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Calendar

Wednesday, October 29

- Fort Dodge heartworm preventative, "ProHeart 6," presented by Dr. Steven Watters. Please reply to Mara Supan for catered lunch. M102, 12:00-1:00
- PRIPS presented by Dreher Lab and Sarker lab, Dryden 213, 12:00-1:00

Thursday, October 30

- Senior Papers: "Canine Surgical Reconstructive Techniques: A Comparison of Avascular Skin Grafts and Pouch Grafts," Lauren Stayer; Dr. Séguin, advisor. M102, 8:30-9:00
- 1st Annual Alpha Psi Pumpkin Carving Contest between the classes. Pumpkins will be judged by OSU CVM celebrity judges and awards will be given to top designs. Magruder Lobby, 11:50-1:00
- Elsevier presentation: Demo electronic books and integration by Tracy Williams-Murphy. Food will be provided. M102, 12:00-1:00
- SCAVMA pet food sale. SCAVMA store. 4:30-5:30

Friday, October 31

- LA Surgery Journal Club rounds, M288, 7:00-8:30
- Cytology Rounds, M125, 8:00-9:00
- Oncology Journal Club/Lab meeting, M269, 9:00-11:00

Saturday, November 1

- Homecoming football game: Oregon State against Arizona State, 7:15 pm. Game parking.

Monday, November 3

- Product talk: Ethicon, by Greg Brown. Lunch provided by Novartis. M102, 12:00-1:00

Tuesday, November 4

- SCAVMA pet food sale, SCAVMA store. 12-12:45

Wednesday, November 5

- VBMA lunch talk: North Star Financial — Financial Planning 101. Lunch will be served. M102, 12:00-1:00

Thursday, November 6

- Senior Papers: "Pain in Horses and Continuous Palmar Nerve Blocks," Vanessa Davis; Dr. Schlipf, advisor. "Laser Therapy," Kristin Simmons; Dr. Salinardi, advisor. M102, 8:00-9:00
- Novartis presentation, Stacy Brentro: TBA, M102, 12:00-1:00
- Continuing Education Program and reception: "Clinical Approach to Lumps and Bumps," presented by Dr. Kelvin Kow. Sponsored by Willamette Valley Veterinary Medical Association and OSU CVM. RSVP to cvmrsvp@oregonstate.edu or call Debrah Rarick, 737-6776. M102 and Lobby, 6-8:30
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Drs. Kent and Bermudez receive \$1 million grant to study zebrafish

"Control of diseases in zebrafish research facilities" is a five-year grant worth \$1,069,650. Dr. Michael Kent, primary investigator for the study, and Dr. Luiz Bermudez are faculty members of both the Department of Biomedical

Sciences at the College of Veterinary Medicine, and the Department of Microbiology in the College of Agricultural Sciences. This is a collaborative study between the two departments and a renewal of the first grant the duo received five years ago to study the same subject. It is being awarded by the National Institutes of Health National Center for Research Resources.

Zebrafish have become a very important model organism in biomedical research. As with any laboratory animal, it is important to avoid background infectious diseases in animals used in research. The goal of this study is to control the two most important diseases affecting zebrafish— mycobacteriosis and microsporidiosis. Dr. Kent has been studying zebrafish since 1996.



CVM Blood Drive for Dave Johnson set for Nov. 14

"There has been a heart-warming response to a blood drive for Dave," reports Pat Hutson and the Information Services Team consisting of Al Christensen, Lorie Kennerly and Matt McClain. All 48 time slots have been filled by staff and faculty for the Red Cross Bloodmobile; alternates will be on standby for those who are deemed unable to donate blood. Students have eagerly volunteered to be available as back up. There has also been an overwhelming response by those who are willing and able to volunteer on the Friday, Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This isn't difficult to imagine since Dave is a favorite staff member. "I hate needles, but I LOVE Dave," was one response; another comment was "I'd bleed for Dave." Some people are unable to donate, but have volunteered their spouses and/or children. Even people from other departments at the University have volunteered.

Dave was diagnosed with throat cancer and has been undergoing aggressive chemotherapy and radiation treatment. The blood drive will "credit" his account with the American Red Cross. He has already needed one transfusion. Donations may also count toward the OSU/UO Civil War Blood Drive.

Update: Dave's sons gave Dave and Kathie a surprise 10th anniversary party on Sunday, Oct. 26. Al Christensen reports that Dave has lost weight, but his humor has improved. We all look forward to his return.



New Employees



Jesse Ott—Faculty Research Assistant

Jesse will be assisting Dr. Katja Zellmer in her research concerning equine osteoarthritis by utilizing molecular biological techniques to help answer questions regarding gene expression in the different layers of articular cartilage. New to Corvallis and Oregon State University, he most recently lived in the Portland area where he was employed by the Department of Molecular and Medical Genetics at Oregon Health and Sciences University. He also worked for Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife operating electrofishing boats on the Columbia River. Further

afield, Jesse also spent time as a drift boat fishing guide on the Kenai River in Alaska. He spends his off-time traveling the wilds of Oregon indulging his love of the outdoors. Oregon is also a great place to indulge his fishing fetish. He shares these passions with Colby, a wonderful seven-year-old springer spaniel/border collie cross.



Dr. Kelvin Kow, DVM, MS, ACVIM-Oncology

Dr. Kow has been on faculty as an oncologist since August 2008. He splits his clinical time between the two hospitals and is also involved with research and teaching. He came to us most recently from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Colorado State University where he spent five years completing an internship, residency and a fellowship. Dr. Kow became interested in oncology while spending time prior to veterinary school studying cancer in a research laboratory. He has also had family members with cancer. In his own words, "It's a formidable opponent that is challenging to treat."

He loves living in the pacific northwest and Corvallis in particular. When he's not treating patients or looking for a cure for cancer, Dr. Kow likes to spend time on his favorite riverbank luring fish up from the depths with his fly rod, whipping up a tasty meal, or settling down with a good book. His wife, Serena, is an RN who is planning to return to school soon. His niece, Autumn, of whom they are guardians, is a senior at Corvallis High School. The three of them share their house with a menagerie of dogs and cats.



Sandra Sommer, DVM, PhD— Research Associate (Post-Doc)

Sandra has been working in Dr. Bermudez's laboratory since April. Her primary focus is studying microbial pathogenesis of mycobacterial infections with emphasis on *Mycobacterium avium* ssp. *paratuberculosis*. She is originally from Germany, but lived in Michigan prior to coming to Oregon. She is happy about leaving the long, cold winters of Michigan

behind. Sandra is still excited to discover more of Oregon, especially the outdoors, but she is still missing family and friends back in Germany from time to time.



Jenni Strahan, CVT— Small Animal ICU technician

Jenni, a certified veterinary technician, is the overnight/swing shift veterinary technician in the small animal hospital intensive care unit. Jenni earned her bachelor's degree in animal science from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, N.M., and her associates degree from Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Tex. Fresh from southern New Mexico, she says OSU has been very welcoming. The faculty, staff and students have all been great, and everyone has made her feel right at home and a part of the team.

She also likes Corvallis. She and her husband are looking forward to taking full advantage of all the outdoor activities the area has to offer, especially, winter sports like cross-country skiing and snowshoeing — something you don't find much in the desert.

Jenni enjoys a good book, a good bicycle ride, a nice hiking trail and just being outside in general. She and her husband have been adopted by two dogs and a cat, all rescues from various situations. They are: Blue a six-year-old miniature Australian shepherd; Lucy, a two-year-old sheltie; and a three-year-old orange tabby named Norman.