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In addition, Dr. Puré received a one-year, $380,000 grant from the Research Facilities Development Fund for the development of non-invasive live research animal whole body imaging to support ongoing sponsored research. Along with Richard Assoian, PhD, she received a five-year, $1,289,520 NIH R01-AG-047373-01 grant to study aging, gender, and arterial stiffness in atherosclerosis.

Shelley Rankin, PhD, and Charles Bradley, VMD, received a $12,312 grant from the AKC Canine Health Foundation to study The cutaneous resistome of dogs: the effect of antimicrobial selective pressure on the canine microbiome.

Phillip Scott, PhD, received a two-year, $275,000 NIH/NIAID R21 grant to study resident memory T cells in leishmaniasis.

Makoto Senoo, PhD, received a five-year, $1,100,000 NIH/NIAMS IR01-AR-066755-01 grant to study intrinsic and extrinsic regulation of epidermal stem cells.

Billy Smith, DVM, received a $163,633 grant from Merck Animal Health to study effectiveness and safety of Fertagyl injection for use with cloprostenol sodium, to synchronize estrous cycles to allow fixed-time artificial insemination in lactating dairy cows compared to a saline control. The grant spanned from November 2013 through April 2014.

Tiffany Weinkopff (Laboratory of Phillip Scott, PhD) received a three-year, $171,018 NIH/NIAID F32 AI 114080 grant to study the role of myeloid lineage cells in leishmaniasis.

Helen Aceto, PhD, VMD, was promoted to Associate Professor of Epidemiology (CE) in the Department of Clinical Studies/New Bolton Center.

William A. Beltran, DVM, PhD, has been promoted to Associate Professor of Ophthalmology, Tenure Track.

The AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) has announced Abigail Bertalan, VMD, as one of the 2014 class of Fellows for the Clinician-Scientist Fellowship Program. Dr. Bertalan, a resident with the Internal Medicine Clinical Team, will receive support from CHF for training and research efforts.

Ann-Kathrin Brons, DVM, a Research Fellow in Genetics with Urs Giger, Dr med vet, received the award for best doctoral thesis from the University of Zurich at the annual Dies academicus.

Executive Director of Ryan Hospital, Bo Connell, was invited to speak at the spring meeting of the American Association of Veterinary Clinicians on the topic of Maintaining a Vibrant and Competitive Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Roberta Di Terlizzi, DVM, received the 2014 Excellence in Teaching Award, as voted by recent alumni at the Penn Annual Conference. Dr. Di Terlizzi is an Assistant Professor of Veterinary Clinical Pathology in the Department of Pathobiology.

Bernd Driessen, DVM, is serving as a Visiting Professor of Anesthesiology at Turin University in Italy from November 5, 2013, through October 30, 2014. In collaboration with four ACVAA and ECVAA colleagues from Austria, Italy, Spain, and Switzerland, he has organized an 80-hour certificate course for European attendees on Principles of Small Animal Anesthesia and Perioperative Analgesia.

Hannah Galantino-Homer, VMD, PhD, was accepted to present at the American Association of Equine Practitioners Annual Convention this December in Salt Lake City. Her topic is Characterization of Equine Hoof Lamellar Tissue Microanatomy with Fluorescent Markers. Her talk at the International Equine Conference on Laminitis and Diseases of the Foot was covered by The Horse.
Urs Giger, Dr med vet, was invited for a weeklong guest professorship at the University of Brno in the Czech Republic. He was also invited to speak at the annual ACVIM Forum in Nashville.

In February, Mark Haskins, VMD, PhD, delivered the Joy Goodwin Lecture on Large Animal Models of Lysosomal Storage Diseases: Pathogenesis and Therapy at Auburn University School of Veterinary Medicine.

At the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology Conference in May, it was announced that András Komáromy, Dr med vet, PhD, will be one of the recipients of the 2015 Pfizer Ophthalmics Carl Camras Translational Research Award for work that was primarily completed at Penn. Dr. Komáromy holds an adjunct faculty appointment.

Meryl Littman, VMD, had several recent speaking engagements including ACVIM National Forum in Nashville, Renal Week in New York City, and the Penn Annual Conference.

James Lok, PhD, received the Zoetis Outstanding Veterinary Teacher Award.

Kristin Loria, DVM, a clinical pathology resident and clinical instructor, has been selected as this year’s recipient of the Charles Louis Davis, DVM Foundation Student Scholarship Award. This award is given to a resident who has displayed superior scholarship, leadership, research ability, and diagnostic skills. The award will be given November 10 at the ACVP meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.

Sue McDonnell, PhD, was appointed to the National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board by the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture. She will serve a three-year term.

In addition, Dr. McDonnell participated in a workshop held at the White House Conference Center to develop a strategy for offering a global prize challenge to solve the complex chronic problems with managing wild horses and burros on multi-use public lands.

Adrian Morrison, DVM, PhD, won the 2014 Orr E. Reynolds Award for the best historical article submitted by an American Physiological Society member. His article was entitled Coming to Grips with a “New” State of Consciousness: The Study of Rapid Eye-Movement Sleep in the 1960s. In addition, Penn’s Center for Sleep and Circadian Neurobiology has created the Adrian R. Morrison Keynote Address to be delivered at the Center’s annual retreat.

Lisa Murphy, VMD, was installed as President-Elect during the 2014 annual meeting of the International Association for Aquatic Animal Medicine (IAAAM) in Gold Coast, Australia. She will also serve as the Scientific Program Chair for their April 2015 meeting in Chicago.

Cynthia Otto, DVM, PhD, was inducted into the Notre Dame Academy Women of Vision Hall of Fame in Toledo, Ohio, and also received her alma mater’s Professional Achievement Award. In March, the Penn Vet Working Dog Center was awarded a cooperative research and development agreement with the Department of Homeland Security for the research and breeding of purpose-bred explosive detection canines, building upon the data gathered by the TSA breeding program.

Christopher Rizzo, LVT, gave lectures and wet laboratories on dentistry and oral surgery at the Penn Annual Conference in March. He also held a mock examination for residents enrolled in dentistry and oral surgery training programs in Halmstad, Sweden in April.

In addition, Dr. Reiter was a keynote speaker during the 23rd European Congress of Veterinary Dentistry in Marseille, France, in May. During that meeting, he started a two-year term as President of the European Veterinary Dental College (EVDC).

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Christopher Rizzo, LVT at New Bolton Center, passed a specialty exam to become a Veterinary Technician Specialist in Equine Veterinary Nursing. He was inducted into the Academy of Equine Veterinary Nursing Technicians.
Dieter Schifferli, DVM, PhD, along with Min Yue, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, published the paper Allelic variation in Salmonella: An underappreciated driver of adaptation and virulence in the journal *Frontiers of Microbiology* 4, 419.

Deborah Silverstein, DVM, spoke at the European Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Symposium in Prague in June. Her study *The Effects of Fluid Administration on Microcirculatory Perfusion during General Anesthesia in Dogs* was accepted in the *American Journal of Veterinary Research*.

In addition, Dr. Silverstein spoke at the Discover the Future 2014 event at Pennbrook Middle School in Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania. Penn Vet Dean Joan C. Hendricks, VMD, PhD, was the keynote speaker.

Corinne Sweeney, DVM, was elected in April to the Board of Directors of the Association of Racing Commissioners International.

Charles Vite, DVM, PhD, delivered the lecture Canine globoid cell leukodystrophy: Benefits of the model and what we have learned so far at the 4th Annual Krabbe Translational Research Network in Ft. Lauderdale. He also spoke at the ACVIM in Nashville, where he discussed evidence of feelings of pleasure in animals.

Susan Volk, VMD, PhD, has been reappointed Assistant Professor of Surgery, Tenure Track.

Kristina Whitesell, DVM, a Senior Resident in Reproduction and Behavior, presented a clinical “How To” talk at AAEP. She also presented her stallion research with Drs. Regina Turner and Sue McDonnell at the International Symposium on Equine Reproduction in New Zealand.

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