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Dr. Zhengxia Dou



Dr. F. Claire Hankenson



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Dr. Gail Smith

Dr. Zhengxia Dou, associate professor, Department of Clinical Studies at New Bolton Center has been awarded a Hewlett Award for Innovation in International Offerings and will be taking a group of students to China in summer 2010 to study agricultural methods in various areas of the country.

Dr. Mark Oyama, associate professor of Cardiology in the Department of Clinical Studies in Philadelphia, has been awarded the Asa Mays, DVM, 2009 Award for Excellence in Canine Health Research by the American Kennel Club – Canine Health Foundation.

Dr. Alexander Reiter, assistant professor in Dentistry and Oral Surgery and head of the Dentistry and Oral Surgery Service, gave presentations at the 18th European Congress of Veterinary Dentistry in Zurich, Switzerland and at the 24th Annual Meeting of the Association of Austrian Small Animal Practitioners in Salzburg, Austria. He also recently presented courses in palate surgery in Halmstad, Sweden and in oral and maxillofacial surgery in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Dr. John Lewis, assistant professor of Dentistry and Oral Surgery, began his two-year term as President of the American Veterinary Dental Society in November, 2009.

Dr. Colin Harvey, professor of Surgery and Dentistry, has been named chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Board of Veterinary Specialties, the American Veterinary Medical Association entity that accredits veterinary specialty organizations in North America.

Dr. Alexander Reiter, assistant professor of Dentistry and Oral Surgery and chief, Dentistry and Oral Surgery Service, Ryan Veterinary Hospital and **Dr. John Lewis**, assistant professor of Dentistry and Oral Surgery, gave presentations at the 44th Annual Symposium of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons in Washington, D.C. October 8–10, 2009.

Dr. Gail Smith, director, PennHIP, and PennHIP research fellow **Dr. Georga Karbe** presented the first-ever PennHIP seminar in the UK in Cambridge, England in December, 2009. More than 50 UK veterinarians attended Drs. Smith's and Karbe's seminar.

Charlotte Higgins, CVT, nurse at Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital, has been named to the organizing committee of the Academy of Veterinary Nutrition Technicians, which will be working to form a new specialty certification in nutrition to be recognized by the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America.

Drs. James Serpell, director, Center for the Interaction of Animals and Society, and **Cindy Otto**, research director, Section of Critical Care, Department of Clinical Studies in Philadelphia have been an awarded a grant to fund their study, "Early Retirement of Guide and Service Dogs."

Dr. Lauren Greene and **Dr. Marc Knobbe** passed their specialty boards and are now Diplomates of the American College of Theriogenologists.

Assistant Professor of Pathobiology, CE and Senior Associate Director of University Laboratory Animal Resources, **Dr. F. Claire Hankenson** was the recipient of the 2009 Pravin N. Bhatt Young Investigator Award presented by the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science. This award recognizes an outstanding young scientist who has made significant contributions to the fields of laboratory animal science or comparative medicine. Her recent work examines the outcome of tail biopsy in mice in terms of the scientific utility of this common practice and the pathologic and clinical sequelae.

Correction: In the Fall 2009 issue of *Bellwether* we made an error in Dr. Erika Krick's appointment. She was appointed to Assistant Professor of Oncology, CE. Apologies for the mistake.