

The Pathobiologist

Department of Pathobiology
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Notes from the Chair

It's been a year since we moved into our new building. To celebrate this event, we will be holding a one year joint Pathobiology-AHL anniversary party at 3 pm Thursday 10 November in room 1800. Please join us for coffee and treats. As well as celebrating surviving the move and getting back to work, we also have to take care of mundane things like warranty issues. I have a 'one year walk-through' on Wednesday 12 October with our project manager, Paul Lametti, and contractor to address these issues. I have a list that I circulated by email last week, but please let me know of any additional items by the end of the day on Tuesday 11 October next week. It's important we get all deficiencies addressed before the building is commissioned. Please note that Mr Lametti was able to secure an extended warranty (June 2012) for our autoclaves and dishwashers. The one year anniversary celebration is also a good point in time to thank Mr. Lametti for his huge and successful efforts in getting us up and running in our new facility.

I strongly encourage graduate students to attend departmental seminars and qualifying examinations. We have a roster of excellent speakers in our seminar series, some are accomplished local researchers while others are internationally recognized experts. These are opportunities that will expand your experience and should not be missed. Please try and attend at least three qualifying examinations during your grad program. Attending these lends support to your colleagues and will aid you in preparing for your own examination. Although of added benefit, it's not essential that the qualifying examination be in your field of study.

I look forward to seeing you all on 10 November. Sincerely,
Robert

Good News and Congratulations

Gabhan Chalmers on his recent marriage to Jennifer McCarter. The nuptials took place on Sept. 10 in Elora, ON. [Photo courtesy of Patrick Boerlin]



Post Doc and

Sessional Instructor **Andrew Vince**, graduate student **Valerie Wong**, former graduate students **Hibret Adissu** and **Leah Schutt** on passing the ACVP exam. Way to go!

John Lumsden, and co-applicant **Janet MacInnes**, were awarded a \$540k NSERC Strategic Grant, one of only two recipients on campus, to study "Immunity, vaccination and family susceptibility to *Flavobacterium psychrophilum*".

Welcome to new graduate student **Jacqueline Gallienne** (MSc-G. Wood).

Graduate Defenses & Reminders

Tues. Oct. 4th, Iga Stasiak, Oral Qualifying Exam, Discipline: Zoo Animal Medicine and Pathology; Area of Expertise: Zoo Animal Medicine and Pathology 10:00 am, Toronto Zoo.

Sat. Oct. 22nd, Graduate Preview Day, prospective students can meet and discuss programs with faculty, staff and current students. For more information, visit www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/graduatestudies/index.cfm?future/gradpreview, 10:00-1:00, UC.

Wed. Nov. 9th, D. Meegan Larsen, DVSc Final Defence, 9:00 am, Room tba.

OGS award applications are due to the **Donna Kangas** by **Wed. Oct. 19th**. When ordering transcripts for awards/scholarships, please let Grad Services know that the transcript is needed for an award application and there will be no charge [unless there is a rush].

Graduate Student Evaluation Reports are to be submitted every semester. Forms for **Summer 2011** are due to **Donna Kangas** by **Thurs. Nov. 17th**. The blank report can be found at: http://www.ovc.uoguelph.ca/path/doc/UofG-OVC-GradStudentFillableFinal_000.pdf.

Reminder to all graduate students to use and read your U of Guelph e-mail. This is how the Department of Pathobiology and other departments on campus contact you. If you have problems with your e-mail account, please contact CCS at extension 58888. If you are not getting messages from the Department of Pathobiology, please let Donna Kangas know. Let Donna know of any home address changes so that she can update her records.

Pick up your mail on a daily or weekly bases; if you are going to be away, please ask someone else to pick it up.

Pathobiology Seminar Series

[Fridays at 11:00 AM in Room 1810 unless otherwise noted.]

Fri. Oct. 7, Dr. Jim Petrik, Prof. Biomedical Sciences, Uof G, “Tumor Vasculature: Friend or Foe? Development of an antiangiogenic approach to treating ovarian cancer”.

Fri. Oct. 14th, Dr. Marian C. Horzinek, Utrecht Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, The Netherlands, “The challenge of a vaccine against feline infectious peritonitis”.

Fri. Oct. 21st, Dr. Shu Chen, Laboratory Services Division, U of G, TBA.

Fri. Oct. 28th, Dr. David Ma, Department of Human Health and Nutritional Sciences, Uof G, “Role of omega-3 fatty acids in breast cancer prevention”.

Events

Wed. Oct. 5th, MCB Seminar Speaker Dr. Brenda Andrews, Professor & Chair, Banting & Best Department of Medical Research, University of Toronto; Director, Terrence Donnelly Centre for Cellular and Biomolecular Research, “Exploring Biological Pathways using Yeast Functional Genomics”, 12:30 pm, Thornborough Bldg Room 1307.

Sat. Oct. 15th, OVC Fall Convocation, Graduate Students, Honorary Degree Recipient and Convocation Speaker - **Dr. Marian C. Horzinek,** 2:00 pm, War Memorial Hall.

Wed. Oct. 26th, The 2011 Gairdner Lecture, Dr. Robert E. Black, Edgar Berman Professor, Chair of the Department of International Health, and Director of the Institute for International Programs, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore, Diarrhea, zinc deficiency and child survival, 11:00-12:30, LLC 1714.

United Way Events

Thurs. Oct. 17th - OVC Bowling Night, 7:00-9:00 pm Woodlawn Bowl, See Elizabeth to put a PATH team together for this event; **Fri. Oct. 27th - Chili Lunch;** 11:30-1:30, Sunken Lounge; **Mon. Oct. 31st, College Idol,** 12:00-1:00, Peter Clark Hall. Please give your **pledge sheets** to Elizabeth for entry into the grand prize draws and weekly prizes.

Oct. 30 - Nov. 2, The Antimicrobial Stewardship in Canadian Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine Conference, Toronto Airport Marriott Hotel. Speakers include co-organizers Drs. John Prescott and Patrick Boerlin, Scott Weese, adjunct professors Richard Reid-

Smith [PHAC] and Durda Slavic [AHL], Scott McEwen [PopMed]. For more information, visit www.antimicrobialcanada.com.

Thurs. Nov. 10th, 1st Year Anniversary Party, AHL and Pathobiology, 3:00 pm, Room 1800.

Thurs/Fri. Nov. 10-11, Poultry Innovations Conference, London, ON, for details please go to <http://www.poultryindustrycouncil.ca/events/conference.php>.

Tues. Nov. 15th, The Roy C. Anderson Memorial Lecture in Parasitology, Dr. Richard K. Grencis, Professor of Immunology, Faculty of Life Sciences, The University of Manchester, Manchester, United Kingdom, “Immunity to Gastrointestinal Nematodes: Microflora, Macrofauna and Beyond”, 3:00 pm, Room 1714, OVC Learning Centre.

Dec. 4-6, 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.cvmb.colostate.edu/mip/crwad/>.

Dec. 3-7, American College of Veterinary Pathologists 62nd Annual Meeting and the American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology 46th Annual Meeting, will be held at the Nashville Convention Centre, Nashville TN. For more details visit <http://www.acvp.org/>.



Safety Corner: REMINDERS

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