

### Note from the Chair

Please try and attend the upcoming town hall session addressing 'Review of Science' on Tuesday 13 November in room 1800. Consultants hired by the university will be there to ask questions and engage us in discussion related to our science programs. The consultants have been provided with background information. I feel this may be an opportunity for us to reinforce the relevance of our science programs. Please come prepared to speak up. Check the Provost's website for further details of the consultants and their mandate.

Towards the end of November we will begin work on the Program Prioritization Process (PPP). The programs in our department are the PhD, MSc, DVSc, and Diploma programs. The Department's contribution to the DVSc program will be rolled into the College DVSc program since it is a College program. The DVM and administration programs will be done through the Dean's office. This will be an intensive effort and will require a lot of information gathering and consulting with various groups in the department. We will be arranging meetings during the latter part of November, December and the first part of January. Your helpfulness will be needed during this time so that we can produce a quality report that will go forward to Dean Stone and then to the University Task Force. Details for the process can be found on the Provost's website.

I'd like to thank Dr. John Prescott for his presentation Friday morning on the history and personal aspects of John McCrae. Also, several faculty and staff read selections of McCrae's poetry. Of particular note was Dr. John Lumsden's moving rendition of In Flanders Field. The Department thanks you all for your efforts and thoughtfulness for Remembrance Day.

-Robert M. Jacobs

**John Prescott** and **Valeria Parreira** attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Prato Conference on the Pathogenesis of Bacterial Diseases of Animals in Prato, Italy in October. They presented two posters entitled "Complete sequence of two virulence-associated plasmids from necrotic enteritis isolates *Clostridium perfringens* type A and comparison with *C. perfringens* plasmids" and "Phylogeny of *Clostridium perfringens* isolates associated with avian necrotic enteritis based on microarray comparative genomic hybridization".

Congratulations to **Janet Beeler-Marfisi** (former DVSc graduate student) who passed the ACVP exam this Fall.

### Wildlife/Zoo Pathologist Faculty Candidate Seminars:

**Thurs. Nov. 1, Dr. Hein Snyman**, "Genetic factors in innate disease resistance", 11:00 am, room 1812.

**Tues. Nov. 6, Dr. Nicole Nemeth**, "The role of birds in the continued emergence of West Nile virus in North America", 2:00 pm, room 1812.

**Tues. Nov. 20, Dr. Maria Forzan**, title: TBA, 11:00 am, room 1812.

**Mon. Nov. 26, Dr. Anibal Armien**, title: TBA, 11:00 am, room 1812.

### Proud Pathobiology Parents

**Katya Tarasoff**, **Dorothee Bienzle's** daughter, made the Provincial Development Soccer team for 13 year olds.

**Nathalie Lemieux's** daughter, **Belle**; has been cast as the orphan named Tessie in Drayton Entertainment's production of Annie. She will perform in 16 shows between Nov 13th and Dec 22nd. Her other daughter, **Jasmine**, decided to fundraise for 'Because I am a Girl Campaign' (in lieu of birthday gifts) and has raised \$325 to help girls receive an education!



**United Way College Idol**  
Dressed up for College Idol are Nathalie Lemieux, Cathy Bernardi, Cory Hall, Jean Bagg, Elizabeth Gilbertson and Donna Kangas (absent Marilyn Fowler).

### In Memoriam

**D. Bruce Hunter** who passed away a year ago October 19, 2011.



*... Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer*

*And I in turn will comfort you*

*And hold you near:  
And never,  
never be afraid to die.*

*For I am waiting for you  
in the sky.*

### Halloween FUN!

#### Pathobiology 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest:

Participants in order of left to right: Ian Ryerse, Ian Villanueva, Jon Liu, Scott Walsh, Marlene Paibomesai, Lesley Berghuis, Lisa Santry (Missing Julie Schmied). Thanks to Marlene who organized the event. Spooktacular!!

#### Pumpkin Carving Winners:

Best in Show - Ian Ryerse; Funniest - Ian Villanueva & Jon Liu; Scariest - Lisa Santry; Nerdiest - Julie Schmied.



# November Calendar of Events

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

**Fri. Nov. 2, Jason Stull**, Pathobiology PhD Candidate, "Pets as a source of zoonotic disease: Current knowledge and future areas of study".

**Fri. Nov. 9, John Prescott**, Pathobiology, "The Poppy for Remembrance: In Flanders Fields and the story of John McCrae".

**Fri. Nov. 16, Tony Hayes**, Pathobiology, "Equine endometrial proteins associated with success or failure of early pregnancy".

**Fri. Nov. 23, Emma Allen-Vercoe**, Molecular and Cellular Biology, "Microbial ecosystems therapeutics; a new paradigm in medicine".

**Tues. Nov. 27, Jon Heeney**, University of Cambridge, UK, "One Health and the future of the veterinary profession", **12:30 pm, room 1810**.

**Fri. Nov. 30, Olivier Cote**, PhD Candidate, "Front and Back - Roles of Equine Secretoglobins".

## OVC & University Events & Notices

**Sat. Nov. 3, OVC 150th Anniversary Finale**, Join the OVC Community in War Memorial Hall as we cap the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations with a free evening of entertainment and fun for the whole family, 7:00 pm. RSVP at [ovc150@uoguelph.ca](mailto:ovc150@uoguelph.ca).

**Tues. Nov. 6, 2012 Hopper Lecture**, The 2012 David Hopper International Lecture presents Helen Mack Chang, President and founder of the Myrna Mack Foundation, a key fighter against impunity and an internationally recognized advocate for human rights in Guatemala, 5:20 pm, PAHL room 1800.

**Thurs. Nov. 8, OVC is 150! Exhibit Opening** - In honour of the 150th anniversary of the Ontario Veterinary College, the Library's Exhibit Committee has curated *OVC is 150! Untold stories from the Archives*, an exhibit that celebrates the history of veterinary medicine. Time 4:00 pm, Library's Academic Town Square.

**Thurs. Nov. 8, OMAFRA-AHL Animal Health Strategic Investment Wrap Up Event**, Holiday Inn -Guelph, Oakwood Ballroom, 8:00-4:00. For more information, or to register, go to [www.ahl.uoguelph.ca](http://www.ahl.uoguelph.ca).

**Fri. Nov. 9, Remembrance Day**, Services will be held at War Memorial Hall at 10:30 a.m.

## HEALTH & SAFETY CORNER

**Gloves should not be worn outside of the labs.** The only exception to this rule is when carrying materials from one lab to another. In such a case the "one single hand glove rule" applies [i.e. only one hand (the one to carry the materials) should be gloved and the other hand (the one used for opening doors) should not wear any glove].

Please be kind enough to **NOT wear perfumes or scents in the building.** Some individuals are exquisitely sensitive to scents and suffer asthma or migraines quickly after exposure. The university is officially scent-free.

**Tues. Nov. 13, Town Hall Meeting – Science Review**, 12:30 pm, Room 1800.

**Wed. Nov. 14, Graduate Student Research Day, LLC**

**Wed. Nov. 14, Schofield Memorial Lecture**, Dr. Joe Mayhew, Massey University, New Zealand, "Where? What? Why? The fun of veterinary neurology", 4:00 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 <http://www.cvms.colostate.edu/mip/crwad/>.

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

## United Way Events

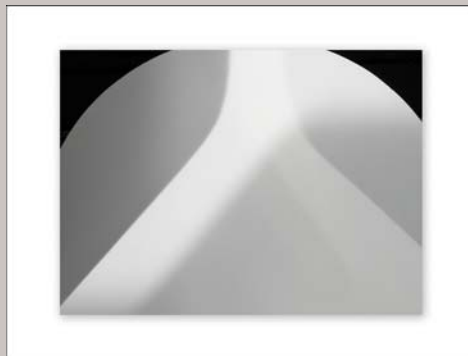
**Thurs. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, UW Second Annual Lasagna Lunch** in honour of Dr. Roberto Poma, Sunken Lounge or Pathobio Foyer, 11:30-1:00 pm, \$5 for lasagna & roll.

**Fri. Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, OVC Annual Bake Sale**, Sunken Lounge or Pathobio Foyer, 9:30 to 10:30 am, and 2:30 to 3:30 pm. Please give your **pledge sheets** to Elizabeth for entry into the grand prize draws and weekly prizes.

## Flu Clinics

Get your flu shot at Student Health Services, J.T. Powell Bldg., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Room 207, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm on the following **Dates**: Thurs. Nov. 1; Fri. Nov. 2; Tues. Nov. 6; Wed. Nov. 7; Thurs. Nov. 8; Wed. Nov. 14; Mon. Nov. 19; Fri. Nov. 23. For information on other Public Flu Clinics offered by Public Health Units please call the Public Health Branch Flu Hotlines 519-846-2715 or 1-800-265-7293 ext. 4624.

## MYSTERYPHOTO



Last month's mystery photo winner was Marilyn Fowler who correctly answered that the photo was of the protective railing around the portrait of Dr. Andrew Smith. She won a \$10 hospitality card. **Can you guess what this photo is?** Be the **FIFTH PERSON** to call or email Elizabeth at 54649 or [egilbert@uoguelph.ca](mailto:egilbert@uoguelph.ca) and you could win too!!

*Photo courtesy of Patrick Boerlin*

## Defenses, Oral Qualifying Exams & Notices/Reminders

**Mon. Nov. 12, Ian Ryerse**, MSc Seminar, "Feedborne deoxynivalenol exposure in rainbow trout", 11:00 am, Rm 1810;

**Mon. Nov. 12, Jacqueline Gallienne**, MSc candidate, "The RANKL/OPG/RANK system and canine osteosarcoma", 11:30 am, Rm 1810.

**Mon. Nov. 26, Stephanie Reabel**, MSc Final Defense, "Molecular diagnostic methods for detection of *Encephalitozoon cuniculi* in domestic rabbits", 9:00 am, Rm 1810.

**Fri. Nov. 30, Devon Metcalf**, PhD Final Defense, "Molecular investigation of the *Clostridium difficile* binary toxin", 9:30 am, Rm 1810.

## NOTICES

**Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) 2013-2014** - application **deadline is November 16.**

**Graduate Student Evaluation Reports** are to be submitted every semester. Forms for **Summer 2012** are due to **Donna Kangas by Fri. Nov. 30**. The blank report can be found at: [http://www.uoguelph.ca/graduatestudies/sites/default/files/docs/evaluation\\_report.pdf](http://www.uoguelph.ca/graduatestudies/sites/default/files/docs/evaluation_report.pdf).

**Wed. Nov. 14, Graduate Student Research Day**, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, LLC 1707, 1713 and 1715.

## 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.