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Rosettes & Ribbons: Some Recent Accomplishments of Note by Faculty and Staff

Dr. Adrian Morrison, professor of behavioral neuroscience, was elected President of the World Federation of Sleep Research Societies at its October congress in Punte del Este, Uruguay. Dr. Morrison has been invited to present The Walter C. Randall Lecture on Biomedical Ethics in April 2002 during the American Physiological Society (APS) Experimental Biology meeting in New Orleans, La. Recipients of these Distinguished Lectureships are chosen by the 12 APS Disciplinary Sections as outstanding contributors and representatives of the best research within their field. The Randall Lectureship, sponsored by the APS and Taylor University, promotes integrity in sciences, especially to students in training, and otherwise fosters the highest ethical standards in biomedical research, publication, teaching and interaction with the public sector. Dr. Morrison's lecture is entitled "Developing an Ethical Position on the Use of Animals for Biomedical Research."

Dr. Mark Saunders, V'81, associate professor of radiology, was elected as president-elect of the American College of Veterinary Radiology at the 2001 ACVR Annual Scientific Meeting in Honolulu. He will serve as president-elect for 2001-02 and then move to president for 2002-2003.

Dr. E. Neil Moore, professor of physiology, was elected a Fellow of the American Heart Association and an inaugural fellow of the Council on Basic Cardiovascular Sciences of the American Heart Association.

Dr. Ilana Reisner, assistant professor of behavioral medicine, was an invited speaker at the "Canine Aggression: A Three Day Symposium" in November at the University of Guelph, Ontario. Her talk was entitled "The role of neurobiology and impulsivity in canine aggression. In July, Dr. Reisner was an invited speaker at the AVMA meeting in Boston, and presented a talk entitled, "Anxiety and its role in old dog behavior problems: A no-brainer?"

Barry Stupine, vice dean of the School, has been named Chair of the Human Resources Committee and a member of the Executive Committee of the American Red Cross, Penn/Jersey Region.

Dr. Bernd Driessen, assistant professor of anesthesia, is a diplomate American College of

Veterinary Anesthesiologists (ACVA). He and three colleagues from the University of California presented three abstracts at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Anesthesiologists in New Orleans in October. Dr. Driessen and his co-investigators Drs. Cheung, Jahr and Gunther at the University of California received a two-year NIH-BRG grant to develop new bioengineering methods for the in-vivo study of blood substitutes. Dr. Driessen, **Lawrence Nann**, anesthesia technician supervisor, New Bolton Center, and **Robin Benton**, anesthesia technician, received a grant from Abbott Pharmaceuticals to conduct a clinical study comparing two inhalant anesthetics in horses.

Larry Nann spoke at the Academy of Veterinary Technician Anesthetists/ACVA Meeting in New Orleans, La., in October. His talk, presented to certified veterinary technicians who perform anesthesia on a regular basis, was titled "Zen and Understanding Your Anesthesia Machine." He also organized and taught a wet

Leslie King, Sarin Sorenmo, and Robert Washabau, V'82 attended the meeting and presented papers.

Dr. Sue McDonnell, adjunct associate professor of reproductive behavior, gave a series of seminars at the AAEP Encore in Philadelphia in July; at the Texas Breeder's Forum, Aubrey, Texas, in August; at New Bolton Center in September; at the Iowa State Veterinary Association in September; at the AAEP San Diego, Ca., and at the Western Equine Reproduction Symposium in Solvang, Ca. in November. **Dr. Katherine A. Houpt, V'63**, of Cornell University and **Dr. Nancy Diehl, V'91**, of Penn State University, co-taught the two day course at New Bolton Center in September.

The **Oncology Service at VHP** was well represented at the 21st annual Veterinary Cancer Society meeting in Baton Rouge, La. **Drs. Jennifer Baez, V'92, Janet Burke, V'98, Craig Clifford, Beth Overley, and Ms. Roxanne Bachman** all presented abstracts at the meeting.

Dr. Billy Smith, assistant professor in clinical studies, presented three lectures at the annual conference of the New York State Veterinary Society in November.

Dr. Jean-Pierre Saint-Jeannet, assistant professor of developmental biology, received a three-year grant from the

March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation for a project entitled: "Sox9 activity during neural crest development"

Drs. Meryl Littman, V'75, Urs Giger and Paula Henthorn received funding from AKC-Canine Health Foundation for a project entitled: "Longitudinal field studies of soft-coated wheaten terriers affected with protein-losing enteropathy and/or protein-losing nephropathy," and for the foundation of a DNA bank.

The new date for the European Society of Veterinary Neurology meeting in Philadelphia is September 26 to 29, 2002. **Dr. Sheldon Steinberg, V'59**, professor of neurology, is the organizer. The meeting, originally planned for

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lab on "Veterinary Anesthesia Machines and Scavenging Systems." The meeting was held in conjunction with and with support from the ACVA. Mr. Nann is a member of the Organizing Committee of the AVTA. This organization will hold its first certifying exams for Veterinary Technician Specialist in Anesthesia and Academy membership in October 2002.

Dr. Alexander M. Reiter, lecturer in veterinary dentistry, made six presentations at the 15th Annual Veterinary Dental Forum in San Antonio, Texas in October. **Dr. Colin Harvey**, professor of surgery and dentistry, also gave talks at the meeting. He was appointed secretary of the American Veterinary Dental College.

Dr. Ronald Harty, assistant professor of microbiology, received a five-year grant from NIH/NIAID entitled "Budding of Negative-Sense RNA Viruses."

The School was well represented at the 7th annual FECAVA/FK DVG European Congress in Berlin, Germany in October. **Drs. Urs Giger,**

Dr. Brinster honored



The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center presented the 2001 Ernst W. Bertner Memorial Award to **Dr. Ralph L. Brinster, V'60**, Richard King Mellon Professor of Reproductive Physiology. Dr. Brinster was honored for distinguished contributions to cancer research.

The Ernst W. Bertner Award is conferred annually on a physician or scientist who has made distinguished contributions to cancer research. Established in 1950, it is the oldest award conferred by the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. It is presented at the annual Symposium on Fundamental Cancer Research.

Histologic Classification of Epithelial and Melanocytic Neoplasms of the Skin of Domestic Animals. **Dr. Tom Van Winkle, V'75**, professor of pathology, and Dr. Yvonne Schulman, AFIP, presented three hours on Histologic Classification of Tumors of the Nervous System of Domestic Animals

Dr. Robert Eckroade, associate professor of poultry pathology, traveled to Mongolia for four weeks in April for ACDI/VOCA as a Veterinary Curriculum Development Volunteer to review the curriculum and to aid in designing curriculum and suggesting changes and areas of development. Dr. Eckroade also worked with government level officials and representatives of veterinary associations and veterinary educators to draft the continuing education requirement of a veterinary practice act. Dr. Eckroade traveled to Denver, Colorado in June for a NASDA meeting to evaluate the USDA-APHIS response to foreign disease outbreaks.

Dr. Virginia Reef, professor of medicine, spoke at the World Equine Veterinary Association meeting in Sorrento, Italy in October, the AVEF meeting in Paris in November and presented her fifth ultrasound laboratory at the AAEP meeting in San Diego, Ca. in November

Chung Lee, V'04, has been designated the Morris Animal Foundation's Ballard Student representative. As a Foundation ambassador, a Ballard Student works to educate the student body and the faculty at the veterinary schools about the Foundation's vital role in advancing veterinary medicine

Dr. Reid Groman, lecturer in critical care

medicine, presented eight hours of continuing education seminars at the South American Society for Small Animal Specialists meeting in Montevideo, Uruguay in November.

Dr. Alicia McKnight, resident in radiology, presented a talk entitled "The Feasibility of Standing Equine MRI-Work in Progress" at the Annual Conference of the American College of Veterinary Radiology in Honolulu in August.

Dr. Mark Rondeau, resident in medicine, won first place in the 2001 Eukanuba Veterinary Diets Case Report Competition. Second prize was won by **Dr. David Puerto**, lecturer in surgery.

Dr. Heather DeHeer, staff clinical pathologist, is a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. **Dr. Jennifer Bouma, V'97**, lecturer in radiology, is a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Radiologists. **Dr. Mark Krecic**, lecturer in medicine, is a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine.

Drs. Colleen Brady, Deborah Silverstein and Rebecca Syring, all lecturers in emergency and critical care medicine, passed their boards and are now diplomates of the American College of Emergency Critical Care.

Dr. Margaret Sleeper, V'93, has accepted the position of assistant professor of cardiology.

Dr. R. Avery Bennett joined the faculty at VHUP in December as associate professor of surgery.

Dr. Jennifer I. Baez, V'92, lecturer in oncology, is a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Oncology.

September 2001, had to be postponed.

Dr. Shelly Rankin, assistant professor of microbiology, received a two-year grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture to study "Genotypic Characterization of Antibiotic Resistant Salmonella."

Dr. Phillip Scott, professor of microbiology and immunology, received the Bailey K. Ashford Award by the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. The award, which recognizes distinguished work in the tropical medicine field, was presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene in Atlanta, Ga. in November.

At the First Annual C.L. Davis/AAVLD Diagnostic Pathology Symposium in November **Dr. Michael Goldschmidt**, professor of pathology, presented three hours on

Penn Approved as ECVDI Residency Training Center

The European College of Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging (ECVDI) has recently approved the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine as an official residency training center in diagnostic imaging. The ECVDI is the analogous European organization to the American College of Veterinary Radiology (ACVR).

The University of Pennsylvania is the first ECVDI training center in America. **Dr. Tobias Schwarz**, who is a diplomate of the ECVDI, and **Dr. Jeff Wortman**, who is a diplomate of the ACVR, co-direct the ECVDI residency program.

It is now possible for the School's radiology residents to simultaneously fulfill the requirements to sit for both the ACVR and the ECVDI certifying examinations in the third year of the residency. This ECVDI residency program is another example of the strong European bonds with the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.

Two first year radiology residents, **Dr. Yael Mosenco** and **Dr. Allison Zwingerberger**, have already enrolled in the ECVDI residency program.

More information about ECVDI can be found under: <http://www.vet.gla.ac.uk/EVDI/ecvdi.htm>