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## Calendar

### Start of Winter Term

#### Monday, January 7

- Biomed Sci faculty mtg, D212 4-5:30pm
- Horse Owner Education Series: "Dealing with colic", Dr. John Schlipf, M102 7:30-8:30pm

#### Tuesday, January 8

- VDL faculty mtg, M113 11-12pm
- CVM Research-in-Progress seminar: "Immune response to *Mycoplasma haemolamae* infection in the camelid", Rebecca Bush, M102 12-1pm

#### Wednesday, January 9

- Merck Merial Program Introduction, Dr. Löhr, M298 12-1pm

#### Thursday, January 10

- PRIPS: Bermudez and Hase labs, D213 12-1pm

#### Friday, January 11

- No special events planned at this time

#### Monday, January 14

- AAFP Presentation, M102 12-1pm
- Horse Owner Education Series: "Equine toxicities", Dr. Katelyn Romeo, M102 7:30-8:30pm

#### Tuesday, January 15

- CVM Research-in-Progress seminar, M102 12-1pm
- Clinical faculty mtg, M298 3-5pm
- SCAVMA dinner and speaker: Temple Grandin, LaSells Stewart Center 5pm
- Pre-Vet Club mtg, M102 7-8pm

#### Wednesday, January 16

- No special events planned at this time

#### Thursday, January 17

- Senior Papers: "Esophageal motility disorders in dogs", Emily Kalenius; "TBA", Dan Lewer, M102 8-9am
- Rural Area Veterinary Services presentation, M298 12-1pm
- Eli Lilly Lunch and Learn introducing new flea product: Comfortis, M102 12-1pm
- VBMA Business and Accounting seminar, M102 5-8pm

#### Friday, January 18

- SCAVMA Speaker: Randy Aronson, M102 12-1pm

## Pet food donation to Vernonia flood victims

After the flood earlier this winter that washed away part of Vernonia (a small rural town in northwestern Oregon), some of the pets there received some much needed pet food thanks to second-year student Robin Sechrest. She came up with the idea of donating pet food as she was sitting in church. An announcement was made that the church would be taking food donations to flood victims. Being a typical vet student, Robin thought there must be hungry pets there as well. So she contacted Marcie Keener, SCAVMA president, who in turn contacted Dr. Karyn Bird, both of whom also thought it was a great idea. Time and space constraints in hand, they added 120 pounds of dog food, 60 pounds of cat food and a case of dog jerky treats to the church van heading north just before the holidays. They hope to send another batch of pet food on the next trip after the holidays. Thanks SCAVMA for the donation and thanks Robin, Marcie and Dr. Bird for making it come about.



## Search for clinical sciences administrative positions

In addition to faculty searches in the disciplines of small animal internal medicine, small animal surgery, and radiology, the College is conducting searches for two clinical sciences administrative positions: The first is for a permanent appointment to the position of Head of the Department of Clinical Sciences. The Department currently has an interim head. The second search is for a Director of the Lois Bates Acheson Teaching Hospital, who will be responsible for overseeing clinical service functions for both the small and large animal services. Consolidation of these services will provide better coordination of clinical service functions and improved integration of core diagnostic imaging and anesthesiology services into other service sections. ~Cyril Clarke



## Winter Formal – save the date!

There are only three weeks left to find the perfect attire for this year's annual Winter Formal. The theme this year is "Black and White Ball". Sponsored by SCAVMA, it will be taking place at the Hilton Garden Inn on January 25, starting at 8 p.m. Everyone is invited! Hors d'oeuvres will be served and alcohol can be purchased at the Stadium Bar and Grill in the lobby of the Hilton. Tickets are \$5 per person, available in Magruder lobby during the lunch hour starting January 21, or at the door the night of the event. So put away your laptops and stethoscopes and come dance the night away with your classmates and colleagues.

## New students

With the end of their first term of professional school under their belts, the Class of 2011 is seeing some changes in their ranks. There will be two new students joining the class starting winter term, with the possibility of one more joining later. Massachusetts resident Cathleen Medbury will be transferring from Ross University and Oregon resident Kristina Welsh is coming from New Zealand's Massey University. Goodbye to those who are leaving, and welcome to those who are just joining us!

Starting winter term there will be five new fourth-year students joining our senior class in their clinical rotations. From the sunny Caribbean, Leah Edwards and Jessie Peck will be coming from St. Georges University and Andrew Chigos and Sara Sheltren from Ross University. We also have one new PAVE student, Dr. Hee Yoo, from South Korea. Welcome!

## KUDOS corner

Congratulations to Dr. Karyn Bird for recently being elected to the OSU Faculty Senate as a representative for the College of Veterinary Medicine. She will join Drs. Beth Valentine and Chuck Estill who are currently serving terms as Faculty Senate representatives.



## New bacteriologist in VDL

Meet **Kristi Crofoot**, the VDL's newest microbiologist. No stranger to OSU, she comes to us from OSU's College of Pharmacy where she was a faculty research assistant in Dr. Filtz's laboratory. She has a degree in biology and has been doing research in pharmacology for the past six years. Kristi has also worked in horticulture and marine science on the OSU campus. In addition to her scientific occupations, Kristi, with her 16-year history in the Corvallis area, has sold shoes, roasted coffee and worked at the Beanery, where she's likely to have made a few of us the perfect cappuccino. When she's not at work, Kristi's other passions are her daughter, 9-year-old Josephine; food, i.e., cooking, eating and growing ingredients for delicious dishes; music and dancing. She also has a hedgehog, a hissing cockroach, and a "collection" of various house spiders to keep her busy.



## Noted prof Temple Grandin to speak at OSU on animal welfare

Temple Grandin, who overcame stereotypes and low expectations because of her autism to become a national leader in animal welfare, will speak at Oregon State University on Tuesday, Jan. 15.

Her talk, sponsored by the OSU Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SCAVMA), will begin at 6 p.m. in the C&E Auditorium of the LaSells Stewart Center. It is free and open to the public.

Grandin has been featured in the New York Times, Forbes, Time magazine and on national television, and was the subject of a documentary called "The Woman Who Thinks Like a Cow" for her unusual cognitive abilities and physical background. She was diagnosed as autistic at an early age and her parents were told she should be institutionalized. Yet she went on to earn a Ph.D. in animal science from the University of Illinois and become a national leader in the design of humane animal facilities.

She attributes much of her success to her unusual ability as a visual thinker, and has said that written and spoken language to her are "second languages." This visual ability allows her to recall the smallest details and she has compared her memory to running full-length movies in her head that can be replayed at will.

Grandin, who is a professor at Colorado State University, has used those abilities to observe changes in details to which animals are particularly sensitive, leading her to design some of the most widely used humane facility systems in the world. In addition to her design of curved chute and cattle restrainer systems, she also developed an objective scoring system for assessing the handling of cattle and pigs at meat plants.

Her research also has explored such areas as the temperament of cattle, environmental enrichment for pigs and bull fertility.

Grandin tells the story of "groping her way from the far side of darkness" in her book, "Emergence: Labeled Autistic," which gained her international attention. Until then, few persons with autism had succeeded in professional careers and she became an advocate and role model for persons with autism.

She also has written more than 300 articles in scientific journals and livestock periodicals on animal handling, welfare and facility design. Her book, "Animals in Translation," was a New York Times bestseller, and "Thinking in Pictures" describes her unique visual approach to her work.

SCAVMA brings 2-3 speakers to campus each year, with sponsorship from Hill's College Feeding Program. ~Mark Floyd

## 2008 Merck Merial Veterinary Scholar Program

Our College has once again secured funding for the Merck Merial Veterinary Scholars Program for the summer of 2008 with a grant for \$15,300 from the Merck Company Foundation. This is a 12-week program designed to expose veterinary students to a hands-on research experience under the guidance of a faculty mentor.

Faculty mentors will be chosen the second week of January. Participating students will be chosen by February 15, and must have their application turned in by February 1. Students will be given a stipend of \$5,100; an additional \$1,000 will be available for supplies for the project. At the end of July, student participants will be invited to attend the Merck Merial Veterinary Scholars symposium at Michigan State University. For more information about this program, contact our CVM program director, Dr. Christiane Loehr, at [Christiane.Loehr@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Christiane.Loehr@oregonstate.edu), or check out the website at [http://oregonstate.edu/vetmed/camelid/mm\\_intro.htm](http://oregonstate.edu/vetmed/camelid/mm_intro.htm).

