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Jeffrey Runge, DVM, lectured and was a laboratory instructor at the University of Georgia Advanced Minimally Invasive Course.

Patricia Sertich, VMD, gave two presentations at the Society for Theriogenology's Annual Meeting in Lexington, KY.

Deborah Silverstein, DVM, lectured and was a laboratory instructor at the International Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care 2013 Symposium in San Diego, CA.

Meg Sleeper, VMD, spoke at Emory University about cardiovascular disease in non-human primates and heart disease in chimpanzees.

Billy Smith, DVM, spoke at the 18th Annual American Board of Veterinary Practitioners Symposium, covering topics including "The Transition Cow," "Mycoplasma in Dairy Cattle," and "Lameness in Dairy Cattle."

Gary Smith, DPhil, presented a poster at the 4th Epidemics Conference in Amsterdam on "Estimating

reductions in the lifetime risk of schizophrenia caused by reductions in the prevalence of human *Toxoplasma gondii* infections." Dr. Smith also gave a talk to the Counter-Terrorism, Socio-Cultural Analysis, and the Force Health Protection divisions of U.S. Africa Command in Stuttgart, Germany on "Agroterrorism: the changing context and the crystal-ball problem."

Lawrence Soma, VMD, retired in 2013 after more than 50 years at Penn Vet. Dr. Soma was instrumental in establishing anesthesia as a specialty discipline within clinical veterinary medicine. His extensive research in forensic pharmacology was key in the development of effective drug testing regulations for racehorses.

Corinne Sweeney, DVM, was re-appointed to the PA Racing Commission.

Charles Vite, DVM, PhD, spoke at the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science in Baltimore, MD on gene therapy of the dog and cat brain.

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Stephen Cole, V'15, received the Western Veterinary Conference's Dr. Jack Walther Leadership Award, which recognizes veterinary student leaders and promotes lifelong professional service.

Kate Huebner, V'15, received the Amstutz Scholarship through the American Association of Bovine Practitioners.

Ana Malone Oliver, V'15, was awarded second place in the Student Case Study Competition at the Society for Theriogenology's Annual Meeting for her talk titled "Single Mummified Fetus in a Mare."

Divya Ramnath, V'16, received the inaugural Schad Prize in Parasitology. The award, named for late Dr. Gerry Schad, a beloved Penn Vet Professor of Parasitology, is given to the student with the highest numerical average in the Parasitology core.

Nikki Wright, V'14, received the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association's Public Service Award of Merit for her work with Pou Sante: Amar Haiti. The



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award is presented to a member of the PVMA for an outstanding act or achievement of public service. Ms. Wright also completed the CDC-Hubert Global Health Fellowship, designed to encourage medical and veterinary students to gain a global perspective of public health through an experiential learning opportunity.