

Note from the Chair

I'd like to welcome everyone for the fall semester and wish you good luck with your teaching and research projects. I extend a special welcome to the incoming graduate students and I look forward to meeting everyone at the upcoming lunch. OVC and Pathobiology is an amazing place to study. There is a wealth of things going on and it's a very diverse environment. I strongly encourage graduate students to find out what your colleagues are doing and to attend the departmental seminar series - the ideal place to discover what people are up to and to partake in scientific debate.

Earlier this week I sent a note around about the new building that is planned for a site just to the west of us and which will house Population Medicine and the Centre for Public Health and Zoonoses and researchers from the Public Health Agency of Canada and perhaps some from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. We are extremely fortunate to be located in close proximity to this facility. Many of us in Pathobiology already have long and productive associations with some researchers in these agencies. It makes me smile just thinking of how our relationships will prosper and grow by being so close. It's been the plan of government to have their scientists in close association with university researchers and I'm sure this adventure will be a winning situation for all involved. Sincerely, R

-Robert M. Jacobs



Sarah Wootton's lab beat the summer heat by fighting the rapids tubing in the Elora Gorge in August. Pictured from left to right front row: Lisa Santry, Alexander Gold, Sarah Wootton, Jenny Stodola & Darrick Yu; back row: Scott Walsh, Evan Lusty, Jason Morgenstern & Jondaivid de Jong.



Congratulations to graduate student **Melanie Ammersbach** who married Hughes Beauferie on July 28 in Hérisson, Auvergne, France.

Go to <http://vimeo.com/48688534> to see a video clip from this fairy tale wedding.

Grants, Scholarships and more...



Dorothee Bienzle, Mary Ellen Clark and Jeff Caswell.

Congratulations to **Mary Ellen Clark** who tied for the **Hidden Hero Recognition Award** at the President's Awards for Exemplary Staff Service at the ninth annual community breakfast on Sept. 5. A quote from her nominators "She takes on tasks outside of her department, works tactfully and politely, and brings an understanding, reassuring approach to her work".

Congratulations to **Brandon Lillie** who received a \$120,000 OMAFRA award to study "Genome-wide identification of genetic defects in innate disease resistance genes of swine".

Graduate student **Joelle Ingrao**, DVSc with Pat Turner, was awarded an Ontario Graduate Fellowship beginning this Fall.

Claire Jardine and **Ian Barker**, University Professor Emeritus, were on the Scientific Committee at the Wildlife Disease Association (WDA) meeting in Lyon France in July. **Dale Smith** and former students **Trent Bollinger**, **Stephane Lair** and **Maya Kummrow** also attended. **Ian Barker** was the 5th recipient of the Tom Thorne & Beth Williams Memorial Award presented in acknowledgement of exemplary contribution or achievement combining wildlife disease research with wildlife management policy implementation or elucidating particularly significant problems in wildlife health. Ian Barker also wrote a tribute to **Joan Budd** featured in the July WDA newsletter.

Congratulations to two of our Zoo DVSc students, **Maya Kummrow** and **David McLelland**, who passed the 2011 board exams of the America College of Zoological Medicine.

Congratulations to **John Prescott** who received the 2012 Canadian Animal Health Institute Industry Leadership Award recognizing significant contributions to the discussion and awareness of antimicrobial resistance over the span of his career.



Maya Kummrow (4th in row) & David McLelland (5th in row)

September Calendar of Events

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

Fri. Sept. 14, Jean-Simon Diallo, Centre for Innovative Cancer Research, Ottawa Hospital Research Institute, "Small Molecule Viral Sensitizers: Oncolytic Viruses and Beyond".

Fri. Sept. 21, LoraKim Joyner, Director, Lafeber Conservation and Wildlife & One Earth Conservation; "Human Dimensions of Avian Conservation", 12:30 pm.

Fri. Sept. 28, Deborah Stacey, School of Computer Science, UofG, "Challenges and Issues with Poultry Disease Spread Modelling".

OVC & University Events & Notices

Thurs. Sept 20, 4-7 pm OVC Animal Cancer Centre Grand Opening.

City of Guelph Events

Sept. 5-9, Annual Jazz Colloquium, a detailed schedule of events and workshops can be found at: <http://www.guelphjazzfestival.com/>. Numerous free events are happening, check it out!

Notices

Courier: Courier parcels and Request Form, located outside Marilyn's office, need to be submitted to **before NOON** of the day you would like them to be sent out.

Remember to read your University of Guelph email; it's the way U of G communicates. Not reading it can be costly.

Always Protect Your Login and Password!

- Neither CCS nor the University will ever ask for your password to be sent via email
- Clicking onto unsolicited web links can contaminate your computer
- Never enter your UofG password at a site you do not trust
- During September attempts to get your password or other identity information are at their peak.

Fri. Sept. 14, OMAFRA-UofG Partnership Website Launch, Interactive and easy to use, the new website will provide real-time access to research results and the latest agri-food and rural research information. Noon – 1:00 pm, OMAFRA Atrium, 1 Stone Road.

Sat. Sept. 22, UofG Homecoming, for information go to http://scale.cs.uoguelph.ca/alumni/involved/involved_hc2012_landing_page.shtml

Tues. Sept. 25, UofG United Way Kick Off, Branion Plaza, 11:30-1:30; Elizabeth Gilbertson is the dept canvasser. More events to follow.

Sat. Sept. 29, Southwestern Ontario Pathogenesis (SWOP) Group Meeting, 1:30-5:30 pm, OVC LLC 1713. RSVP to Janet MacInnes (macinnes@uoguelph.ca) or Adina Bujold (abujold@uoguelph.ca)

Sept. 15-17, Eden Mills Writers' Festival, featured seminar Sat. Sept. 15, "In Conversation with Jian Ghomeshi", 4 pm, Rozanski Hall, University of Guelph. For more information visit <http://edenmillswritersfestival.ca/EMWF/schedule>.

MYSTERYPHOTO

Last month's mystery photo winner was Post Doc Mehdi Emam who correctly answered that the photo was of the elk antlers hanging in the 4th floor stairwell. 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 and you'll win too!!



Photo courtesy of Patrick Boerlin

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Defenses, Oral Qualifying Exams & Notices/Reminders

Tues. Sept. 12, Iga Stasiak, DVSc Final Defense, "The role of Hepcidin in regulation of iron balance in bats", 1:00 pm, Room 1812.

- Last day to pay tuition and get registered into your courses for Fall 2012 is **Fri. Sept. 14**;
- It is Award season, NSERC/SSHRC/CIHR/OGS, for more info go to: <http://www.uoguelph.ca/graduatestudies/finance/extawards>

Welcome to New Graduate Students:
Monica Baquero [PhD with Brandon Plattner & John Prescott]; **Alexander El-Warrak** [GDIP with Pat Turner]; **Kelly Fleming** [MSc with Bonnie Mallard]; **Elizabeth MacMillan** [MSc with Dorothee Bienzle]; **Adriana Nielsen** [DVSc with Dale Smith]; **Fraser Russell** [DVSc with Jeff Caswell & Brandon Lillie]; **Zafir Syed** [MSc with Byram Bridle]; **Christian Ternamian** [MSc with Byram Bridle].

The New Project & Graduate Student Pizza Lunch will be held on **Tues. Sept. 25, noon-1 pm in room 1800**.



HEALTH & SAFETY CORNER

Safety Training, all new staff and students are required to take **WHMIS** and **Laboratory Safety** training through Environmental Health and Safety at the UofG, as well as **lab specific orientation** with their supervisor. Details to register for courses, either in-class or on-line, with EHS is available at <http://www.uoguelph.ca/ehs/courses/index.cfm>.

Thurs. Sept. 27, Rabies Titre Clinics, 8:30-12:30, room LLC 1701. All employees must **bring their health card** with them to the clinic; health card numbers are necessary on the requisition, as per the Public Health Guidelines. You will only be notified of the results if a booster or follow-up titre is required. If you need to know your titre results, please contact the office at ext. 52647.