

## Note from the Chair

Greetings. As you will read in the newsletter, our faculty have been fortunate in obtaining funds to support their research at a time when research funding is contracting and competition for funds is more intense than ever. Our successes are not due simply to good luck. Rather, our faculty are working in highly relevant areas, the established faculty have strong records in research productivity, our younger faculty have great potential worth betting on, and we have a strong mentor system and a good system for critiquing grants. We have been traditionally well-funded through OMAFRA and this trend continues. OMAFRA funding gives us the opportunity to work with production animals and to help solve problems facing producers. These projects would not receive funding through other agencies. OMAFRA funding also helps the Department in indirect ways to remain competitive. Also, take note of the graduate students who were recognized for their accomplishments. It's great to see how engaged they are in their programs. Please join me in giving hearty congratulations to the faculty and graduate students who have achieved these successes! Sincerely,

*Robert M. Jacobs*

## Congratulations!



### OVC Graduate Student Awards Night

Pathobiology was well represented as many students took home awards. Pictured here are Mr. Phillip Cho (Korean-Canadian Scholarship Foundation), recipients **Olivier Cote** and **Brian Stevens**, Mr. Chang Bok Lee and Mrs. Young Hee Lee (Dr. Schofield Scholarship Association of Korean Canadians), John Prescott, Rob Jacobs. The third award winner, **Marlene Paibomesai**, could not attend.



**Sarah Wootton** will be recognized as one of Guelph's 'Top 40 under 40' at the Guelph Youth Music Centre on June 19. This distinction is bestowed upon a selection of the community's most inspiring and promising citizens under the age of 40. This special publication is produced by the *Guelph Mercury* and will be distributed to area households on June 20<sup>th</sup>.



**Pauline Delnatte** won the 'Rudolf Ippen Young Scientist Award' at the International Conference on Diseases of Zoo and Wild Animals in Vienna, Austria, in May. Professor Dr. Rudolf Ippen was a pioneer of the scientific discipline of wildlife pathology and co-founder of the International Conference on Diseases of Zoo and

Wild Animals. The award honours a young scientist whose scientific output, particularly the papers published in the past 12 months, document the beginning of a promising career in wildlife veterinary science, conservation medicine, or zoo animal medicine



**Hugues Beaufre**, Avian and Exotics Specialist, was awarded the 'Donald W. Zantop Emerging Leader Award' given by the Association of Avian veterinarians.



**Krystyna Dziekanska, Dale Smith** and **Eva Nagy** will be receiving service recognition for 25 years of service to the university on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at the University Club.

**Janet Sunohara-Neilson** was both a recipient of a CAHLN graduate student travel scholarship and a CAHLN graduate student oral presentation award at the recent CAHLN meeting in Ste-Hyacinthe for her paper on, "Development of an indirect enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay for detection of serum antibodies to leporid herpesvirus-4."

**Professor Emerita Julie Yager** gave a 4 day Dermatopathology course for the European Society



for Veterinary Dermatology in Cremona, Italy, with Verena Affolter and Elizabeth Mauldin of UC Davis and University of Pennsylvania.

Several faculty members received NSERC awards, and a graduate student received a post-doctoral award: **Byram Bridle**: five-year \$175,000 Discovery Grant; **Eva Nagy**: five year \$290,000 Discovery Grant; **Brandon Plattner** \$148,230 equipment grant; **Scott Weese**: five-year \$145,000 Discovery Grant; **Sarah Wootton**: five-year \$180,000 Discovery Grant; and **Kayla Price**, PhD student, three-year postgraduate doctoral scholarship.

The following faculty received OMAFRA awards: **John Lumsden** \$18,000 one yr; **Janet MacInnes** \$95,000 over 2 yrs; **John Prescott** \$54,000 over 3 yrs; **Bonnie Mallard** \$100,000 over 3 yrs.

**Mosun Ogedengbe** received a travel award to attend and present a paper entitled "Small is not boring: The tiny, but variable, mitochondrial genomes of coccidia, piroplasms, haemogregarines & haemosporinids (Apicomplexa)" at the upcoming Joint 88th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Parasitologists and the 13th Annual Quebec Molecular Parasitology Meeting in Quebec from June 26-29.



**Erin Scharf** married Brad Harkness on May 4, 2013, in a small United Church in McIntosh. They honeymooned in Newfoundland and are now making their home in near Harrison.

# June Calendar of Events

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

**Mon. June 3, Dr. Satish Gupta**, Deputy Director, National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi, "Contraceptive Vaccines for Population Management of Humans and Animals", 11:00 am, Room 1810.

**Mon. June 10, Dr. Mads Kjelgaard-Hansen**, Professor in the Department of Veterinary and Clinical Animal Sciences Hospital, University of Copenhagen, "Clinical applications of canine C-reactive protein", 11:00 am, Room 1810.

## University Events

**Wed. June 12, OVC Convocation Awards Ceremony**, 1:30 pm, Room 104 Rozanski Hall.

**Wed. June 12, OVC Spring Convocation**, 4:00 pm, Gryphon Fieldhouse. For more details go to <http://www.uoguelph.ca/convocation/>.

### 14-17 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. For details about the main events planned, please go to: [http://www.alumni.uoguelph.ca/involved/involved\\_aw2013\\_landing.shtml](http://www.alumni.uoguelph.ca/involved/involved_aw2013_landing.shtml).

**Wed. June 5, Central Animal Facility Open House & BBQ**, 11:30-2:00, \$5 for beef or veggie burger + pop, free desserts, door prizes and raffles.

## In the News...

**Byram Bridle** and **Geoff Wood** were featured in the Alumni News *The Portico* for their work on cancer research, read the article at <http://www.uoguelph.ca/theportico/animal-center/>.

**Andrew Peregrine** and **Claire Jardine** were featured in the *At Guelph* discussing "hot spots" in Ontario where ticks carry Lyme disease. <http://atguelph.uoguelph.ca/2013/05/take-your-dog-for-a-walk-check-for-ticks/>



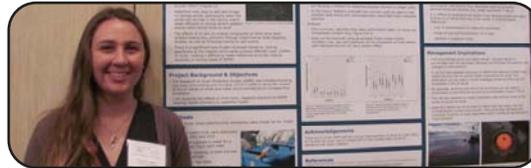
**Canadian Cooperative Wildlife Health Centre [CCWHC]** is now on Twitter, Facebook and have their own blog. Information can be found at: blog (<http://www.healthylife.ca/>),

facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/healthylife>), and twitter account (<https://twitter.com/CCWHC>).



**The OVC's Big Bike Riders** are collecting funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. For more information or to join the team contact Kim Best at [kbestb@uoguelph.ca](mailto:kbestb@uoguelph.ca) or Frances Graziotto at [fgraziotto@uoguelph.ca](mailto:fgraziotto@uoguelph.ca).

## More good news . . .



**Elizabeth Beck** (daughter of Dale Smith and former summer student of Claire Jardine) won a prize for the Best Student Poster at the joint meeting of the Alberta Chapter and Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society, held in Canmore, Alberta in March.



Congratulations to **Jondavid De Jong**, wife Susan and sister Alexandra, on the birth of his daughter Emma Katherine de Jong. She was born Wed. May 29th and weighed in at 7 lbs 5 oz. Everyone is home, healthy and happy.



**Belle Lemieux-Chan** (daughter of Nathalie Lemieux) is heading to Broadway this summer after being awarded the Be Discovered Broadway Bound scholarship at dance competitions. She will have the opportunity to work with the industry's top

choreographers and professionals and will debut at the Minskoff Theatre in Times Square, home to the hit Broadway Musical, *The Lion King*. She is currently performing in Orangeville Music Theatre's *Shrek the Musical* this month from June 8th to the 22nd. Broadway details at <https://fundrazr.com/campaigns/6WUJ6> *Shrek* details at <http://www.orangevillemusictheatre.com/>

## Notices

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## GRADCORNER

### WELCOME

Welcome to **Delphine Lanieste**, new DVSc graduate student, who will be working with Drs. Dale Smith and Hugues Beaufrere in Avian and Exotics.

### Defenses, Oral Qualifying Exams

**Fri. June 14, A. Ian Villanueva**, MSc Final Defense, "The influence of Toll-like receptors on invariant natural killer T cell activation", 9:30 am, Room 1800.

**Mon. June 24, Graduate Seminars, Room 1810**  
**Monica Boquero**, PhD Seminar, 10:30 am;  
**Kelly Fleming**, MSc Seminar, 11:00 am;  
**Zafir Syed**, MSc Seminar, 11:30 am.

### REMINDERS

- ⇒ Forms for setting up a final defense must be received by Donna Kangas/ Patrick Boerlin **at least eight weeks prior** to the date proposed for the defense;
- ⇒ Graduate Student Evaluation Reports for Winter 2013 are due to the Donna Kangas **by Fri. June 14<sup>th</sup>**.

## HEALTH & SAFETY CORNER

- ⇒ Lab coats should not be worn outside of the labs and main lab corridor;
- ⇒ Lab coats should be buttoned up;
- ⇒ Use the one handed glove procedure when moving from lab to lab, one gloved hand to hold the sample – the other ungloved to open the doors;
- ⇒ acceptable lab footwear has a closed toe, snug-fitting low heel and a nonslip sole – sandals are not appropriate lab footwear;
- ⇒ No food or drink are allowed in any lab, research or teaching;
- ⇒ Wear safety glasses when appropriate;
- ⇒ Smile and wish someone a good day!



I scream, You scream, We all scream for ice cream!!! **Ice Cream Days** will begin next month and will fall on

**Thursday June 27 & July 26** with leftovers on **August 22** at 3:00 pm. IF weather permits it will be held outside at the picnic tables under the vestibule, if not room 1800.