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Rosettes & Ribbons: Some Recent Accomplishments of Note at the School

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The following faculty members were promoted, effective July 1, 2005: **Dr. Deborah Silverstein** to assistant professor of critical care in Clinical Studies at Philadelphia; **Dr. Ilana Reisner** to assistant professor of behavioral medicine in Clinical Studies at Philadelphia; **Dr. Margret Casal** to assistant professor of medical genetics at Philadelphia; **Dr. Margaret Sleeper, V'93**, to assistant professor of cardiology in Clinical Studies at Philadelphia; **Dr. Robert Gilley** to assistant professor of surgery in Clinical Studies at Philadelphia; **Dr. Rosario Cerundolo** to assistant professor of dermatology in Clinical Studies at Philadelphia; **Dr. Gary Althouse** to professor of swine health and production management in Clinical Studies at New Bolton Center; **Dr. Bruce Freedman, V'87**, to associate professor of pathology and toxicology in Pathobiology; **Dr. David Galligan, V'81**, to associate professor of animal health economics in Clinical Studies at New Bolton Center; **Dr. Paula Henthorn** to professor of medical genetics in Clinical Studies at Philadelphia; **Dr. David Holt** to professor of surgery in Clinical Studies at Philadelphia; **Dr. Christopher Hunter** to professor of parasitology in Pathobiology; **Dr. Daniel Morris** to associate professor of dermatology in Clinical Studies at Philadelphia; **Dr. Thomas Parsons, V'86**, to associate professor of swine production medicine in Clinical Studies at New Bolton Center; **Dr. Karen Rosenthal** to associate professor of special species medicine in Clinical Studies at Philadelphia; **Dr. J. Oriol Sunyer** to associate professor of microbiology in Pathobiology at Philadelphia; and **Dr. Andrei Thomas-Tikhonenko** to associate professor of pathology in Pathobiology at Philadelphia.

Dr. Dottie Brown, assistant professor of surgery, was the invited speaker on Translational Research in Veterinary Pain Management at 28th World Veterinary Congress in Minneapolis in July. The topic was "Vanilloid receptors and analgesia." She gave an oral presentation at the 35th Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in Washington D.C. in November on "Physiologic and antinociceptive effects of intrathecal resiniferatoxin in a canine bone cancer model."

Dr. Jorge Guerrero, adjunct professor of parasitology, received the 2005 American Association of Veterinary Pathologists (AAVP) Award for Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist (sponsored by Merial).

Dr. Gerhard A. Schad, professor of pathology, was the recipient of the Clark P. Read Mentor Award. The award, which is given by the American Society of Parasitologists, honors an individual demonstrating extraordinary leadership in the training of young scientists who have successfully pursued the independent study of parasites or aspects of the host-parasite relationship. His article, "Acceptance of the Clark P. Read Mentor Award: Peregrinations of a peripatetic parasitologist," appeared in the *Journal of Parasitology*, Vol. 91, 2005.

In June, the following faculty members received the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine Distinguished

Alumni Award for 2005: **Dr. Darryl N. Biery**, emeritus professor of radiology; **Dr. Virginia B. Reef**, Mark Whittier and Lila Griswold Allam Professor of Medicine and director of Large Animal Cardiology and Ultrasonography; and **Dr. Dean W. Richardson**, chief, Section of Surgery, and Charles W. Raker Professor of Equine Surgery.

On July 1, **Dr. Mark Haskins, V'69**, professor of pathology and medical genetics, was awarded a competitive renewal for years 27–30 of the National Institutes of Health grant "Animal models of mucopolysaccharidosis."

Penn Veterinary Medicine had a strong presence at the combined Annual Veterinary Dental Forum and World Veterinary Dental Congress in Orlando, Fla. on October 13–16. Nine lectures were presented by faculty and staff currently or recently affiliated with Penn, including four by **Dr. John R. Lewis, V'97**, lecturer in dentistry. In addition, on October 13, Dr. Lewis received his diploma for passing credentials examination process and was elected to the board of directors of the American Veterinary Dental Society.

On September 9, **Dr. Cindy Otto**, associate professor of critical care, received the Dr. Jack Mara Scientific Achievement Award from the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care. From August 31 to September 11, she was deployed with a Veterinary Medical Assistance Team for Hurricane Katrina response in the Gulf Coast region.

Dr. Alex Reiter, assistant professor of dentistry, gave a presentation at the Waltham International Nutritional Symposium in Washington, D.C., September 14. He also presented at the European Congress of Veterinary Dentistry in Ljubljana, Slovenia, September 22–23; the Annual Meeting of the American Dental Association in Philadelphia on October 6–7; the Annual Veterinary Dental Forum in Orlando, Fla., October 14–15; and the Società Culturale Italiana Veterinari per Animali da Compagnia's Congress on Orthopedic and Maxillofacial Traumatology, Perugia, Italy, November 5–6.

Dr. Meg Sleeper, V'93, assistant professor of cardiology, presented a poster at the American Heart Association Meeting in Dallas in mid-November with research specialist **Dr. Ping Wang**, **Dr. Mark Haskins** and other colleagues.

Dr. Lawrence Soma, V'57, professor of anesthesia and clinical pharmacology; **Cornelius Uboh**, adjunct assistant professor of pharmacy and pharmacology; and **Fuyu Guan**, post-doctorate, were keynote and invited speakers at the Life Science Section of the 11th International Beijing Conference and Exhibition on Instrumental Analysis in Beijing, October 20–23.


On July 14, **Dr. Corinne R. Sweeney**, professor of medicine, was appointed interim Associate Dean for New Bolton Center and interim Hospital Director at the George D. Widener Hospital for Large Animals. On August 29–30, she spoke at Central Veterinary Meeting in Kansas City, Mo. on "What's new in equine internal medicine." On September 27–30, she partici-


pated in a Comparative Veterinary Respiratory Soviet Strategic Planning meeting in Roanoke, Va. On November 1, she spoke at Virginia Equine Practitioners Meeting in Culpepper, Va. on "Medical problems of the geriatric horse."

Dr. Charles Vite, assistant professor of neurology; chief, Section of Neurology, received a two-year \$250,000 grant in July titled "Evaluating treatment strategies for feline Niemann Pick type C disease." The study involves developing treatment strategies for a deadly neurological disease that occurs in both children and cats. The grant was funded by the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation. In September, he spoke at the 93rd Annual Fall Conference for Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians at the School of Veterinary Medicine, Purdue University and gave six talks on evaluating and treating nervous system diseases in dogs and cats.

In November, **Dr. Sam Long** joined the Section of Neurology as a lecturer. He is boarded in veterinary neurology from the European College of Veterinary Neurology and recently left University of Glasgow to join the School.

In September, **Dr. Pam Wilkins**, assistant professor of medicine—clinician educator; chief, Section of Critical Care/Anesthesia, was named an ex officio member of the Board of Regents—Large Animal Representation for the College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care. In addition to being the 2006 Equine Research Abstract Chair, she is also the Equine Program Chair for the 2006 International Veterinary Emergency Critical Care Meeting.

Several members of the Section of Medical Genetics, including **Dr. Gus Aguirre, V'68**, professor of ophthalmology; **Dr. Greg Acland**, adjunct professor of ophthalmology; **Dr. Paula Henthorn**, associate professor of medical genetics; and **Dr. Urs Giger**, Charlotte Newton Sheppard Professor and chief, Section of Medical Genetics, were part of a white paper for the sequencing of the canine genome and have contributed markers or samples from various breeds for analysis. They have utilized extensively the canine genome sequence to more rapidly identify disease-causing mutations in known genes and to determine linkage to certain areas of a chromosome and ultimately discovery of the mutant gene responsible for disorders. This canine genome will be particularly helpful in the characterization of complex traits including predispositions to cancer, infections and immune-mediated diseases. The canine genome sequence appeared in the December issue of *Nature*, which is supplemented by the Cold Spring Harbor book on *The Dog and Its Genome*, and scientific articles in *Genome Research* and a supplement issue in the *Journal of Heredity*. 

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2006 is the 25th Anniversary of the Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital Building! Join us as we celebrate this milestone in the School's history. Watch for details on our Web site in the months ahead. www.vet.upenn.edu

JANUARY 2006

7-11 – North American Veterinary Conference
Orlando, Fla.

7-14 – Pennsylvania Farm Show 2006
Farm Show Complex
Harrisburg, Pa.

25 – 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. – Veterinary Medical Alumni Society Executive Board Meeting
*Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.*

FEBRUARY 2006

19-23 – Western Veterinary Conference
Las Vegas, Nev.

MARCH 2006

2-3 – Penn Annual Conference
"Treating the Animal Within"
*Wyndham Philadelphia at Franklin Plaza
Philadelphia, Pa.*

2 – 9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m. – Opportunity Scholarship Meeting
at 2006 Penn Annual Conference

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10 – 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. – Opportunity Scholarship Annual Retreat
*New Bolton Center
Kennett Square, Pa.*

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15 – Commencement
School of Veterinary Medicine