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**Jeffrey Runge, DVM**, lectured and was a laboratory instructor at the University of Georgia Advanced Minimally Invasive Course.

**Patricia Sertich, VMD**, gave two presentations at the Society for Theriogenology's Annual Meeting in Lexington, KY.

**Deborah Silverstein, DVM**, lectured and was a laboratory instructor at the International Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care 2013 Symposium in San Diego, CA.

**Meg Sleeper, VMD**, spoke at Emory University about cardiovascular disease in non-human primates and heart disease in chimpanzees.

**Billy Smith, DVM**, spoke at the 18th Annual American Board of Veterinary Practitioners Symposium, covering topics including "The Transition Cow," "Mycoplasma in Dairy Cattle," and "Lameness in Dairy Cattle."

**Gary Smith, DPhil**, presented a poster at the 4th Epidemics Conference in Amsterdam on "Estimating

reductions in the lifetime risk of schizophrenia caused by reductions in the prevalence of human *Toxoplasma gondii* infections." Dr. Smith also gave a talk to the Counter-Terrorism, Socio-Cultural Analysis, and the Force Health Protection divisions of U.S. Africa Command in Stuttgart, Germany on "Agroterrorism: the changing context and the crystal-ball problem."

**Lawrence Soma, VMD**, retired in 2013 after more than 50 years at Penn Vet. Dr. Soma was instrumental in establishing anesthesia as a specialty discipline within clinical veterinary medicine. His extensive research in forensic pharmacology was key in the development of effective drug testing regulations for racehorses.

**Corinne Sweeney, DVM**, was re-appointed to the PA Racing Commission.

**Charles Vite, DVM, PhD**, spoke at the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science in Baltimore, MD on gene therapy of the dog and cat brain.

## STUDENT NEWS

**Stephen Cole, V'15**, received the Western Veterinary Conference's Dr. Jack Walther Leadership Award, which recognizes veterinary student leaders and promotes lifelong professional service.

**Kate Huebner, V'15**, received the Amstutz Scholarship through the American Association of Bovine Practitioners.

**Ana Malone Oliver, V'15**, was awarded second place in the Student Case Study Competition at the Society for Theriogenology's Annual Meeting for her talk titled "Single Mummified Fetus in a Mare."

**Divya Ramnath, V'16**, received the inaugural Schad Prize in Parasitology. The award, named for late Dr. Gerry Schad, a beloved Penn Vet Professor of Parasitology, is given to the student with the highest numerical average in the Parasitology core.

**Nikki Wright, V'14**, received the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association's Public Service Award of Merit for her work with Pou Sante: Amar Haiti. The



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award is presented to a member of the PVMA for an outstanding act or achievement of public service. Ms. Wright also completed the CDC-Hubert Global Health Fellowship, designed to encourage medical and veterinary students to gain a global perspective of public health through an experiential learning opportunity.