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Faculty & Staff News

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Dr. Kimberly A. Agnello joined Penn Vet faculty as Assistant Professor of Orthopedic Surgery, Clinician-Educator, Department of Clinical Studies-Philadelphia.

New Bolton Center’s Drs. Gary Althouse, Sue McDonnell, Regina Turner and Dirk Vanderwall were invited to present research findings in their areas at the 2010 International Symposium on Equine Reproduction (ISER) in Lexington, Kentucky this summer.

Dr. David Artis was promoted to Associate Professor of Parasitology.

Dr. Sebastien Bauquier, lecturer in Clinical Studies-Philadelphia, passed ACVA board exams and is now a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Anesthesiologists.

Dr. Dorothy Brown was promoted to Professor of Surgery, Clinician Educator and Chair, Department of Clinical Studies – Philadelphia.

Dr. Mary Beth Callan was promoted to Professor of Medicine.

Dr. Roberta DiTerlizzi joined Penn Vet faculty as Assistant Professor of Clinical Pathology, Clinician-Educator, Department of Pathobiology.

Dr. Bernd Driessen was promoted to Professor of Anesthesiology, Clinician Educator. In addition, Dr. Driessen was invited to be part of the veterinary staff on-hand for the recent Dubai World Cup Races.

Dr. Kenneth J. Drobatz, director of Emergency Service at Ryan-VHUP, was honored by University of California-Davis School of Veterinary Medicine with the Alumni Achievement Award, which honors outstanding personal and professional contributions to veterinary science or one of its branches, contributions to veterinary practice in any of its forms, or service to mankind and the advancement of human welfare.

Dr. Amy Durham joined Penn Vet faculty as Assistant Professor of Anatomic Pathology, Clinician-Educator, Department of Pathobiology.

Ms. Christina Ehlers joined Penn Vet as Curriculum Manager in the Office of Student and Curricular Affairs.

Dr. Serge Fuchs was promoted to Professor of Cell Biology.

Dr. Claire Hankenson was promoted to Associate Professor of Laboratory Animal Medicine, Clinician Educator.

Dr. Anna Kashina was promoted to Associate Professor of Biochemistry.

Dr. Carolina Lopez joined Penn Vet faculty as Assistant Professor of Microbiology and Immunology.

Dr. James Marx joined Penn Vet as Assistant Professor of Laboratory Animal Medicine, Clinician-Educator, Department of Pathobiology.

Dr. Elizabeth Mauldin was promoted to Associate Professor of Dermatopathology, Clinician Educator.

Dr. Maeva May joined Penn Vet as a Lecturer, New Bolton Center Department of Clinical Studies.

Dr. Ralph Meyer, assistant professor of Developmental Biology, has been awarded a Michelson Grant in Reproductive Biology. The grant, awarded by Found Animals, allows Dr. Meyer to continue his research over the next three years to develop a non-surgical sterilant/technology for use in both male and female cats and dogs.

Dr. Michael Moyer earned the Student AVMA Community Outreach Award. This annual award recognizes excellence, innovation and enthusiasm in the field of clinical veterinary science and education.
Dr. Eric Parente, associate professor of Surgery at University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine's New Bolton Center, was invited to speak at the Veterinary Sport Horse Symposium Program in September 2010.

Dr. Louise Southwood Parente was promoted to Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine and Critical Care, Clinician Educator.

Dr. Alexander Reiter was promoted to Associate Professor of Dental and Oral Surgery, Clinician Educator.

Dr. Mary Robinson joined Penn Vet as a Lecturer, Clinical Studies at New Bolton Center.

Dr. Jeffrey J. Runge was promoted to Lecturer of Surgery.

Ms. Emily Savino has been named Nursing Supervisor at the Intensive Care Unit at Ryan-VHUP.

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The 2010 program, held on March 25, featured six oral presentations by students (basic and clinical research), selectively chosen by a faculty panel of judges. Outstanding presenters of abstracts received awards of excellence following their oral presentations.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Michael Blackwell, former dean of the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine and former chief veterinarian of the United States Public Health Service (USPHS). As chief veterinarian, Dr. Blackwell was an advisor to the Surgeon General of the United States from 1994-1998. There was standing room only for his talk.

The dual degree oral presenters, and awards, respectively, were Gregory Rak (1st place), M. Noelle Knight (2nd place) and Catrina King (3rd place).

The VMD oral presenters were Sarah Ward (1st place), Kristina Simone (2nd place) and Breanna Caltagarone (3rd place).

Best Posters Prizes were awarded to Abigail Shearin (1st place), LaTasha Crawford (2nd place) and Sarah Cannizzo (3rd place).

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