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Important Dates

June 1, 2004	ASVCP/ACVP Annual Meeting Abstracts due
July 1, 2004	ASVCP Annual Case Review submissions due
November 14-17, 2004	Annual ASVCP/ACVP Meeting, Orlando, Florida
November 15, 2004	ASVCP Annual Business Meeting, Orlando

President's Message:

Colleagues,

Jack Tasker, an excellent clinical pathologist, said, when he was the Dean at Michigan State University, that a wise man finds a great and beautiful parade and then just begins walking at the front of that parade. That was a compliment to the faculty at MSU for whom he had great respect and expectations. I feel the same about my association with the ASVCP. I have had and continue to have increasing respect and admiration for the accomplishments and the talents of so many in our Society. In my first message I tried

to acknowledge what the past 3 presidents had done, for I had seen them in action. I had worked with 5 other presidents when I was Secretary Treasurer, so have had the honor to get to know well some fantastic clinical pathologists and how they approached problems. That included Bernie Feldman.

This President's report lists, as best I can accumulate, the names of members working on committees. I apologize for any omissions or misspellings. I wish I could get to know you all well personally. We have had many new volunteers to our committees, especially the membership committee this year. That is important to get new ideas and enthusiasm. The committees do the work of the Society. The Chairpersons get recognition at the annual meeting, as they should, but I want to at least list the members who are giving their time freely to the ASVCP. I hope and expect that they will become committee chairpersons and candidates for offices in the Society. Younger members need to push us old gray beards out into the audience so we can watch what the younger members can do with our Society!

Development Committee: Karyn Bird, Chair, Members: Frances Clemo, Denise Bounous, Mike Fry, Roberta Relford, Mike Scott, Betty Thompson, Judy Radin (Executive Board Liaison). **Education Committee:** Leslie Sharkey, Chair, Members: Holly Bender, Pat McManus, Beverly Kidney, Rafael Ruiz, Armando Irizarry, Kathy Curtis (technician representative), Vanessa Preast, Christine Olver (Executive Board Liaison), Sonjia Shelly, Mark Johnson, Maxey Wellman, Jennifer Brazzell (trainee representative). **Electronic Communication and Technology Committee:** Lois Roth-Johnson, Chair, Members: Mary Christopher, Roberta Relford, Christine Hotz, Mike Scott, Jennifer Thomas, Sue Tornquist (Executive Board Liaison). **Laboratory Professionals Committee:** Linda Vap, Chair, Members: Dennis Olexson (Assistant Chair), Carolyn Haines, Betty Thompson, Roberta Moorhead, Nicole Rosen, Ellen Willet, Susan Atkinson, Lisa Shipp, Rick DeFrancisco, Susan Tornquist (Exec Board liaison).

Membership Committee: Tracy Stokol, Chair, Members: Judy Radin (Executive Board Liaison), Members: Ellen Willett, Robin Allison, Andy Torrance, Nate Collins, Mindy Wilkerson, Sharon Dial, Bill Vernau, Shelley Burton, Andrea Bohn, Karen Gerber, Luis Nunez-Ochoa, Alexander Biondo, Mehrdad Ameri, Paula Krimer, Frederic (Tripp) Almy. **Program Committee:** Joanne Messick, Chair, Members: Susan Tornquist (Executive Board Liaison), Judy Radin, Linda Vap, Dennis Olexson, John Harvey, Denise Bounous. **Regulatory Affairs Committee:** Vince Meador, Chair, Members: Christine Olver (Executive Board Liaison), Nancy Everds, Pat Cusick, Ellen Evans, Glenn Elliott, Laura Boone, Daniela Ennulat, David Honor, Pat Benson, Dennis Meyer. **Quality Assurance and Standards Committee:** Renee Pearson, Chair, Members: Christine Olver (Executive Board Liaison), Jane Wardrop, Joyce Knoll, Kristin Friedrichs, Carolyn Haines, Jim Matthews, Barry Mitzner, Dennis Olexson, Karen Russell, Brent Hoff.

You have my great appreciation,

Harold

ASVCP Election

This year we are electing two officials of the ASVCP: President-Elect and First Year Executive Board Member. Each candidate has provided a biography that is included below. All ASVCP members eligible to vote should receive a ballot in the mail in the near future. All completed ballots for ASVCP officers must be postmarked by July 15, 2004.

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

Candidate for President-Elect



Dr. Judith Radin: Education: DVM, Cornell University 1981; PhD (Renal Pathophysiology) Colorado State University 1986; Diplomate of ACVP 1988. Professional Positions: Judy was in companion animal practice from 1981-1983. She completed a combined clinical pathology residency training and PhD program in 1986 at CSU. She then took a position as an Assistant Professor at The Ohio State University. Currently, she is a tenured Associate Professor at OSU. Interests: research interests include mechanisms regulating blood pressure and hormonal influences on the development

and progression of congestive heart failure. Professional interests include diagnostic clinical pathology, especially hematology and cytopathology. ASVCP: Member of ASVCP since 1984. Vice Chair for ASVCP/ACVP joint session in 1994 and 1995 and Chair for 1996 meeting. Judy was on the editorial board of *Veterinary Pathology* (1995-1997) and is currently on the editorial board for *Veterinary Clinical Pathology*. She has been a member of the Clinical Pathology ACVP Board Examination Committee. She has been an ASVCP Executive Board Member for 2 years. Goals: To continue to promote the role of the ASVCP in education and the advancement of veterinary laboratory medicine and to continue to facilitate interactions within the Society as well as with other related organizations.

Candidates for First Year Executive Board Member



Dr. Holly L. Jordan: ASVCP member since 1992. Holly Jordan graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine at North Carolina State University in 1988. She worked in small animal private practice for a year and half in Durham, NC, then completed a clinical pathology residency at NCSU in 1991. She obtained her doctorate in immunology at NCSU in 1996. Her research interests have focused on animal models of AIDS. She became a Diplomate in the ACVP in 1997. She served as an Instructor in the Div. of Viral Pathogenesis at Harvard Medical School/Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center from 1996-98. During 1997-98 she was a clinical instructor/facilitator in the problem-based learning course at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine. In 1999 she became a Research Assistant Professor at the Medical School of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the Div. of Infectious Diseases. Since 2001 she has been the Director of Clinical Pathology in the Safety Assessment Dept. at GlaxoSmithKline in RTP, NC. Holly served on the editorial board of *Veterinary Clinical Pathology* for 3 years and was a member of the ACVP certifying exam committee during 2003.



Dr. Philip F. Solter: ASVCP member since 1990. Education: BS in Zoology California State Polytechnic University at Pomona 1977, DVM University of California at Davis 1982, PhD University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) 1994. Diplomate ACVIM 1991, Diplomate ACVP 1995. Professional experience: Internship in small animal medicine and surgery at the Animal Medical Center in New York, Residency training in Small Animal Medicine at the Animal Medical Center in New York, Residency training in Clinical Pathology at UIUC. Private small animal medicine specialty practice for 2 years. Clinical Pathologist in the University of Illinois Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory for 9 years. Past member of the Board of Scientific Reviewers of the *American Journal of Veterinary Research*. Has lectured and presented seminars nationally and internationally on topics pertaining to veterinary clinical pathology. Current position: Associate Professor of Clinical Pathology at UIUC. Course coordinator of Veterinary Clinical Pathology taught during the second year of instruction in the College of Veterinary Medicine, UIUC. Professional interests: Veterinary clinical chemistry interpretation and assay development. Past research interests: Mechanisms of induction and release of hepatic alkaline phosphatases. Pathologic effects of toxins causing hepatic protein phosphatase inhibition. Current research interests: Characterization of plasma markers of cardiac disease in nonhuman species.

Call for ASVCP/ACVP Meeting Abstracts

Second Call for Abstracts

The next concurrent meeting of the ASVCP and the ACVP will be held November 14-17, 2004, in Orlando, Florida. There will be a combined ASVCP/ACVP Clinical Pathology Scientific Session for everyone that has interest in clinical pathology. The format will be similar to that of the 2003 annual meeting. This will be a great opportunity to present experimental or clinical research data to colleagues and we will have both oral platform and poster presentations. The final decision regarding presentation format is at the discretion of the program committee. We encourage participation by a wide variety of individuals including faculty, senior scientists, diagnostic veterinary pathologists/clinical pathologists, trainees, and others. Presenters are required to register for the meeting.

All abstracts must be submitted electronically no later than 12:00 midnight (CST) on Tuesday, June 1, 2004. Please review the submission instructions available on the ACVP website at <http://www.acvp.org/meeting>. Be sure to select ASVCP/Clinical Pathology as your section preference.

ASVCP Young Investigator Award

The ASVCP will present a \$500 award to the resident or graduate student whose platform presentation is judged best among the competing presentations. Eligibility requirements include:

- A degree in veterinary medicine and enrollment in a residency or graduate program in pathology/clinical pathology or a related discipline.
- The oral presentation must describe original work of the competitor involving clinical or experimental research that relates to clinical pathology.
- Award selection will be based on scientific content, abstract composition, clarity of presentation and ability to answer questions.
- Each trainee may submit only one presentation in this competition.
- Presenters are required to register (and pay the fee) for the meeting.
- Any abstract submitted for the ACVP Young Investigator Award is not eligible for the ASVCP Young Investigator Award.

If you would like to be considered for this award, complete the following steps: While submitting your abstract online, click the box for "ASVCP Young Investigator Award" and fill in the required information, and then notify Susan Tornquist at:

Susan.Tornquist@oregonstate.edu.

There is also an ACVP Young Investigator Award, given to a trainee with a poster presentation. Any abstract submitted for the ACVP Young Investigator Award is not eligible for the ASVCP Young Investigator Award.

Call for Annual ASVCP Case Review Session Submissions

CALL FOR SLIDES AND CASES

Submissions are requested for the 2004 ASVCP Case Review Session. Materials that may be submitted include hematology, cytology or surgical pathology slides, electron photomicrographs, and interesting clinical chemistry or hematology cases. This is a popular and interactive opportunity to share cases and experiences among attendees.

TYPES OF MATERIAL REQUESTED

Cases should be classic examples or unique or unusual representations of diseases, clinical cases, or research data with a clinical pathologic focus. Cases may represent any species. Analytic problems that are associated with instrumentation, assay conditions, statistical analysis or specimen handling are welcome. Stained, cover-slipped glass slides are preferred, but in certain cases, 2x2 transparencies will be considered. Surgical biopsies should be from lesions that would be examined cytologically, and ideally the submission should include a cytologic preparation.

Case Submission:

MATERIAL NEEDED

Eighty (80) glass slides are needed for each case. The submitter must check all glass slides to assure their quality. Please do not attach adhesive labels to the glass slides. If 2x2 transparencies or histologic sections are submitted, send only one transparency or histologic section. If the case is accepted, the submitter will supply 80 copies of the transparency or histologic slide.

For clinical chemistry or hematology cases, laboratory data including reference intervals for your laboratory should be submitted.

PRINTED MATERIAL / CASE INFORMATION / DIGITAL IMAGES

Please send a hard copy of case information with the slides or data. In addition, send 2 Word files as e-mail attachments to colver@colostate.edu. If e-mail or e-mail attachments are a problem, these files may be sent on disk. The first file is the case history to be distributed with the slides sets prior to the meeting and should include contributors, specimen submitted, signalment, concise history, and clinical findings. Please only include pertinent laboratory data and summarize this if possible. The second file is information that will be distributed at the meeting and should include the information on the first file, plus slide description, diagnosis, discussion, and references.

In addition, please send 2-3 digital images that are representative of the lesions on the glass slide for inclusion in the case summary CD. If 2x2 or electron photomicrographs are submitted, digital images of these must be submitted in addition to the non-

electronic image. Digital images should be 1024 x 768 pixels in the JPEG format with compression set on high quality. Digital images may be sent by email or disk. A figure legend in Word should accompany the images. Inclusion of digital images is **required as part of the submission process**.

The goal of this session is to stimulate discussion. Presentation of common laboratory abnormalities that are not related to the case is unnecessary as is a lecture or a literature review with each case. If preferred, the submitter may include discussion questions to be answered at the case review session. These questions may inspire members to review cases before the meeting.

WHEN AND WHERE TO SUBMIT

The deadline for submission of cases is July 1, 2004. Submitters will be notified of the results of the selection process by August 15, 2004. Only 20 cases will be presented at the meeting. Cases not selected for presentation may be returned to the submitter, retained for consideration as a 2005 presentation, or included in the 2004 cases as an interesting case, but not presented. Be sure to include your e-mail address with your submission. Inquires and case submissions should be sent to:

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Call for 2005 ACVIM Forum Speakers

The ASVCP arranges speaker(s) for the ACVIM meeting each year. The speaker(s) provide 8 hours of talks reflecting current knowledge and/or in-depth reviews of topics in veterinary clinical pathology. The 2005 meeting will be June 1-4 in Baltimore, MD. Please send suggestions for ASVCP speakers and topics for the 2005 ACVIM meeting to Judy Radin at radin.1@osu.edu

ASVCP Listserv Update

As is the goal of the mailing list, there has been continued active discussion of diverse topics and issues related to veterinary clinical pathology. Many people follow the

discussions even if they do not contribute, so your input is reaching hundreds of people. Please continue to participate and inject your expertise and experiences when you can!

For complete information about use of the ASVCP LISTSERV mailing list, please refer to the Member's Only section of the ASVCP website at: <http://www.asvcp.org/membersonly/listserv.html#general> (requires user name and password). This site contains information about how to send messages, update your e-mail address, temporarily stop receipt of messages, search for archived messages, and unsubscribe. It also contains general LISTSERV etiquette suggestions. Any LISTSERV problems or questions not addressed at the ASVCP website should be directed to Mike Scott at: scott@dcpah.msu.edu.

--Submitted by Mike Scott, ASVCP Listserv Manager

2003 Annual Treasurer's Report

ASVCP Financial Report
January 1-December 31, 2003

Current Assets	
M&I Bank Operating Account	\$ 54,516.15
Operating Account/Treasurer	5,720.16
Vanguard Money Market	100,117.49
Accounts Receivable	3,926.08
Prepaid Expenses	<u>90.96</u>
Total Assets	\$164,370.84
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	7,969.00
Deferred Revenue	5,120.00
Deferred Revenue, New Members	305.00
Deferred Revenue, Renewals	6,475.00
Deferred Revenue, NMJS	<u>1,970.00</u>
	\$ 21,839.00
Owner's Equity	
Fund Balance	36,189.51
Board Designated Funds	100,117.49
Current Income	<u>6,224.84</u>
	\$142,531.84
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$164,370.84

Income Statement

Income		%
Renewal Membership Income	\$ 40,616.10	41.9
Publication Income	1,355.00	1.4
Contributions/Sponsorship	14,383.00	14.8
Workshop Revenue	14,750.00	15.2
Journal Income, Subscriptions	12,976.00	13.4
Journal, ESVCP	3,460.00	3.6
Journal, Advertising	1,500.00	1.5
Prints/Plates	3,181.00	3.3
Slide Set Income	<u>4,675.00</u>	<u>4.8</u>
	\$ 96,896.19	100.0
Operating Expenses		
Accounting Fees	400.00	0.4
Audio/Visual	759.50	0.8
Awards/Young Investigator	619.21	0.6
Bank Fees	447.33	0.5
Bank Card Processing Fees	1,573.41	1.6
Exhibit Booth	432.53	0.4
Copying	86.64	0.1
Educational Credits/Pace	300.00	0.3
Food and Beverage	10,726.57	11.1
Freight/FedEx/UPS	1,111.32	1.1
Lodging, Staff	317.52	0.3
Management Fees	14,076.62	14.5
Meeting 2002 ACVP	5,497.88	5.7
Miscellaneous	157.55	0.2
Supplies	2,145.54	2.2
Outside Labor	9,625.00	9.9
Postage	1,542.83	1.6
Printing	35,780.57	36.9
Student Chapters	119.66	0.1
Telephone	627.58	0.4
Travel, Staff	367.61	0.7
Web/Internet	683.73	0.7
XML Coding	<u>4,162.11</u>	<u>4.3</u>
	\$ 91,560.71	94.5
Other Income		
Interest Income	<u>889.36</u>	<u>0.9</u>
	\$ 889.36	0.9
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 6,224.84	6.4

2003-2004 ASVCP Sponsors

Abbott Laboratories
Boehringer Ingelheim Corporation
Bristol Myers Squibb PRI
Covance
DuPont Haskell Laboratory
Eli Lilly & Co.
GlaxoSmithKline

Hoffmann-La Roche, Inc.
IDEXX Laboratories, Inc.
OSI Pharmaceuticals
Pfizer, Inc.
Pharmacia Corporation
Procter and Gamble Company
Schering Plough Research Institute

ASVCP Pre-Meeting Workshop Sponsors:

Allergan
Bristol-Myers Squibb Company
Covance Laboratories
Lilly Research Laboratories
Pfizer, Inc.

ASVCP Committee Updates

Development Committee

The Development Committee met via teleconference in February. The members in attendance approved a Development Committee Charter. The President's Charge to the Committee for 2004 was also approved.

The Committee decided on several new initiatives, including a personal giving campaign by the Society membership, travel awards for professional students, trainees, and VLP members, and development of categories of giving for both the membership and the corporate campaigns.

The campaign for personal giving by the Society membership will be titled "Share the Future" and will be kicked off at the annual meeting in November, although if you are excited about what that giving will be able to do in funding travel awards and bringing exceptional programs and activities to the 40th Anniversary celebration in Boston in 2005, please send your donations to the ASVCP designating them for the new program. If you work for a corporation, they also may match the donation, thus increasing your donation to the Society. To "sweeten the pot", Harold Tvedten, the ASVCP President, has challenged the membership: Harold will personally contribute \$1000 if any member contributes \$500 or a corporation doubles their previous contribution to the Society in 2004. What a way to get started on a program!

The Committee is hoping that in a few years the travel awards will be funded by an endowed fund for that purpose, so that the Society will be able to continue uninterrupted funding of the travel award initiative for the long term, rather than year to year.

In addition, the Committee is working actively to fund various events, including the pre-meeting workshop "Design and Interpretation of Method Evaluation Experiments" and the "Teaching Clinical Pathology" session planned for the annual meeting in Orlando. The Society would like to publish our journal online to reach a larger audience, so efforts are being made to identify a funding source to publish the journal on the web and sustain the journal in that format for a 5 year period, after which it is expected to be self-supporting.

The Development Committee is extremely excited about the programs being planned for the Society for the future. The annual meeting in Orlando is just the beginning for not only continuing the great educational programs that we have always had, but to make them even better in the future. The Committee would like to challenge our corporate donors/sponsors to help the Society to continue the Society's efforts to provide quality educational programs, and we would like to challenge the membership to "Share the Future."

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Karyn Bird (email: karyn.bird@oregonstate.edu), one of the other committee members, or Susan Rees, ASVCP Executive Director (srees@reesgroupinc.com).

--Report submitted by Karyn Bird, Committee Chair

Membership Committee

The President's 2004 charge for the Committee was detailed in the last Newsletter (February 2004). Actions taken or planned to carry out the charge are detailed below:

- 1) Provide historical demographic information on our current members and capture demographic information from new/future members.
 - a) Determine why previous members do not renew. An email survey is being established for this purpose.
- 2) Continue outreach activities to veterinary students/residents/interns.
 - a) The ASVCP will continue to sponsor seminars at 3 US veterinary schools. This will be done on a rotating basis (In 2003, these were held at Kansas, Illinois and California-Davis). The committee will attempt to assess the effectiveness of this approach. We will also try and get corporate donors for these seminars by working with the development committee.
 - b) Display the ASVCP booth at SAVMA. SAVMA was held at Tennessee this year in March. Drs. Michael Fry and David Edwards kindly displayed and manned the booth for the ASVCP.

- c) The committee is working on ways to improve the effectiveness of these outreach programs, including developing laminated notebook-sized posters of clinical pathologic images and an interactive powerpoint presentation on "What is a Clinical Pathologist".
- 3) Work closely with other societies and organizations to increase membership from international/national sources, including Veterinary Laboratory Professionals, Association of Animal Clinical Chemistry, American Veterinary Cancer Society, and the European, Brazilian and Japanese Societies of Veterinary Clinical Pathology. The committee has several international members and liaisons with the various groups to assist in this regard. Committee member Ellen Willett serves as liaison to the Veterinary Laboratory Professionals Committee, and Sharon Dial serves as liaison to the Veterinary Cancer Society.
 - a) Our aim is to recruit new and retain current members.
- 4) Improve benefits of membership
 - a) The membership-only section of the webpage is being developed. This committee will work closely with the Electronic Technology and Communication committee to enhance this section of the webpage. Planned components of this include demographic information, access to previous education sessions from ASVCP meetings and on-line access to current and previous mystery slide sessions.
 - b) Develop products that make membership more attractive, e.g. laminated notebook-sized posters of ASVCP-endorsed images.
 - c) Develop a list of these benefits which can be used to promote the society.
- 5) Advertise benefits of membership
 - a) The committee has already developed an advertisement which will be placed in the next issue of Veterinary Clinical Pathology. This ad will form the basis of future planned advertisements in other targeted journal sources.
 - b) Redo the ASVCP membership application brochure that is displayed at meetings etc.

--Report submitted by Tracy Stokol, Committee Chair

Program Committee

The program committee is currently putting the final touches on the ASVCP pre-meeting workshop, Education Symposium, and ASVCP/ACVP Clinical Pathology Specialty Group Sessions I & II. The pre-meeting workshop will be a modification of a course that Dr. David G. Rhoads has previously presented to several other groups. Dr. Rhoads is from Kennett Square, Pennsylvania and is president of David G. Rhoads, Inc, which produces specialty software for the clinical laboratory. He has over 25 years of experience in the clinical laboratory. The emphasis for Dr. Rhoads' presentation at the ASVCP pre-meeting workshop in Orlando will be to learn design and interpretation techniques for method evaluation. Examples of how to apply the principles of method evaluation will be provided and Dr. Rhoads will demonstrate these using EP Evaluator, Release 5 Software. The following is a list of topics to be discussed in the workshop:

- a. The need for method evaluation
- b. Linearity, including accuracy, reportable range, calibration verification with emphasis on performance standards, interpreting linearity experiments, and case examples of linearity problems
- c. Method comparison, including purpose of experiment and anticipated types of errors with case examples of method comparison problems.
- d. Multiple Instrument Comparison
- e. Reference intervals including establishing and verifying reference interval and ROC curves
- f. Other experimental concerns including carryover, interference, and experimental error

The title for the Education Symposium this year is "Flow Cytometry: Principles and Application," and speakers will include Drs. Melinda Wilkerson, Doug Weiss, and Bill Verneau. Topics to be covered include: 1) principles of flow cytometry and cell sorting, 2) analysis of platelets and differential cell counting of bone marrow by flow cytometry, and flow cytometric enumeration and immunophenotyping of lymphocytic and/or hematopoietic malignancies. Dr. Verneau will also speak in the ASVCP/ACVP Clinical Pathology Specialty Group Session I. This talk will address the clonal rearrangements of antigen receptor gene for diagnosis of lymphoid neoplasia. During Specialty Session II, the ACVP Oncology subcommittees on lymphomas and myeloproliferative disorders will highlight initiatives toward validating classification schemes and ascribing prognoses to the various subtypes. Drs. Victor E. Valli and Patricia McManus will present a summary of project proposals and demonstrate their applications.

--Report submitted by Joanne Messick, Committee Chair

Veterinary Laboratory Professionals Committee

Plans for the 2004 Orlando conference are taking shape with lecture topics including exotic hematology and chemistry, quality control and cost accounting, VLA QC program case examples, and chemical interferences. Round table topics planned include lab organization and personnel rotations, and Hematology and Chemistry analyzer overviews. Organizers for these topics are still needed; volunteers welcome! The schedule will run from Sunday afternoon through Tuesday morning, with Monday afternoon open.

VLP Banff 2004 Roundtable Topic Summary on the use of Coomb's Reagent

Data was compiled from a survey conducted via e-mail by Nancy Papenfuss of the University of Minnesota Veterinary Teaching Hospital. A summary of the results from 12 responding veterinary laboratories (Colorado, Davis, Florida, Guelph, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, and Wisconsin) follows:

Source	Reagent	Method	Titer	Incubation Time/Temp	Control	Comments
ICN (4)	Not specified (3) Poly- and Mono- valents absorbed against normal dog RBCs (1)	Tube (1)	8	NS/NS	NS (2)	Unhappy, too sensitive;
		Plate (3)	512-2050	Up to 1 hr if negative	Saline (2)	< 16 reported as suspicious (plate), titers not reported Costly and difficult to collect normals to absorb
VMRD (8)	Polyvalent for G, M, and C3	Tube (7)	8-512	NS (5) 37°C/30 min (1); 25 & 37°C for 5 min, if + report, neg: 1 hr (1)	NS (3) Auto (3) Normal animal (1)	Slide aggl @ 4 & 25°C (1) Micro reading of negs (2) No problems/ good screen (2) Discard 16 & 64 dilutions (1)
		Plate (1)	2048	2 hours	Neg	

NS = Not stated. Incubation temperatures not stated unless otherwise indicated. Evidence of prozoning was not surveyed but sporadic questioning revealed that it is either not seen or is rarely seen.

--Report submitted by Linda Vap, Committee Chair

Executive Board News

In addition to the Executive Board and Annual Business Meeting sessions held at the Annual Meeting of the ASVCP, the members of the ASVCP Executive Board correspond regularly during the year via electronic mail and telephone conferences to accomplish the Society's Business. Since publication of ASVCP Newsletter #1, 2004, the Board has decided by majority vote to honor a request from MiraVista Diagnostics to purchase the ASVCP member list for purposes of mailing a catalog of products. We passed a motion to reply to a dog owner who contacted the ASVCP National Office asking for advice on her dog, recently diagnosed with cancer, suggesting that she consult with her veterinarian, consider consultation with a veterinary cancer specialist, and visit the website of the Veterinary Cancer Society. The EB plans to develop a

general-purpose letter that can be used in the future to direct animal owners back to veterinary practitioners as their source of diagnosis and treatment advice.

We approved the applications of ten new members: Michael Ferguson, Carrie Flint, Christina Gargon, Barbara Litzenberger, Alan Metz, Hamid Moattari, Sureshkumar Muthupalani, Caroline Piche, Susan Pratt, and Marie Smith.

In the last Newsletter, it was reported that we are negotiating with the Japanese Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology to either allow the JSVCP to become a Member Organization and to have Veterinary Clinical Pathology be recognized as its official journal, or, alternatively, to have its members become Affiliate Members of the ASVCP. Those negotiations are ongoing. Although no official action has yet been taken, the International Society for Animal Clinical Biochemistry (ISACB) has indicated interest in having closer ties with the ASVCP, and we are considering entering into similar negotiations with that group.

Announcements

ASVCP National Office: Members can contact the ASVCP National Office at 7600 Terrace Avenue, Suite 203, Middleton, WI 53562; Phone 608-831-7829; Fax 608-831-5122; E-mail info@asvcp.org.

Electronic Newsletters: Effective with ASVCP Newsletter #1 for 2004 (February), paper copies of the newsletters are no longer be mailed to all ASVCP members. Those members who have provided the Society with an e-mail address will receive an e-mail containing a link to the newsletter as soon as each issue is posted to the ASVCP website. The newsletters are posted in PDF format. If you have any problems accessing the newsletter electronically, please contact the ASVCP National Office (info@asvcp.org) or Secretary Marlyn Whitney (whitneym@missouri.edu). Those members without e-mail access will continue to receive paper copies of the newsletter.

Change of Address: Please send any changes in mailing address or electronic mail address to the ASVCP National Office at 7600 Terrace Avenue, Suite 203, Middleton, WI 53562; Email: info@asvcp.org; FAX 608-831-5122.

ASVCP Newsletter and/ or Website Submissions: If you have any material of interest to post in the newsletter or on the ASVCP website (www.asvcp.org), please contact the ASVCP Secretary, Marlyn Whitney, at D102 Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211; Email: whitneym@missouri.edu, or contact the ASVCP National Office at 7600 Terrace Avenue, Suite 203, Middleton, WI 53562-3174; Email: info@asvcp.org.

ASVCP Membership Application: Member application forms are available at the ASVCP website (www.asvcp.org), by contacting ASVCP Secretary Marlyn Whitney at whitneym@missouri.edu, or by contacting the ASVCP National office at 7600 Terrace Avenue, Suite 203, Middleton, WI 53562-3174; phone 608-831-7829; Email: info@asvcp.org.

Upcoming Meetings

2004 ACVIM Forum: June 9th-12th, Minneapolis. See www.ACVIM.org for program and registration materials.

2004 AVMA Annual Convention: July 24th-28th, Philadelphia. See www.AVMA.org for more information.

Job Opportunities

Faculty Position, Veterinary Clinical Pathology: The University of Georgia, College of Veterinary Medicine is seeking applications for a faculty position in Veterinary Clinical Pathology. We invite applications from individuals interested in either a clinical-track or a tenure-track position. Board certification as a Veterinary Clinical Pathologist is a requirement for the clinical-track position. Requirements for the tenure-track position include board certification as a Veterinary Clinical Pathologist as well as a Doctor of Philosophy degree.

This individual will be expected to 1) participate in teaching professional (DVM) students and residents, 2) participate in the clinical pathology service activities, 3) develop an independent or collaborative research program. Among the many opportunities for collaborative research, the college has a large diverse program in infectious disease research and a growing clinical oncology service.

Interested applicants should submit a curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of three professional references to Dr. Barry G. Harmon, Head, Department of Veterinary Pathology, College of Veterinary Medicine, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-7388. Applications received by September 1, 2004 are assured consideration.

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