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# Calendar


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*. 

If you have submissions for Rosettes and Ribbons, please email them to John Donges at [jdonges@vet.upenn.edu](mailto:jdonges@vet.upenn.edu). Also, watch for the latest in Rosettes and Ribbons at  [www.vet.upenn.edu](http://www.vet.upenn.edu).

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](http://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*

2 – 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. – Veterinary Medical Alumni Society Executive Board Meeting  
*at 2006 Penn Annual Conference*

## MAY 2006

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

10 – 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. – Veterinary Medical Alumni Society Executive Board Meeting  
*New Bolton Center  
Kennett Square, Pa.*

15 – Commencement  
*School of Veterinary Medicine*