

Note from the Chair

Greetings.

It seemed that bad weather would never leave us, but this past week or so is fairly convincing that spring has arrived. Please take some time to get outside and enjoy the beauty of southern Ontario as trees and plants bloom. With a bit of humour, I was reminded at a recent faculty meeting that I often remind graduate students to take some time away from the lab and get outside. I firmly believe that being a grad student working hard at the bench and studying for qualifying exams or being a post-doc is one of the most fulfilling and special times you will ever have. However, it's good to stand back, get a grip, reflect and breathe in some fresh air. You will be able to confront your problems with renewed energy, efficiency and perhaps different/better perspectives.

Please look at the summer 2013 issues of *The Crest* and *The Portico*, <http://www.uoguelph.ca/theportico/>. These are college and university publications, respectively. Various parts of OVC and individual faculty, staff and students are highlighted. For instance, The Portico features our new cancer centre and the associated experts. Not only is the cancer centre a unique treatment resource for companion animals, but it brings together clinicians, researchers and diagnosticians to solve problems. Many of our Pathobiology faculty and grad students are involved. The level of expertise we can offer here in many fields is unparalleled in our region. I think you will agree this is a great source of pride and responsibility.

Some of you may be aware that my five year term as chair is coming to an end in August. For personal reasons, I have chosen not to seek a second five year term. The department is having an internal search for a new chair. At the end of August, I will start a 'transition' leave for two semesters, become more active in teaching and research, and take my own advice from the first paragraph. It's been my pleasure serving as chair.

Robert M. Jacobs

Congratulations

Professor Emerita Julie Yager was named a **Women of Distinction** by the Guelph YM-YWCA. Julie was recognized for lifetime achievement in science, technology and research. Congratulations Julie!! The article can be found at: www.uoguelph.ca/news/2013/05/u_of_g_members_3.html

Pat Turner has been awarded \$23,700 from the **Joint US/Canada Mink Research Committee** to study causes of preweaning mortality in mink kits (co-PIs Marina Brash and Brian Tapscott from OMAFRA). She also received \$4,000 from Campbell Centre for the Study of Animal Welfare to study the effect of analgesic on piglet behaviour and facial grimacing post-castration.

Elizabeth Gilbertson is this year's recipient of the **Carlton L. Gyles OVC Support Staff Excellence Award**. Please join me in a hearty congrats for Elizabeth on this most deserved recognition. Thanks for your hard work and great attitude Elizabeth.

Congratulations to the Graduate Student Award Winners

and thanks to the Department Awards Committee: Soren Rosendal Memorial Research Prize – **Lisa Santry**; Canadian Parrot Symposium Prize in Avian Studies – **Pauline Delnatte**; D.G. Ingram Graduate Travel Scholarship – **Lesley Berghuis**; D.G. Ingram Memorial Scholarship – **Chandrika Senthilkumaran**; Korean-Canadian Dr. F. Schofield Memorial Scholarship – **Marlene Paibomesai, Brian Stevens & Olivier Coté**; Dr. Margaret A.B. Maxwell Memorial Scholarship – **Pauline Delnatte**; Dr. McSherry and Dr. Valli Scholarship for General Proficiency in Clinical Pathology – **Karlyn Bland**; Pathobiology Scholarship for Graduate Student Excellence – **Darrick Yu**; Zoetis Graduate Student Research Prize – **Kayla Price**; Peter and Christina Robertson Memorial Award – **Pauline Delnatte**; Dr. J. Sherman Memorial Travel Prize – **Lisa Santry**; Milton Travel Scholarship – **Joelle Ingrao**; Col. K.L. Campbell Graduate Research Travel Grant in Equine Studies – **Olivier Coté**; OVC 1960 Graduate Scholarship – **Pauline Delnatte**; Dr. John H. Lumsden Graduate Student Scholarship in Clinical Pathology – **William Gow**; Tamara Denberg Memorial Scholarship – **Christopher Pinelli**; Ayerst (Zoetis) McKenna and Harrison Scholarship – **Courtney Schott**; Kon-Tiki Atkins Scholarship – **Amy Sturgeon**; Professor Jeanne L. Burton Animal Health Scholarship – **Monica Baquero**.



Graduate students **James Ackford** and **Kelly Fleming** represented Pathobiology at the OMAFRA Knowledge Exchange Day on April 5th at 1 Stone Road. Both competed in the poster presentation contest and tied for first place. Congratulations to both of you.

Toronto Marathon

Cathy Bernardi took part in a 10k Yonge Street race in Toronto on April 21. She was interviewed by CP24 regarding the recent bombing at the Boston Marathon, go to www.cp24.com/video?clipId=909844 to view.



Jean Bagg retired from the University after 36 years. A reception was held in her honour on Thurs. April 18th. Have a wonderful retirement Jean!



May Calendar of Events

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

Fri. May 3. Dr. Morgan Scott, E.J. Frick Professor of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Diagnostic Medicine/Pathobiology, College of Veterinary Medicine, Kansas State University, "Ecology versus epidemiology of antimicrobial resistance among enteric bacteria: Do they really differ? Does it really matter?"

Fri. May 10, Dr. Aleksandar Masic, Bioniche Life Sciences Inc., "Live attenuated swine influenza vaccine by reverse genetics".

University Events

Fri. May 3, PopMed Silver Jubilee Symposium, The department of Population Medicine is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a special symposium based on the theme, "The Many Faces of Population Medicine." There will be talks by current faculty members including Paula Menzies, Karen Morrison, Andrew Papadopoulos, Olaf Berke, Michele Guerin and Jason Coe as well as retired professors Wayne Martin and Walter Johnson. Following the symposium, the celebration moves to the Bullring at 6 p.m. For more information, visit the PopMed graduate student executive website. 9 am to 4:45 pm, Room 1714 OVC LLC .

Tues. May 7, Poultry Industry Day Spring Symposium, Drs. Michelle Guerin, John Prescott, Shayan Sharif, Scott Weese will be guest speakers. Cost is \$30 for members/35 for non-members, students are FREE. Victoria East Golf Club starting at 12:00 noon. For more info go to <http://www.poultryindustrycouncil.ca/training-and-events/research-day/>.

Fri. May 10, The Winegard Visiting Lectureship presents "Biosensors: Playing at the Crossroads of Engineering and the Sciences," a talk by Prof. Jamal Deen, FRSC, Senior Canada Research Chair in Information Technology at McMaster University, where he teaches electrical, computer and biomedical engineering. For more information, visit <http://www.uoguelph.ca/engineering/service-updates/2013-winegard-visiting-lectureship>. Time: 10:15 a.m. Location: Thornbrough Building, Atrium.

Wed. May 15, Campbell Centre Animal Welfare Research Symposium

The sixth annual symposium showcases research in animal welfare from multiple disciplines across campus. Talks and posters will feature topics related to animal welfare, animal ethics and the role of animals in society. Everyone from across campus, the public and industry is welcome to attend. For more information, visit <http://www.uoguelph.ca/csaw/events/symposia/index.shtml>. Time: 9 a.m. Location: OVC Pathobiology AHL, Room 1800.

Thurs. May 16, OVC Graduate Awards Ceremony, 6:30 pm, OVC LLC.

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

June 14-16, UofG Alumni Weekend, details can be found at http://www.alumni.uoguelph.ca/involved/involved_aw2013_landing.shtml.

NOTICES

May 26-29, 12th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Animal Health Laboratorians Network (CAHLN), will be held at **Faculté de médecine vétérinaire**, Saint-Hyacinthe, Québec. **Guest Speaker:** Dr. Martine Dubuc, Vice-president, Science Branch Canadian Food Inspection Agency. For more info go to <http://www.cahln-rctlsa.com/index.html>.



Marlene Paibomesa's blog, check out what Marlene's been up to this week. Updates can be found at <http://braziliancattleandbirdsgalore.blogspot.ca/>.

MOM
Happy Mother's Day
Sunday, May 12, 2013

GRADCORNER



Defenses, Oral Qualifying Exams

Welcome to new graduate students: Emily Brouwer and Laura Bourque. Both will work on a DVSc in Anatomic Pathology with Jeff Caswell.

NOTICES

- All forms for setting up a final defense must be received to the Graduate Secretary/Graduate Coordinator 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 **June 14th**;
- If you are responsible for paying your own tuition - payment has to be received in Student Financial Services before **May 17th**;
- Pick up your mail daily or weekly;
- Check your email daily;
- If you have recently moved or changed your phone number please give the new information to Donna Kangas.

Tues. May 14, New Summer & Graduate Student Pizza Lunch, 12:00 pm, room 1800. All faculty, staff and graduate students welcome.



HEALTH & SAFETY CORNER

As the season for hiring summer student assistants is here, you are reminded that a **Safety Orientation Sheets** must be completed for everyone working in your lab. The signed sheet should go to Elizabeth Gilbertson for safe keeping, and it is suggested that a copy be kept in a readily accessible SAFETY binder in each lab. This would also be a good place to keep copies of laboratory inspection checklists too.

UofG WHMIS & Laboratory Safety Training is mandatory for all new students & staff is now done on-line. Please visit the following website for information on how to do the on-line training: <http://www.uoguelph.ca/ehs/training/computer-based-training>.

The University is a Fragrance Free Environment. PLEASE refrain from wearing any and all **fragrant products to work**, as there are people in our Department that are extremely sensitive.