

## Note from the Chair

The departmental promotion and tenure (p & t) committee met recently and reviewed all faculty. This was a complete and in-depth review which happens on alternate years. I'd like to thank the committee members (Patrick Boerlin, Geoff Wood, Rob Foster, John Lumsden, Ron Johnson [college member]) for their hard work, objectivity, fair-mindedness, and efficiency. In the next couple of weeks, I will be summarizing our discussions for subsequent review by the college p & t committee which meets later in the semester. Other events for the fall semester that will involve and impact all of us are the dialogue meetings with the Associate Deans regarding planning for the leadership of the OVC Clinical Programs, Program Prioritization Process review of all academic programs, search committee activity and interviews for the Wildlife/Zoo and Avian Health & Disease faculty positions, and events related to our departmental initiatives as part of the college integrated plan. I'd like to thank Shayan Sharif for his hard work related to the development of the Poultry Health Research Network which evolved from discussions related to our integrated planning, but which really had its origin in departmental discussions over the last two decades. I realize everyone is busy, but I encourage your active participation in these important events which are helping to shape our future.

-Robert M. Jacobs



Members of the Bienzle lab; **Genevieve Labbe**, **Hakimeh Mohammadi** and **Melanie Ammersbach**, gave oral presentations, and **Dorothee Bienzle** chaired a session, at the 11th International Feline Retrovirus Research Symposium in Leipzig, Germany, in August.

Students from **Brandon Lillie's** lab were highlighted on the Kitchener CTV news in a clip discussing a human case of swine influenza H1N1 variant. The reporter interviewed **Dr. Cate Dewey**, Chair of the Department of Population Medicine and a professor of swine health and epidemiology, and **Dr. Jan Sargeant** - Director of the Centre for Public Health and Zoonoses. Seen in the clip are **Hein Snyman**, a DVSc graduate student, and **Kelsie Jagt**, *photo at right*, 4th year project student; both are investigating genetic variation in the innate immune system of swine. <http://kitchener.ctvnews.ca/video?playlistId=1.970796>.



CTV News Videos > Latest > Southwestern Ontario man infected with H1N1 variant

**Andrew Peregrine** was quoted in the Canadian Press, and later CTV, discussing the spread of a potentially dangerous parasite in coyotes, foxes and other animals in Canada. Read the article at <http://www.ctvnews.ca/health/worries-grow-over-tapeworm-that-moves-from-coyotes-to-dogs-1.954020#ixzz26MjXuLD5> or CTV <http://www.ctvnews.ca/health/worries-grow-over-tapeworm-that-moves-from-coyotes-to-dogs-1.954020>.

## Special Events

## OVC Animal Welfare Forum

From coyote predation to transportation of livestock to zoo animal welfare, the OVC Animal Welfare Forum explores a range of current issues related to our complex relationships with animals, **Sat. Oct. 13, 9 am to 4:30 pm, Room 1714 OVC LLC**. Register at <http://www.uoguelph.ca/~awc>.

Speakers include:

- **Dr. Brent Patterson**, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources: "Animal welfare and the management of coyotes and livestock depredation in Ontario";
- **Dr. Sheila Robertson**, American Veterinary Medical Association: "How do we know if they hurt?";
- **Dr. Derek Haley**, Ontario Veterinary College & **Dr. Tina Widowski**, Ontario Agricultural College: "Gridlock and livestock: The behaviour and welfare of cattle and pigs during transit";
- **Dr. Shane Bateman**, Guelph Humane Society: "Animal welfare vs. human-animal bond: Where does a Humane Society position itself?";

- **Dr. Georgia Mason**, Ontario Agricultural College: "The welfare of elephants in zoos".

## OMAFRA-AHL Animal Health Strategic Investment Wrap Up Event

The \$7.5 million Animal Health Strategic Investment (AHSI) initiative is now in its 5<sup>th</sup> and final year, and has supported over 50 research projects in emergency preparedness, baseline disease surveillance and animal health testing. The AHSI wrap-up event, hosted by the Animal Health Laboratory (AHL) and its partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) to celebrate the OMAFRA-AHL Initiative Fund. Program overview for that day will consist of an opening speech from the Deputy Minister Fareed Amin of the Ontario Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, along with other presentations from OMAFRA staff, and AHSI project leads. **Holiday Inn-Guelph, Oakwood Ballroom, Thurs. Nov. 8, 8:00-4:00**. For more information, or to register, go to [www.ahl.uoguelph.ca](http://www.ahl.uoguelph.ca).

# October Calendar of Events

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

**Mon. Oct 1, Dr. Suresh K. Mittal**, "Development of broadly protective multivalent vaccines against highly pathogenic avian influenza viruses", Department of Comparative Pathobiology, Purdue University, 11 am, Room 1817 PAHL.

**Oct. 5, Scott Walsh**, "ENTV-1, it's snot simple".

**Oct. 12, Marlene Paibomesai**, "Epigenetics of the bovine immune response: Where genes meet environment".

**Oct. 19, Devon Metcalf**, "The virulence factors of *Clostridium difficile*".

**Oct. 26, Peter Krell**, Molecular and Cellular Biology, UofG, "Functional genomics of an insect baculovirus, studies of AcMNPV chitinase, cathepsin and me53 genes".

## OVC & University Events & Notices

**Tues. Oct. 2, Campus Master Plan Open House**, This open house will give you an opportunity to learn more about the planning process, review the emerging draft plan for the future of the campus and provide feedback, UC courtyard, 2-6 pm.

### Dialogue Meetings - Future Leadership for OVC Clinical Program

Wed Oct 3 at 3:30pm, Room 1708 LLC - discussion leader G. Kirby;

Thurs Oct 4 at 10:30am, Room 1708 LLC - discussion leader S. Nykamp;  
Tues Oct 9 at 11:30am, Room 1708 LLC - discussion leader S. Nykamp;  
Wed Oct 10 at 10:30am, Room 1708 LLC - discussion leader G. Kirby;  
Thurs Oct 11 at 4:00pm, Room 1708 LLC - discussion leader P. Conlon;  
Fri Oct 12 at 12:30pm, Room 1708 LLC - discussion leader P. Conlon.

**Tues. Oct. 16, Café Philosophique** present *The End of Growth Tour* with **David Suzuki** and **Jeff Rubin**, hosted by Prof. Evan Fraser, Dept of Geography. Advance tickets are available from The Bookshelf: \$15 for general admission and \$10 for students. For more information, visit <http://www.uoguelph.ca/arts/cafe>, 7:00 pm, Lakeside Hope House (formerly Norfolk United Church), 75 Norfolk Street, Guelph.

**Fri. Oct. 26, 2012 Gairdner Lecture, Dr. Lorne Babiuk**, "Vaccines: Potential for Improving Human and Animal Health", 12:00 pm, PAHL Room 1800.

**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).

**Wed. Nov. 14, Schofield Memorial Lecture**, Speaker Dr. Joe Mayhew, Massey University, New Zealand, 4:00 pm. LLC 1714.

## United Way Events

**Thurs. Oct. 18, Bowling Night** at Woodlawn Bowl, get your teams together and contact Jennifer Beehler x54069 or Elizabeth Gilbertson x54649, 7:00 pm.

**Fri. Oct. 26, Chili Luncheon**, \$5, Pathobiology foyer, by room 1810, or sunken lounge.

**Wed. Oct. 31, College Idol**, Peter Clark Hall, tickets are \$13 or \$11 for a table of eight, contact Toni Pellizzari ext. 53343.

More campus events, updates on funds raised, pledge cards, incentive prizes and other information can be found at <http://www.uoguelph.ca/unitedway/>.

## MYSTERYPHOTO



Photo courtesy of Nathalie Lemieux

Last month's mystery photo winner was Brandon Lillie who correctly answered that the photo was of the top of the bike repair unit near the bike shelter. He won a \$10 hospitality card. **Can you guess what this photo is?** Be the first to call or email Elizabeth at 54649, [egilbert@uoguelph.ca](mailto:egilbert@uoguelph.ca) and you'll win too!!

## Defenses, Oral Qualifying Exams & Notices/Reminders

**Sat. Oct. 20, OVC Fall Convocation, Graduate Students**, Honorary Degree Recipient and Convocation Speaker Chandra Madramootoo, 2:00 pm, War Memorial Hall.

**Welcome to New Graduate Student: Astrid Ocos Snowball** who will be working on a DVSc with Darren Wood.

An apology to **Russell Fraser** whose name was spelled incorrectly in the Sept issue.

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

**Reminder** to graduate students, if you have moved to keep us informed of your **new mailing address and current phone number**. If you are not getting e-mail from Donna or the department please let her know.

**Sat. Oct. 20, Graduate Preview Day**, prospective students can meet and discuss programs with faculty, staff and current students. For more information, visit <http://www.uoguelph.ca/graduatestudies/future/gradpreview>, 10:00-1:00, UC.

**Graduate Student Evaluation Reports** are to be submitted every semester. Forms for **Summer 2012** are due to **Donna Kangas by Fri. November 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).

## HEALTH & SAFETY CORNER

### Personal Protection: Eyes and Face

What appears to be a minor accident can have tragic consequences if it damages your eyes. Whenever you are working with the following materials **you must wear protective eyewear**:

1. Toxic or corrosive chemicals
2. Power tools
3. Materials under pressure or partial vacuum
4. Ultraviolet or intense visible light
5. Liquefied gases
6. Intensely radioactive materials
7. Reagents that are hot or being heated

Note that eye protection from best to worst is as follows:

1. Goggles
2. Face shields
3. Safety glasses
4. Regular glasses
5. Nothing
6. Contact lenses