

Note from the Chair

Greetings. I'd like to thank Patrick Boerlin, Geoff Wood, and Sarah Wootton for their hard work in organizing our 3-minute seminars. We are also thankful to John Prescott, Brian Derbyshire, Brandon Lillie, Cathy Bernardi, Marilyn Fowler, Elizabeth Gilbertson and Donna Kangas for their judging talents. The cash awards were made available by the department and the personal generosity of John, Patrick, Geoff and Sarah. It was gratifying to see the large turn-out which made the event so worthwhile. Some of you may have noticed Andrew Vowles in the audience. Andrew works for the University in communications and he was there to take notes and highlight our good experiences for the wider University community's 3-minute seminar series. He mentioned he would be following up with interviews for several of the presentors. It's good to see the growing enthusiasm for this kind of thing - it helps to encourage a vibrant research culture in our department.

In the last little while, I've been involved with putting the department's materials together for the Program Prioritization Process (PPP). This would have not been possible without the excellent feedback I received from the faculty. The Program Information Request (PIR) forms have been submitted and are being reviewed by our Dean's office. Some editing will be done and then the final forms will be submitted to the Provost's office. The University Task Force will review and evaluate all of the forms for every program. I believe the Task Force is to report to the President sometime in June.

Please note that Dr. Nicole Nemeth, our new wildlife pathologist will be visiting Guelph and the department 31 March to 5 April. She will be moving to Guelph in early July and starting in the department the second week in July. Also, Dr. Amir Noormohammadi is interviewing for the Avian Health and Disease position 25 to 28 March. Please make time in your schedules to stop by and visit with these people and come to interview sessions and departmental seminars.

I wish you all good luck with your courses, experiments, lectures, final thesis examinations and grant applications. Enjoy your spring.

Robert M. Jacobs

Congratulations!

Sarah Wootton received funding from two agencies: \$128,501 from the Cystic Fibrosis Canada Grant to study "Development of Baculovirus/Adeno-associated virus vectors for lung gene therapy"; and \$7,450, from the Gartshore Memorial Sheep Research Fund to study "Evaluation of two diagnostic methods for detection of ENA".



The Poultry Health Research Network initiative, which is being led by Dr. Shayan Sharif, was conceptualized last year with the objective of establishing a cross-disciplinary network of experts, consisting of poultry researchers and poultry health specialists. The Network currently has 29 individual members from OMAF, poultry industry research and education councils as well as various departments and schools within the University of Guelph, including Pathobiology, Animal Health Laboratory, Population Medicine, Mathematics and Statistics, Animal & Poultry Science, Molecular and Cellular Biology, Food Science, School of Engineering, School of Computer Science, and College of Management and Economics. We are currently engaging external stakeholders in academia and industry. The Network is set for its official launch in May 2013. *Note by Shayan Sharif.*

A Laboratory Animal Science Symposium was held at the Ontario Veterinary College from February 28-March 1, 2013. With 10 invited speakers from Canada and the U.S., as well as graduate student research presentations, and a mock laboratory animal medicine exam (put together by the International Mock Exam Coalition), the event attracted over 40 attendees, including veterinary and DVM students, faculty, and local and visiting veterinarians and pathologists. The event was co-sponsored by the Canadian Association for Laboratory Animal Medicine, OVC, Tecniplast, Charles River Canada, Steris, Cedarlane Laboratories, Ren's Feeds, Fisher Scientific, and Allentown. *Note by Patricia Turner.*

In Memoriam

Professor **Kenneth Vincent Finlayson Jubb** (BVSc Syd. PhD C'neil Hon.DVSc Murdoch Hon.DSc U.P.M. (Ag. U.Malaysia) MVSc FACVSc) passed away on February 27, 2013. Professor Jubb was an author and editor, with Peter Kennedy of the University of California, of Editions 1, 2, 3 and 4 of "Pathology of Domestic Animal's", which was renamed "Jubb and Kennedy's Pathology of Domestic Animals" for the 5th (2007) edition edited by Dr. Grant Maxie. Professor Jubb contributed to the development of the 6th edition, including authoring, with Dr. Andrew Stent, the chapter on diseases of the pancreas. During his long career, Professor Jubb was active in administration of the University of Melbourne. He was a good friend and colleague of many people in OVC.

3 Minute Seminars

There was a great turnout for the 3-Minute Seminar event held on March 1. We had 2 DVSc, 6 MSc and 7 PhD seminars. Winners and recipients of cash awards: DVSc—1st place **Brian Stevens** and runner up **William Gow**; MSc-1st place **Christian Ternamian** and runner up **Beth MacMillan**; PhD-1st place **Maureen Anderson** and runner up **Lisa Santry**; **Zafir Syed** was the winner of the Bread Baking Award. All of the speakers were great and everyone enjoyed mingling afterward at the pizza lunch.



Participating students are, front row: Monica Baquero, Marlene Paibomesai, Rachel Mozes, Lisa Santry, Beth MacMillan, Lesley Berghuis;

back row: Maureen Anderson, Brian Stevens, William Gow, Jacqueline Gallienne, Kristin Bondo, Zafir Syed, Christian Ternamian, Mosun Ogedengbe.



Winners: Lisa Santry (\$75), Maureen Anderson (\$200), William Gow (\$75), Brian Stevens (\$200), Christian Ternamian (\$200), Beth MacMillan (\$75).

March Calendar of Events

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

Fri. Mar. 8, Andrew Peregrine, Professor, Pathobiology, "Ticks and tick-borne diseases in Ontario: emerging problems?"

Fri. Mar. 22, Jennifer Cottell, Post Doc, Pathobiology, "Antibiotic action: the arms race".

Wed. Mar. 27, Amir Noormohammadi, Avian Health and Disease Faculty Candidate Seminar, "Strain identification of avian pathogens: significance, available techniques, and current challenges", 11:00 am, room 1810.

Save the Date - Mads Kjølgaard-Hansen, Professor in the Department of Veterinary and Clinical Animal Sciences Hospital, University of Copenhagen, will be visiting the University of Guelph on **June 10** this year, and will be presenting a seminar on 'Acute Phase Proteins', most likely in the early afternoon.

University Events & Notices

Fri. Mar. 1, Rural History Roundtable, Dr. Elizabeth Stone, "To safeguard the health of farm animals: agriculture, rural life, and the Ontario Veterinary College 1918-1939", 7:00 pm, Florence Partridge Room, 3rd Floor, McLaughlin Library.

Mon. Mar. 11, FarmSafe Forum, as part of Canadian Agricultural Safety Week, take part in a free, one-day, on-farm inspection training workshop. The course features a comprehensive hazard identification process that farmers, farm managers and students can use to identify risks and control hazards on the farm. For more information, visit www.uoguelph.ca/oac/event/farmsafe-forum. 9:30-3:30, Arboretum Centre.

Wed. Mar. 20, OVC Community Meeting - Report from the External Review of the OVC Clinical Program (the Report will be distributed before the meeting and people will have the opportunity to send in comments/questions that can be addressed during the Meeting), 12:30pm, Room 1714 LLC.

Tues. Mar. 26, 2013 Kenneth Hammond Lecture, The School of Environmental Sciences presents Prof. Elena Bennett, McGill University, "Ecosystem Services: What Are They and Why

Should We Care?" Everyone is invited to attend. Admission is free. Noon in Room 1800 PAHL.

MCB Distinguished Speaker Series, Wed. Mar. 27, Dr. David Heinrichs, Professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, University of Western Ontario, "*Staphylococcus aureus*: An adaptable pathogen with multiple strategies to obtain host iron", 12:30 pm, ANNU room 156.

Mar. 16-17, College Royal, science displays, livestock shows, photography and flower arranging competitions, square dancing, dog & cat shows, tug of war, logging etc. Details can be found at <http://www.collegeroyalsociety.com/>.

NOTICES

Student Housing Services-Summer Hostel Accommodations, are available for visiting students, professors, business people, etc. Details can be found at www.housing.uoguelph.ca and click on 'Summer Hostel'.

University of Guelph's First Annual 3MinuteThesis Competition, March 19th, 20th & 21st at 10:00 am. for more details visit their website: www.uoguelph.ca/graduatestudies/3MT.



2013 OVC PHOTO CONTEST

SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS TODAY!!!

Everyone in OVC are welcome to submit photos (staff, faculty, grad and undergrad students!)

Photo Submission Deadline
Monday March 11th, 2013 - 11 pm

This year's contest has 10 categories, sponsored categories, donated prizes of up to \$130 in value and an open category for anyone at the University of Guelph to submit photos! Check it out at:

www.ovc.uoguelph.ca/photocontest/

Defenses, Oral Qualifying Exams & Notices/Reminders

Mon. Mar. 18, Kimberley Hsu, Clinical Studies, MSc Graduate Seminar, 11:00 am, Room 1810.

Wed. Mar. 20, Chris Pinelli, PhD Oral Qualifying Exam, 1:00 pm, Room 4838.

Mon. Mar. 25, AeRi Ji, DVSc Graduate Seminar, 11:00 am; **Neda Barjesteh**, MSc Graduate Seminar, 11:30 am; both in room 1810.

Mon. Mar. 25, Adina Bujold, PhD Oral Qualifying Exam, 1:00 pm, Room 4838.

Mon. Apr. 8, James Ackford, MSc Graduate Seminar, 11:30 am, Room 1810.

NOTICES

Faculty and Graduate Students, Progress Reports are due every semester: This is the link to the forms http://www.ovc.uoguelph.ca/path/doc/UofG-OVC-GradStudentFillableFinal_000.pdf. These are due to Donna **Friday, March 22, 2013.**

Course Selection occurs Mar. 4-25. Registration is two parts:

- I. UNIV*7500-Research and UNIV*7510-Full-time Student or UNIV*7520 Part-time Student.
- II. Graduate Settlement.

Last day to drop classes is **Fri. Mar. 8th.**

Reminders:

- * Please use your **University of Guelph email** as this is the university's main source for getting information to you;
- * If your personal information has changed, i.e. address or phone #, please update the dept. and Graduate Studies;
- * Pick up your **mail** every week.

HEALTH & SAFETY CORNER

Lab coats aren't useful unless you close them, remember to BUTTON UP your coat.

Stop the spread of germs — wash your hands regularly for at least 15 seconds or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.