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Calendar

Tuesday, September 30

- SCAVMA Pet food sale, SCAVMA store, 12-12:45
- Research seminar, M102, 12:00-1:00

Wednesday, October 1

- Necropsy Rounds, M125, 8:30-9:30
- SCAVMA All-School Meeting, M102, 12:00-1:00
- All College BBQ, Magruder Hall Lawn, 5:15-8:00

Thursday, October 2

- SCAVMA Pet food sale, SCAVMA store, 4:30-5:30
- Senior papers: "Lymphoma in Camelids," Jeanne Martin; Dr. Valentine, advisor. "Tired of Playing the Odds: An Overview of the Use of Sexed Semen in the Cattle Industry," Heather Peters; Dr. Estill, advisor, M102, 8:00-9:00
- Large Animal Physiology Rounds, M197, 8:00-9:00
- AABP presentation, M102, 12:00-1:00
- Journal Club, M200, 12:00-1:00

Friday, October 3

- Cytology Rounds, M125, 8:00-9:00
- Oncology Journal Club/Lab meeting, M269, 9:00-11:00
- Class of 2010 meet with Dr. Tornquist and Patrick Kamins, M102, 10:30-12:00

Monday, October 6

- VBMA lunch meeting: Deborah Moyer, President, M102, 12:00-1:00

Tuesday, October 7

- SCAVMA Pet food sale, SCAVMA store, 12-12:45
- Residency rounds, M298, 8:30-10:30
- Research seminar, M102, 12:00-1:00
- AAHA All School meeting, M269, 12:00-1:00

Wednesday, October 8

- Necropsy Rounds, M125, 8:30-9:30
- AVMA-GHLIT presentation for Year 1 Students: Dick Busby, M102, 12:00-1:00

Thursday, October 9

- SCAVMA Pet food sale, SCAVMA store, 4:30-5:30
- Senior Papers, Keelan Rogers: TBA; Crystal Ebert: TBA. M102, 8:00-9:00
- Large Animal Physiology Rounds, M197, 8:00-9:00
- Iditarod presentation practice — open to all faculty and students, M298, 12:00-1:00

Friday, October 10

- Cytology Rounds, M125, 8:00-9:00
- Oncology Journal Club/Lab meeting, M269, 9:00-11:00
- "The Unwanted Horse," Fort Dodge speaker: Dr. Rocky Bigbie, M102, 12:00-1:00

Dean's Message

As we start the fall term, I want to welcome second- and third-year students back from the summer break and also to welcome our new first-year students (Class of 2012) to the College of Veterinary Medicine. The Class of 2012 consists of 42 women and eight men, representing Oregon (41 students) and six other states (California, Illinois, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, and Wyoming). They were selected from a total of 554 applicants. Consistent with the rest of our students, they have excelled academically – nearly all have earned a bachelor's degree and two students have the MS degree. Please join me in greeting the Class of 2012 at the fall All-College Barbeque on Wednesday, October 1.

After conducting a rigorous external search, involving interviews of four candidates, I am pleased to announce that Dr. Chris Cebra has been appointed to the position of Head of the Department of Clinical Sciences. Dr. Cebra completed both the bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Pennsylvania before earning his VMD degree, also at Penn. He trained as a specialist in large animal internal medicine and completed a second MS degree at Colorado State University, and has been on the OSU faculty since 1997, during which time he has twice served as Interim Head of the department. Dr. Cebra has demonstrated his ability to maintain an active, extramurally-funded research program while serving as an administrator and an effective teacher. These accomplishments will allow him to model the practices necessary for faculty success in a clinical academic environment. Please take an opportunity to congratulate Dr. Cebra on his appointment and thank him for his service to the College.

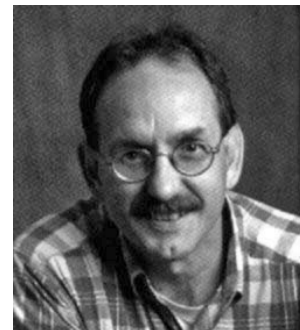
I very much appreciate all those who responded to the recent Climate Surveys conducted by the College Diversity Action Planning Committee. Faculty and staff have already discussed the results of the surveys and students will be given the opportunity to do the same on October 23. These surveys constitute an important step in the development of a strategic plan to enhance diversity in the college. ~Cyril Clarke



Congratulations to Dr. Luiz Bermudez for being awarded a Gates Foundation grant of nearly \$1M

Dr. Luiz Bermudez has recently been awarded a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation worth nearly \$1M. It will be used to study a potential new treatment for tuberculosis (TB). Follow this link for the full media release by OSU News and Communication Services. <http://oregonstate.edu/dept/ncs/newsarch/2008/Sep08/tuberculosisresearch.html>

Congratulations to Dr. Bermudez for receiving this award!



Diversity at the College of Veterinary Medicine

On September 17 Dr. Terry Ross, OSU's Director of Community and Diversity, attended the CVM faculty and staff meeting to participate in a discussion on the Climate Survey completed by CVM faculty and staff. Lisa Poland, Chair of the College's Diversity Action Planning (DAP) Committee, and Dr. Ross facilitated a discussion on how we define diversity and what it means to us. Improving communication was one of many goals listed as a result of the conversation. The DAP committee will meet with Dr. Ross again and finalize a list of items the College can work on over this next year. An open forum to discuss the list will be scheduled soon.

Students – Save the Date! On October 23 at 4 p.m. in M102, Dr. Ross will meet with CVM students to discuss the results of the CVM Climate Survey and talk about how to tackle the issues brought up in the survey. The next step is to write an action plan that reflects the goals of everyone involved.

Class of 2012 welcomed to the study of the veterinary profession

Friday evening's White Coat Ceremony and dinner was the highlight of three busy days of orientation for the 50 members of the class of 2012. Held at the MU Ballroom, students and their family members enjoyed dinner and listened to the welcome and reflections of the speakers. Dr. Susan Tornquist, mistress of ceremonies, introduced the speakers and called each student up to receive his/her lab coat and name badge, gifts from the Oregon Veterinary Medical Association.

Speakers for the evening were Dean Cyril Clarke; OSU Provost and Executive Vice President Sabah Randhawa; Dr. Barry Watson, Veterinary Affairs Manager for Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc.; Ms. Ruth McDevitt, Class of 2010 and SCAVMA president; and Dr. Scott Loepp, OVMA president. Dr. Scott Hendy, past OVMA president, and Dr. Rob Shimek, president-elect of the OVMA, presented the lab coats prior to students standing on stage to be photographed with Drs. Clarke and Loepp. As each student came forward, the two interesting facts submitted by that student were read. This fascinating list will be shared with the College. A random sampling: "I run triathlons," "I play guitar in a bluegrass band," "I can tap dance," and "I have given an elephant an enema."

At the close of the event, the class of 2012 posed for a class picture in their new, white lab coats while family members took pictures.

Special thanks go to the sponsors of the White Coat Ceremony and Dinner: Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc. and the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association for the dinner; and the Oregon Veterinary Medical Association for the lab coats and name badges.



Class of 2012 in their white coats.

All-College BBQ

The all-College barbecue will be Wednesday evening on the front lawn of Magruder Hall from 5:15 to 8. Many thanks to Nestlé Purina PetCare and SCAVMA for sponsoring this fun event. In addition to the great food, there will be lawn games for some friendly competition between classmates and colleagues. Please plan to leave your dogs at home.



Donated suture benefiting Beginning Surgery course

Dr. Lyle Scott of Salem Park Veterinary Clinic in Salem recently donated seven boxes of expired suture to the 2009 Beginning Surgery course. His generous donation will provide the Class of 2011 with plenty of practice suture next spring! Course organizers, Dr. Zellmer and Anita Wolf, were pleasantly surprised and expressed their thanks to Dr. Scott for thinking of the surgery course.

Dr. Manoj Pастey will travel with President Ray to Pune, India

"Dr. Manoj Pастey has been invited to represent the College as a member of a delegation that will travel with President Ray to Pune, India in December. Dr. Pастey recently received a US-India NIH Collaborative Grant to accelerate the development and use of a safe, effective and accessible topical anti-HIV microbicide for use in developing countries, especially by women. In addition to visiting the National AIDS Research Institute in Pune, Dr. Pастey will visit the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore and the Dr. Talwar Research Foundation in New Delhi.



The goal of the OSU delegation's visit to India is to strengthen existing research collaborations and create new opportunities for faculty and student exchanges, integration of complementary basic and clinical research expertise, and development of new projects for consideration by the US-India Collaborative NIH grant program, non-governmental organizations, and national institutes in India."