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## GRANTS

**Michael Atchison, PhD**, received a five-year, \$864,640 T32 grant from NIH/NIAID for VMD-PhD training in infectious disease-related research.

**Dorothy Brown, DVM, MSCE**, received a two-year, \$214,934 grant from Integrated Chinese Medicine Holdings for randomized controlled trials of the effects of I'm-Yunity vs. standard of care chemotherapy in dogs with Splenic Hemangiosarcoma.

**Christine Cain, DVM**, received a one-year, \$7,420 grant from ACVD to track antimicrobial resistance and genotypic relatedness in *Staphylococcus schleiferi* isolates: a comparison of geographic regions and temporal periods.

**Margret Casal, DVM, MS, PhD**, received a one-year, \$12,960 grant from AKC-CHF to study lethal Acrodermatitis in the Bull Terrier.

**Amy Durham, MS, VMD**, received a one-year, \$50,000 grant from Mari Lowe Comparative Oncology Center to evaluate the role of an Epstein-Barr-like virus in feline lymphoma.

**Hannah Galantino-Homer, VMD, PhD**, received a six-month, \$20,579 grant from Animal Health Diagnostic Commission, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture to study COMP as a laminitis and sole ulceration serum biomarker in horses and dairy cows.

**Christopher Hunter, PhD**, received a five-year, \$1,080,800 T32 grant from NIH/NIAID to study modern approaches in parasitology.

**Dr. Hunter** also received a two-year, \$275,000 grant from NIH R21 to study host-parasite interactions during toxoplasmosis.

**Daniel Morris, DVM, MPH**, received a one-and-a-half-year, \$32,344 grant from Zoetis/Pfizer Animal Health to study epidemiologic evaluation of *Pseudomonas otitis* in dogs.

**Cynthia Otto, DVM, PhD**, received a one-year, \$19,500 grant from Monell Chemical Senses Center to study a novel approach to ovarian cancer screening using an interdisciplinary investigator of its volatile signature.

**Thomas Parsons, VMD, PhD**, received a six-month, \$15,000 grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to study improved diagnostic testing for group-housed sows.

**Dieter Schifferli, DVM, PhD**, received a three-year, \$350,000 grant from USDA to study allelic variation of Salmonella colonization factors.

**Anne Staudenmaier, V'15**, was awarded Morris Student Scholar funding for her summer research project titled "Immune response in the common raccoon to canine distemper and feline panleukopenia vaccines."

**Maryam Yousefi** received a three-year, \$129,000 grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute International Student Fellowship.

## FACULTY/STAFF NEWS

The Boucher Teaching Award was presented to **Michelle Abraham, DVM**.

**Lillian Aronson, VMD**, was promoted to Professor of Surgery.

**Tracy Bale, PhD**, was promoted to Professor of Neuroscience.

**Kari Beer, DVM**, received the Intern's Mentor Award.

**Kendra Bence, PhD**, was promoted to Associate Professor of Neuroscience.

**Dorothy Brown, DVM, MSCE**, was invited to speak about targeted neurotoxin studies in companion dogs at the World Pharmaceutical Congress – Targeting Pain with Novel Therapeutics.

A paper by **James Buchanan, DVM, M Med Sci**, on the history of veterinary cardiology was published in the *Journal of Veterinary Cardiology* 15:65-85, 2013.

**Robert Caesar**, Penn Vet's head anatomy technician, participated in the Philadelphia Science Festival's Urban Farming Discovery Day, accompanied by his rooster and chickens. He answered questions about how to raise chickens at home and on a small farm.

On House Officer Research Day, the non-resident award was presented to **Kiley Daube, DVM**, for "Association between lymph node cytology and remission in dogs completing chemotherapy for lymphoma."

**Elizabeth Davidson, DVM**, was named a Diplomate in the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation.



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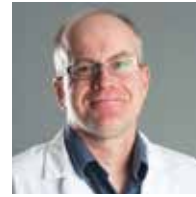
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In addition, **Dr. Davidson** passed the Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation boards.

**Roselyn Eisenberg, PhD**, co-authored a paper in *Structure* titled “The Structure of Herpes virus Fusion Glycoprotein B-Bilayer Complex Reveals the Protein-Membrane and Lateral Protein-Protein Interaction.”

**JD Foster, VMD**, received the Resident's Award for favorite hospital doctor.

**Hannah Galantino-Homer, VMD, PhD**, was invited to speak at the equine session of the California Animal Nutrition Conference in Fresno, CA. Her presentation was on Endocrinopathic Laminitis and Equine Metabolic Syndrome.

**Kriste Halscheid, CVT**, received the Gretchen Swartz Award for Outstanding Nursing.

**Colin Harvey, BVSc**, Professor of Dental and Oral Surgery, retired on June 30.

**Rebecka Hess, DVM**, was promoted to Professor of Internal Medicine.

The Zoetis Distinguished Teacher Award, the most prestigious teaching award in veterinary medicine, was presented to **Erika Krick, VMD**.

**John Lewis, VMD**, was promoted to Associate Professor of Dentistry and Oral Surgery.

At the ACVIM 31st Annual Medical Forum in Seattle, WA, **Meryl Littman, VMD**, presented a poster on the prevalence of variant alleles associated with protein-losing nephropathy in Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers.

In addition, **Dr. Littman** was promoted to Professor of Medicine.

**Carolina Lopez, PhD**, received the 2013 Zoetis Award for Veterinary Research Excellence.

On House Officer Research Day, **Chap Pratt, DVM**, received the Resident Award for “Sewing needle foreign bodies in 65 dogs and cats.”

**Ellen Puré, PhD**, was appointed Professor of Biomedical Science.

**Shelley Rankin, PhD**, was appointed Head of Diagnostic Services.

In addition, **Dr. Rankin** received a Certificate of Recognition from the ACVIM *Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine* for co-authoring a Top 5 article,

“Enteropathogenic Bacterian in Dogs and Cats: Diagnosis, Epidemiology, Treatment and Control.”

**Alexander Reiter, Dipl. Tzt.**, gave a presentation on establishing an interdisciplinary and comparative microsurgery teaching and research center at the Center for Human Appearance.

In addition, **Dr. Reiter** was invited to present and give wet labs for the Austrian Small Animal Veterinary Association in Vienna, Austria and the European Congress of Veterinary Dentistry in Prague, Czech Republic.

**Mary Robinson, VMD, PhD**, was accepted into AB SCIEX’s academic partnership program, which provides discounted reagents and technical support for their products.

**Christopher Rorres, PhD**, organized and chaired a world conference titled ARCHIMEDES IN THE 21ST CENTURY: 23 Centuries of Influence on Mathematics, Engineering, and Science at New York University.

**Jeffrey Runge, DVM**, was appointed to Assistant Professor of Surgery.

**Dieter Schifferli, DVM, PhD**, spent three weeks in China, participating in a meeting in Suzhou and visiting four Universities, where he gave presentations.

**James Serpell, PhD**, gave an invited plenary lecture at the Canisius College Symposium on Cats in Context in Buffalo, NY. He also presented a keynote address at the 2nd International Symposium on Zoo Animal Welfare at the Brookfield Zoo in Chicago, IL.

In addition, **Dr. Serpell** joined the Scientific Advisory Committee of the American Humane Association and Co-Chaired the International Society for Anthrozoology's 22nd Annual Conference.

A paper by **Sugalesini Subramaniam, PhD**, on Marek’s disease was published in the *Journal of Virology*.

**Jantra Suran, DVM**, was appointed to Assistant Professor of Radiology.

**Corinne Sweeney, DVM**, was elected to the Racing Commissioners International (RCI) Board of Directors. RCI sets standards for racing regulation, medication policy, drug testing laboratories, totalizator systems, racetrack operation and security, and off-track wagering entities.

**Charles Vite, DVM, PhD**, was elected the next President of the ACVIM Neurology specialty.

In addition, **Dr. Vite** spoke at the ACVIM June conference in Seattle, WA about treating Niemann-Pick type C in multiple species and neurolocalization, neurophysiology, and neuropathology.

**Dr. Vite** also spoke at the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation about intrathecal 2-hydroxypropylbetacyclodextrin therapy in aged cats,

and at the National Niemann-Pick Disease Foundation on treating NPC disease with intrathecal cyclodextrin.

**P. Jeremy Wang, MD, PhD**, was promoted to Professor of Developmental Biology.

**Emily Zug, CVT**, received the Harcum Award for Excellence in Teaching.



Harry Rozmiarek

## in memoriam

### **Harry Rozmiarek, DVM, PhD**

Emeritus Professor and Director of University Laboratory Animal Resources, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine

Sadly, we report the sudden passing of Harry Rozmiarek, DVM, PhD, on June 15, 2013. For those of us who knew Harry, this was shocking and very sad news.

Harry was highly active in many professional circles throughout his entire career. Directly and indirectly, Harry's influence and leadership has benefitted many professionals and organizations across the globe. He was a mentor to many of us in the field and helped establish guiding principles and performance standards for organizations in which he was active.

Harry grew up on a dairy farm in Wisconsin and attended the University of Wisconsin and then the University of Minnesota, where he received his DVM. He was awarded a PhD from Ohio State University and was a diplomate of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine. It was during this time that Harry forged strong principles on improving the welfare standards for the care and use of lab animals.

Harry had a successful career in the US Army, achieving the rank of Colonel. He then served as Professor of Laboratory Animal Medicine and Director of University Laboratory Animal Resources at Ohio State, followed by 17 years at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, where he served as Professor and Director of University Laboratory Animal Resources. He most recently was the Director of Laboratory Animal Medicine and Facilities at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia.

Harry was a particularly successful leader because he always found a way to build consensus and persuade and influence others through a common sense approach to complex issues and problems. His quiet demeanor did not belie his underlying knowledge and depth of understanding of the matters at hand. Many of us in the field learned this intuitively through our interactions with Harry. He has directly or indirectly touched many of us in our careers, and his influence will last for many years in the future.

Harry is survived by his wife, Jane, and their four children and grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the Harry Rozmiarek Animal Science Scholarship to be presented to graduates of Pulaski High School in Pulaski, Wisconsin – Harry's alma mater. Donations may be mailed to Salem Five Bank, 495 Cabot Street, Beverly, MA 01915.

— DR. HILTON KLEIN, V'80, AND DR. BILL COLE