

NBC Professors Appointed to Endowed Chairs

The School of Veterinary Medicine recently approved the appointment of three professors to endowed chairs.



Dr. Ina Dobrinski, the Marion Dilly and David George Jones Chair in Animal Reproduction.

Dr. Ina Dobrinski, associate professor of reproduction, has been appointed to the Marion Dilly and David George Jones Chair in Animal Reproduction. Dr. Dobrinski holds a veterinary degree from the School of Veterinary Medicine in Hanover, Germany; an M.V.Sc. degree from the University of Saskatchewan, Canada; and a Ph.D. in reproduction from Cornell University, and is board certified by the American College of Theriogenologists. She is also the director of the Center for Animal Transgenesis and Germ Cell Research. Research in her laboratory is focused on male germ-cell biology in domestic animals and non-human primates. One aspect of this work is the exploration of germ-line stem-cell biology

to develop a new approach to transgenesis in domestic animals through the manipulation of the male germ line.

Lester Khoo, V'90, associate professor of aquatic animal medicine, has been appointed the Robert R. Marshak Term Professorship of Aquatic Animal Medicine and Pathology. Born in Singapore, Lester Khoo left home in 1982 to begin his university studies abroad. In 1996, he completed training in a dual Ph.D. residency program in aquatic immunology and anatomic pathology at North Carolina State University. He then served as assistant professor at Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine and worked in the Fish Diagnostic Laboratory in Stoneville, Miss., which services the channel catfish farming industry in the delta. Following his appointment in 2000 as director of the Fish Diagnostic Laboratory



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in the Thad Cochran National Warmwater Aquaculture Center, he is the currently the director of the AQUAVET® program.



Dr. Michaela Kristula, the Frances Cheney Glover Director of Field Service Program.

Dr. Michaela Kristula, associate professor of medicine, has been appointed the new Frances Cheney Glover Director of Field Service Program. Dr. Kristula was graduated from the Virginia Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine in 1984. She completed an internship and residency in Field Service at Penn. In 1990 she received a master's degree from Penn in comparative medical sciences, with an emphasis in epidemiology. Dr. Kristula joined the faculty in 1992, and is currently the chief of Field Service. Her main areas of interest are dairy production medicine, bedding materials to prevent mastitis, and reproductive synchronization programs for dairy cows.

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New Faculty Member in Pathobiology

Lisa Murphy, V'97, was recently appointed to the position of assistant professor of toxicology in the Department of Pathobiology at the School. Dr. Murphy received her B.S. in biological sciences from Stanford University in 1992 and practiced small-animal medicine in New Jersey before joining the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center in Urbana, IL in 2000. There she held the titles of consulting veterinarian in clinical toxicology and manager of biosurveillance and emergency response programs. In October 2003,

she became a diplomate of the American Board of Toxicology. From February 2004 through March 2005, Dr. Murphy worked as the area emergency coordinator for the USDA, APHIS, and Veterinary Services in Sutton, MA., managing the New England states. In addition to emergency preparedness and disaster response, Dr. Murphy's special areas of interest include exotic and aquatic animal medicine. She is a member of the AVMA's Veterinary Medical Assistance Team. ■

