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## Calendar

### Tuesday, August 19

- Nothing scheduled at this time.

### Wednesday, August 20

- Necropsy Rounds, M125, 8:30-9:30
- Faculty Meeting, M 102, 3:00

### Thursday, August 21

- Biomedical Sciences Guest Speaker Series: "Modulation of Xenobiotic Pathways by Alpha-Tocopherol: Implications for Protection from Environmental Toxins," presented by Dr. Debbie Mustacich from the Linus Pauling Institute. Pizza snack will be served. M102, 12:00-1:00

### Friday, August 22

- Cytology Rounds, M125, 8:00-9:00

### Monday, August 25

- SCAVMA Pet food sale at SCAVMA store. 12:00-12:45

### Tuesday, August 26

- Nothing scheduled at this time.

### Wednesday, August 27

- Necropsy Rounds, M125, 8:30-9:30

### Thursday, August 28

- Merck Merial Summer Research Program, (Dr. Löhr). M298, 8:00-12:00

### Friday, August 29

- Cytology Rounds, M125, 8:00-9:00
- Celebration for Anna Trafton in honor of her completion of fourth-year clinical requirements, Magruder Lobby, 12:00-1:00

## National honor goes to Oregon Humane Society Executive Director, Sharon Harmon

Sharon Harmon, Executive Director of the Oregon Humane Society, was honored by receiving the Humane Award at the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Annual Meeting held in New Orleans in July. It is the only award given to a non-veterinarian by the AVMA. Recipients for this award are chosen for their humane efforts on behalf of animals and exceptional compassion for animals on a national level. It recognizes the high standards and contributions to society and veterinary medicine of the recipient.

Ms. Harmon was instrumental in creating the Animal Medical and Learning Center, which is a 24-hour medical pet care facility at the Oregon Humane Society in Portland, Oregon. Being in partnership with Oregon State University College of Veterinary Medicine, this facility is the first of its kind in the United States.

Dean Cyril Clarke was at the AVMA President's Luncheon to congratulate Ms. Harmon when she received her award. Follow this link for more information, [http://www.oregonhumane.org/publications/PetDish\\_Aug08.htm#HarmonAward](http://www.oregonhumane.org/publications/PetDish_Aug08.htm#HarmonAward).



## CVM faculty teaches in Chile

Dr. Claudia Häse, a microbiologist in the CVM Department of Biomedical Sciences, travelled to Chile this summer to teach a 3-credit course at Universidad Santo Tomas (UST) in Santiago, Chile. The course, titled "Microbial Pathogenesis and Host Defences," was offered as part of a Masters Program for their Faculty of Veterinarian Medicine. Dr. Häse taught there from July 21 through August 1, 2008.

She also included in this trip a guest lecture on "Contamination of Food by Pathogens: From the Farm to the Table," which she delivered at the Veterinary School of UST in Talca, Chile, and at a visit to their Veterinary School in Viña de Mar, Chile.



Claudia Häse (right), Carolilna and Pablo at Valparaiso Overlook on the coast in Chile

## Merck-Merial Veterinary Scholars

Recently the Merck-Merial Veterinary Scholars, Brian Dugovich, Tessa Fiamengo, Jocelyn Riehl, Anna Rothman, Courtney Smith, and Andi Lear (Auburn University) accompanied by Dr. Christiane Löhr, attended the 2008 Merck-Merial Scholars National Symposium. The symposium this year was held July 31- August 3 at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan. All the student attendees submitted abstracts and presented posters on their summer research projects. Highlights of the trip included a behind-the-scenes tour of the Potter Park Zoo, complete with penguin experience, interesting lectures on current research, discussions regarding the future of veterinary research, and the opportunity to rock out to Fatal Plus, the MSU faculty band with a pathological twist. Overall it was an excellent opportunity to interact and discuss research with veterinary students from schools throughout the country.

After returning to Oregon, Dr. Löhr organized a field trip to Eugene on August 6. This trip provided a glimpse into two diverse research settings, one academic and the other corporate. The scholars toured the Zebrafish International Resource Center and Invitrogen Molecular Probes Laboratories. The scholars have also been participating in a weekly journal club and attending a series of lectures provided by OSU CVM faculty to help foster their research experiences. The scholars will present their research and posters and share their research experiences during the upcoming Oregon State University Research Day on September 3.



Dr. Christiane Löhr with this year's Merck-Merial Veterinary Scholars at the 2008 Merck-Merial Scholars National Symposium in Michigan.