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Faculty & Staff News

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Dr. Narayan Avadhani, chair, Department of Animal Biology, has been reappointed to this position for a third, three-year term.

Dr. Elise Boller, staff veterinarian at the Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital, has been named director of referring vet relations.

Dr. Ralph Brinster, professor of physiology, has been chosen as the 8th recipient of the annual International Society for Transgenic Technologies (ISTT) Prize for his contributions to the field of transgenic technologies. He will be presented the award at the annual TT meeting slated for October 2011.

Dr. Dottie Brown, chair of Penn Vet's Department of Clinical Studies in Philadelphia and professor of surgery at Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital at the University of Pennsylvania (Ryan-VHUP), was recently invited to serve as the Oscar W. Schalm Lecturer at the School of Veterinary Medicine at University of California, Davis.

Ms. Maria Calabrese has been named director of customer service at the Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital.

Ms. Joy Crothers has recently joined the nursing team as a midnight nursing assistant.

Mr. Rob DiMeo, recruiter/counselor, and Ms. Rosanne Herpen, associate director, Penn Vet Admissions, received a 2011 Models of Excellence Honorable Mention for their VETS Summer Program, which invites high school- and college-aged students to participate in a week-long summer day camp that provides an overview of the field of veterinary medicine.

Ms. Kimm Dinsmore has joined Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine as referring vet liaison.

Dr. Tamara Dobbie has joined the Section of Reproduction at New Bolton Center as a staff veterinarian.

Dr. Michelle Harris, medicine resident at New Bolton Center, worked with a contributing author to *Practical Horsemanship* on an article about lower-leg swelling on horses, which ran in the publication’s March 2011 issue.

Ms. Kim Lewis, CVT has joined the Penn Vet team as a part-time nurse in the blood bank.

Ms. Jillian Marcussen has joined Penn Vet as director of stewardship and special projects.

Dr. Sue McDonnell, head of the Havemeyer Equine Behavior Lab at New Bolton Center, has been elected to serve a three-year term on the Animal Behavior Society’s Board of Professional Certification as well as to serve an eight-year term on the Organizing Committee of the International Symposium on Equine Reproduction, an international meeting of animal and veterinary scientists working on basic and applied aspects of equine reproduction. The next meeting is slated for 2014 in New Zealand.

Ms. Gloria Provost has joined the Sports Medicine and Imaging Team at New Bolton Center where she will work as a technician.

Ms. Helen Radenkovic has joined Penn Vet as director of development for Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital.

Dr. Virginia Reef, director of Large Animal Cardiology and Diagnostic Ultrasonography at New Bolton Center, is a charter diplomate of the new American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine & Imaging. She is also on the Credentials and Residency Training Committee.

Dr. Gail K Smith, founder/director of PennHIP and professor, orthopedic surgery, received the Blaine Award 2011, presented annually by Royal Canin for outstanding contributions to the advancement of small animal veterinary medicine or surgery. Dr. Smith was presented the award at the British Small Animal Veterinary Association Annual (BSAVA) Congress, held in March 2011.

Dr. Oriol Sunyer, associate professor of immunology, presented his lecture, “Novel discoveries into the immune system of teleost fish, and their impact into the future development of mucosal vaccines,” at the 6th International Symposium on Aquatic Animal Health held in Tampa, FL in September 2010.

Dr. Regina Turner has been promoted to associate professor of reproduction – clinical educator.