Marek's Disease Virus"
Seminar Rm 1800
Defense Rm 4838

Graduate Students finishing their program in Summer 2012 and attending Convocation in Fall 2012: Students must apply to graduate and all the paperwork must be submitted to the Graduate Secretary at least eight weeks in advance.

- **Fri Jun 1** – Graduate Student Evaluations for Winter 2012 are due to Donna Kangas.
- **Fri Jun 15** - Last day for application to graduate for Fall graduation without late fee. (The on-line application to graduate is found on WebAdvisor, if for whatever reason you do not graduate in Fall 2012, this will be rolled to the next semester).
- **Fri Jul 6** - Last day to apply to for Fall graduation paying late fee. (The on-line application to graduate is found on WebAdvisor).
- **Wed Sep 5** - Last day to submit approved thesis for Fall Convocation.
- **Fri Sep 14** - Last day for clearance to graduate at Fall 2012 Convocation