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Important Dates

June 3-6, 2009	2009 ACVIM Forum, Montreal, Canada
Sept 22-24, 2009	ACVP Board Examination, Ames, IA
October 7-14, 2009	52nd Annual AAVLD/USAHA Meeting, San Diego, CA
December 4, 2009	Pre-Meeting Workshop - <i>"The Examination of Fish: Viewed by Pathology and Clinical Pathology"</i>
December 5-9, 2009	Annual ASVCP/ACVP Meeting, Monterey, CA
December 6, 2009	ASVCP Annual Business Meeting, Monterey, CA
July 2010	XIV th Congress of the International Society for Animal Clinical Pathology, Corvallis, Oregon, USA

President's Message

Dear ASVCP Colleagues

It is a transitioning time from the end of busy academic semesters to the beginning of summer activities! It is time to think about the ASVCP/ACVP meeting to be held at the Monterey convention Center in Monterey, California. Within this newsletter are several reminders and information for the membership and trainees to submit abstracts for the Clinical Pathology Scientific Sessions (due June 1) and to participate in the Annual ASVCP Case Review and Clinical Chemistry Review Sessions (both due July 1). We encourage the residents to participate in the ASVCP Young Investigator Award competition and to take advantage of the Share the Future Travel and Research Grant Applications. We have an exciting Pre-Meeting Workshop planned that will highlight important aspects of clinical and anatomical pathology of marine mammals.

I would like to encourage the membership to continue to contribute to the "Share the Future" campaign and to encourage interest in corporate sponsors. Although these are economically challenging times, we need to continue our diligence in seeking corporate and individual contributions for these efforts help to provide high quality services to our membership including planning for the events at our annual meetings, the journal, and the educational experiences for our trainees.

Another way that you can contribute to the Society is by participation. We need the membership input on Officer Elections for the Executive Board and for ASVCP constitutional changes. We will be sending out e-mails to the members to vote on these action items in June. Consider joining an ASVCP committee, we need your participation and input to continue to grow this organization. We have a number of very active committees and their reports are found in this newsletter. If you are interested in joining one of our committees, please contact the committee chair. Please take a moment to read about the activities occurring in the ASVCP organization in this newsletter.

Best wishes

Melinda J. Wilkerson, ASVCP President

ASVCP Election of Officers

Correction: The 2009 Election for Officers is upon us. In an earlier version of this newsletter, it was stated that Dr. Joanne Messick was running for the office of President-Elect, which is incorrect. Dr. Messick is currently the President-Elect. For the 2009 election, we have two candidates, Dr. Kirstin Barnhart is running for President-Elect and Dr. Marlyn Whitney is running for First-Executive Board Member. Their biographies are summarized below. Ballots will be available to the membership in June. Please don't forget to vote!!!

Candidate for President Elect:



Dr. Kirstin F. Barnhart: ASVCP member since 1999. Kirstin graduated from the College of Veterinary medicine at Texas A&M University in 1993. She worked as an associate veterinarian in a companion animal practice in Houston, TX for 5 years. In 2001, she completed a clinical pathology residency at Texas A&M University and became a Diplomate of the ACVP. In 2004, she completed a PhD in molecular pathology at Texas A&M University and joined the faculty at the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center as an Assistant Professor of Comparative Medicine. Kirstin is the director of the Clinical Pathology Laboratory for the Keeling Center for Comparative Medicine and Research at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center and a member of the graduate faculty for the University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. She has

been a member of the ASVCP Executive Board for 2 years. Additionally, she has actively served on the ASVCP Program Committee since 2004, chaired the 2007 ASVCP Pre-meeting workshop and served as proctor for the ACVP examination committee. Her research interests include large animal models of human cancer, obesity and pre-clinical development of novel therapeutics for cancer treatment. Additional professional interests include primate clinical pathology and dermatopathology.



Candidate for First Year Executive Board Member:

Dr. Marlyn Whitney: I graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Missouri in 1979. Following 2 years in private practice in Kansas City, MO, I entered into a residency/graduate training program in

clinical pathology at Purdue University's School of Veterinary Medicine, receiving the MS degree in 1984, and the PhD in 1986. I joined the faculty of Texas A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine in 1986 as Assistant Professor of Veterinary Clinical Pathology, and in 1994 I took the position of Clinical Pathologist at the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory in Amarillo, TX. Since October 1, 2001, I have been Clinical Associate Professor of Veterinary Clinical Pathology with appointments to the Department of Veterinary Pathobiology and the Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory at the University of Missouri, College of Veterinary Medicine in Columbia, MO. I serve as Section Head of the VMDL Clinical Pathology Laboratory. I have been an ASVCP member since 1983, and an ACVP diplomate since 1989. My professional interests include hematology, hemoparasites, metabolic disorders, and instructional methodology. My current work responsibilities revolve predominantly around teaching and diagnostics. Having previously served as ASVCP Secretary (2002-2006) I am familiar with all the Executive Board positions and functions. In my spare time I enjoy bicycling, hiking, gardening and reading.

Second Call ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award

The Awards Nominating Committee is requesting nominations for the Lifetime Achievement Award to be presented at the annual ASVCP meeting in Monterey, CA, December 5-8, 2009. The ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award program recognizes members of the ASVCP who have contributed to the advancement of the field of veterinary clinical pathology through their research and teaching, and through their work on behalf of the American Society for Clinical Pathology. Nominations should include at least 5 letters of support from ASVCP members and a rationale for why this particular member is worthy of this award.

To make a nomination, please contact Holly Jordan, the chair of the Awards Nominating Committee. The deadline for receipt of nomination materials is July 1, 2009:

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Second Call

2009 ASVCP/ACVP Meeting Abstracts Clinical Pathology Scientific Sessions

The Clinical Pathology Scientific Sessions were another resounding success in 2008 -- start planning now to submit your abstract for the 2009 meeting in Monterey, CA.

The annual concurrent meeting of the ASVCP and the ACVP will be held December 5-9, 2009 in Monterey, California. There will be a combined ASVCP/ACVP Clinical Pathology Scientific Session for everyone that has an interest in clinical pathology. This will be a great opportunity to present experimental or clinical research data to colleagues. Submissions from all aspects of the profession are encouraged, including academic, diagnostic, investigative, and toxicologic clinical pathology. The format will be similar to that of the 2008 annual meeting with 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, and trainees. Presenters are required to attend the meeting.

Now is the time for you to start planning your presentations! **The deadline for abstract submission is June 1, 2009.** Online submission will be available through www.asvcp.org later this spring. For questions or further information contact Joanne Messick at jmessic@purdue.edu or (765) 496-1748.

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. Presenters are required to attend the meeting. Award selection will be based on the scientific content, abstract composition, clarity of presentation and ability to answer questions. Each trainee may submit only one presentation in this competition.

ACVP Young Investigator Award

If you are a trainee and have a poster presentation, you can submit it for consideration in the ACVP Young Investigator Award. Any abstract submitted for the ACVP Young Investigator Award is ineligible for the ASVCP Young Investigator Award.

SUBMITTING YOUR ABSTRACTS FOR CONSIDERATION

Detailed instructions that explain how to submit an abstract and how to enroll in the ASVCP or ACVP Young Investigator Award competition will be posted on the ASVCP website (www.asvcp.org). Joanne Messick will coordinate the combined ASVCP/ ACVP Clinical Pathology Scientific Session of this meeting. Please direct your inquiries for this session to Joanne Messick, jmessic@purdue.edu or call (765) 496-1748.

Second Call Annual ASVCP Case Review Session Submissions

Submissions are requested for the 2009 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.

Type 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. Stained, cover-slipped glass slides are preferred, but in certain cases, digital images will be considered. Surgical biopsies should be from lesions that would be examined cytologically and ideally the submission should include a cytologic preparation. Analytic problems that are associated with instrumentation, assay conditions, statistical analysis or specimen handling are also welcome; please consider the new ASVCP Clinical Chemistry Review Session for longer and/or more detailed presentations.

Case Submission: Materials 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 digital images are submitted, send only one image. For surgical biopsy cases, submit one glass slide and if the case is accepted, the submitter will supply 80 copies of the stained specimen. For clinical chemistry or hematology cases, laboratory data including reference intervals for your laboratory should be submitted.

Electronic Submission and Printed Materials

Cases MUST be submitted using the online forms posted at the ASVCP website (<http://www.asvcp.org>). Two files will be submitted electronically:

- 1) The first file is the Case History to be distributed with data prior to the meeting and should include contributors, signalment, concise history and clinical findings. Please only include pertinent laboratory data and summarize this if possible. Reference intervals for the laboratory data must be provided. The submitter is encouraged to also

provide questions to be answered at the case review session. It is hoped that these questions will inspire participants to review and investigate the data before the meeting. 2) The second file is the Case Summary, which has information to be distributed at the meeting and should include the information on the first file, plus diagnosis, discussion (including answers to the questions that were provided) with images and references.

Digital Images

The submitter **MUST** also include 2-3 digital images as indicated on the Case Summary form. The images should be 1024 X 768 pixels in a JPEG format with compression set on high quality; images must clearly show cytologic features of the lesion. A figure legend should accompany the images. Inclusion of digital images is required as part of the submission process.

Digital Slides

A limited number of electronic slides/cases (likely up to two) may be considered. Please contact Leslie Sharkey if you are interested in submitting in this format.

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 literature review with each case.

When and Where to Submit

The deadline for receipt of submission of ALL case materials is Tuesday, July 1, 2009. Slides with a cover letter indicating CONTRIBUTOR NAME(S), INSTITUTION, SPECIMEN, and E-MAIL ADDRESS must be sent to the address given below and received by this date. Submitters will be notified of the results of the selection process by August 15, 2009. It is anticipated that approximately 20 cases will be selected for presentation, depending on the complexity of the cases. Be sure to include your E-mail address with your submission.

Inquires and Case submission should be sent to:

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Second Call

3rd Annual ASVCP Clinical Chemistry Review Session Submissions

Type of Materials Requested

Submissions are requested for the third ASVCP Clinical Chemistry Review Session. Submitted materials should focus on the interpretation of chemistry data, including but not limited to the routine serum chemistry panel. Ancillary clinical pathology and other data as needed for the presentation of the case is appropriate. Cases may represent any species and an interactive presentation style is encouraged. The cases should be challenging and solvable based on information provided. Results of toxicology studies, cases involving the interpretation of quality control materials or validation studies as well as individual clinical case presentations will be considered for this session.

Case Submission

Cases MUST be submitted using the online forms posted at the ASVCP website (<http://www.asvcp.org>). Reference intervals for the laboratory data should be provided. Two files will be submitted. The first file is the Clinical Chemistry History to be distributed with data prior to the meeting and should include contributors, signalment, concise history and clinical findings. The submitter is also encouraged to provide questions to be answered at the case review session. It is hoped that these questions will inspire participants to review and investigate the data before the meeting. The second file is the Clinical Chemistry Summary to be distributed at the meeting and should include the information on the first file, plus diagnosis, discussion (including answers to the questions that were provided) and references.

When and Where to Submit

The deadline for submission of cases is Tuesday, July 1, 2009. Submitters will be notified of the results of the selection process by August 15, 2009. It is anticipated that 2-4 cases will be selected for presentation, depending on the complexity of the cases. Be sure to include your E-mail address with your submission.

Inquires and Case submission should be sent to

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Second Call Call for 2010 ACVIM Forum Speakers

The ASVCP arranges speakers for the ACVIM meeting each year. The speakers provide 8 hours of talks reflecting current knowledge and/or in-depth reviews of topics in veterinary clinical pathology. The 2010 ACVIM Forum will be held June 9-12, 2010, Anaheim, CA.

Please send suggestions for ASVCP speakers and topics for the upcoming ACVIM meeting by August 3, 2009 to Kirstin Barnhart at kfbarnha@mdanderson.org. In addition to speakers and topics, we need input on the theme for the CP session. It could be 1 theme or 2 separate themes, one for the AM session and one for the PM session. It should be something that's of strong interest to the ACVIM "meeting-goers" and pull in a good crowd.

Thanks for your help and I'll be looking for your E-mails!

Kirstin



ASVCP Share the Future

Call for Resident/Graduate Student Travel Grant Applications

Share the Future travel grants are intended to help offset travel costs for clinical pathology residents or graduate students who will be giving talks or poster presentations at the Annual Meeting. The 2009 meeting will be December 5-9, in Monterey, California.

Five travel grants of \$500 each will be awarded. One of these is specifically designated for a trainee who will be presenting to the Veterinary Laboratory Professionals group at the meeting.

The application deadline for the 2009 meeting is August 30, 2009.

Grant recipients will be selected from the applicant pool based on criteria including (not necessarily in this order):

- Quality of the abstract(s) accepted for presentation.
- The distance applicants must travel to attend the meeting – preference will be given to those who are not within an 8-hour drive of the meeting.
- Stage of training – other factors being equal, preference will be given to applicants further in their training.
- Preference will be given to applicants giving oral presentations, particularly those applicants entered in the Young Investigator Award competition. However, poster presentations also will be considered.
- Availability of funding from their institution specifically to support travel to the meeting.

Share the Future travel grant application forms are available online at the ASVCP website <http://asvcp.org/trainingprograms/menu.html>

Share the Future travel grants are made possible through the support of ASVCP members and corporate sponsors.



ASVCP Share the Future

Call for Resident/Graduate Student Research Grant Applications

Share the Future research grants are intended to help support research by clinical pathology residents and graduate students. Grants will range from \$1,000 to \$2,500. In general, proposals should:

- Focus on an aspect of clinical pathology.
- Be clearly articulated.
- Show potential for contributing to the knowledge base in veterinary clinical pathology.

In 2009, one research grant will be awarded. **The application deadline for 2009 grants is August 30, 2009.**

The grant recipient will be selected from the applicant pool based on criteria including (not necessarily in this order):

- Quality of the research proposal.
- The potential for contributing to the knowledge base of veterinary clinical pathology.
- How much funding, if any, is available to the applicant from their institution for research.
- Preference will be given to applicants who are members or whose advisors are members of the ASVCP.

Application Procedure

- Applications must be received no later than August 30, 2009.
- Proposals will include the following components:
 - Abstract (300 words or less)
 - Specific Aims
 - Background and Significance/Importance
 - Research Design and Methods
 - Approval for the use of live animals by an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (if applicable).

Budget and Time Frame

- Budgets must fall between \$1,000 and \$2,500.
- Grants will be paid to your department or organization/company, if one exists, and can cover costs such as equipment, hourly assistance, materials, and supplies.
- Budgets cannot include indirect costs, salaries for the investigator(s), or travel to present the results.
- Grant is awarded for a one-year time frame beginning October 1, 2009.

Obligations

- Recipients must submit a budget statement and summary of progress (500 words or less) within 3 months after the end of the funding period (January 1, 2011).
- An abstract of the completed work will be submitted for consideration at the first eligible ASVCP conference that follows the completion of the grant.
- Any publication(s) resulting from the grant should acknowledge the funding from ASVCP

Share the Future grant application forms are available online at the ASVCP website <http://asvcp.org/trainingprograms/menu.html>

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Proposed Changes to the ASVCP Constitution and Bylaws

Dear Members,

During a review of our Constitution and Bylaws, it was discovered that current membership in ASVCP was not formally stipulated as a requirement for those serving on the Executive Board or on Society committees. To clarify this requirement, the following changes are proposed (in underlined italics):

Constitution Article V. Officers Section 1

Current wording:

The officers of the Society shall consist of Immediate Past-President, President, President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Proposed change:

The officers of the Society shall consist of Immediate Past-President, President, President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. *All officers must be current members in good standing.*

Bylaws Article VII. Elections Section 2

Current Wording:

Nominations for any vacancies may be made by any Society member in good standing. Nominations shall be submitted to the nominating committee and shall include a brief statement of the qualifications of the nominee.

Proposed change:

Nominations for any vacancies may be made by any Society member in good standing. Nominations shall be submitted to the nominating committee and shall include a brief statement of the qualifications of the nominee. *Nominees must be current members in good standing.*

Bylaws Article X. Committees Section 1

Addition of a new article:

All committee members and committee chairs must be current Society members in good standing.

In accordance with the Constitution, the proposed amendment was initiated and signed by three ASVCP members (Holly Jordan, Kirstin Barnhart, and Dori Borjesson) and presented to the Executive Board which gave it a favorable recommendation. In June, each ASVCP member in good standing will be sent an email ballot for an electronic vote on the amendment. Any member who cannot be contacted electronically (anyone who does not have email access or who has not provided the ASVCP National Office with

electronic contact information) will receive a ballot by paper email. A copy of the ASVCP Constitution and Bylaws is available in the Membership Directory or from the ASVCP National Office (info@asvcp.org, Phone: 608-443-2479, Fax: 608-443-2474 or by paper mail at 2810 Crossroads Drive, Suite 3800, Madison, WI 53718-7961).

ASVCP Committee Updates

Development Committee

The Development Committee continues to seek a person to chair this committee. If you have an interest, please contact an Executive Board member.

Quality Assurance and Standards (QA&S) Committee

ASVCP QAS Committee Guidelines

The committee would like to sincerely thank all reviewers who took the time to review and revise the Society's Quality Assurance and Standards Guidelines. We especially appreciate all of your work on this as we know that everyone has a busy and hectic schedule. We could not have done this without you. The revisions will be accomplished based on Committee decision and will then go to the Executive Board for final approval. The individual sections are then planned for publication in the Veterinary Clinical Pathology Journal.

Outreach and Teaching

Practitioner Outreach: The next VIN QC rounds are currently planned for Sunday, June 28, 10pm ET: "Quality Control of In-House Labs: Hematology"

VIN Distance Learning Course for Quality Management Parts 1 and 2 administered by Dr. Kathy Freeman will again be held in the upcoming year. Previous sessions were attended by laboratory medical professionals, residents and trainees, and clinical pathologists in the past year and had excellent reviews. The QAS committee would like to encourage further participation in these classes. This is an excellent way to get an introduction to Quality Control as well as further tailored QC train in part 2.

Submitted by Kendall Harr.

Veterinary Laboratory Professionals Committee

The Veterinary Laboratory Professionals committee has organized the ASVCP Pre-Meeting Workshop for the annual meeting this year being held in Monterey, California. Our thanks go to Rick DeFrancisco, the committee chair, for putting it all together. The Pre-Meeting Workshop will be held Saturday, December 5, 2009, at the Monterey Bay Aquarium from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Dr. Mike Murray, the staff veterinarian at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, will be hosting the all-day workshop. Jill Arnold, from the

National Aquarium in Baltimore, MD, will speak about the “Hematology of Fish – WBC and RBC Morphology.” We will also hear Dr. Jill Spangenberg, consulting veterinarian at the Aquarium of the Bay in San Francisco, CA, speak on “Interpreting the Clinical Pathology Data in Fish.” There will be a session on “Diagnostic Approaches in Fish and Diagnostic Imaging with Case Examples” by Dr. E. Scott Weber III, a Professor of Clinical Studies in Aquatic Animal Health at UC Davis, CA. The day will finish up with a presentation of “Fish Pathology and Necropsy Techniques” by Dr. Denise Imai of UC Davis, CA, and some hands-on opportunities. The hands-on opportunities include anesthesia/phlebotomy/skin scrap/gill clip for ante-mortem samples in fish. There will also be a demonstration of gross necropsy and stations with some blood smears and hemocytometer set ups. Erin Jenkins and Christina Gargan, technicians at the National Aquarium in Baltimore, will be assisting with the hands-on opportunities. This looks to be a great day to increase your knowledge of aquatics.

You will also be able to walk around the Monterey Bay Aquarium during breaks and lunch. Check it out at www.montereybayaquarium.org and join us for this exciting opportunity, by signing up for the workshop on your ASVCP meeting registration form.

Submitted by Lisa Shipp and Rick DeFrancisco.

Executive Board News

In the most recent teleconference, the EB discussed recommendations about our external audit, most of which are now in place. Financial documents and statements are reviewed by the Treasurer, the Financial Committee, and another individual. Required forms from the IRS are updated on a regular basis and kept on file at the office of The Rees Group. An external audit will be conducted every 4 years, at the time a new Treasurer takes office.

During our teleconference, the EB discussed the issue of requiring that only members of good standing be eligible to serve as an officer, a committee chair, or committee member. This will require changes in our Constitution and Bylaws. These proposed changes have been posted in this issue, and a vote by the membership will be held. Ballots will be available in June.

In discussing the upcoming Pre-Meeting Workshop on clinical pathology of various marine animals, the EB felt that this topic would not only be beneficial to ASVCP members, but many outside our society. Plans have been made to increase the advertisement for our workshop to let those know of this exciting opportunity.

Although many deadlines are approaching rapidly, please consider submitting an abstract for the scientific session, the hematology and cytology cases, or the chemistry case session. These are a wonderful venue for residents and trainees to present at our

annual meeting. Also in this issue are applications for Share the Future Travel and Research Grants. The applications can also be downloaded from the Society's website.

Lastly, it is almost time for elections. Dr. Joanne Messick is running for the office of President-Elect and Dr, Marlyn Whitney is running for First Year Executive Board Member. Their biographies are in this issue. Voting will begin in June.

Announcements

Here is a few exciting happenings:

You can now donate to Share the Future on the ASVCP website under the *Members Only Section*. If you haven't done so already or are thinking about it, but just haven't gotten around to it yet because of your hectic schedule, now it is very easy (and tax deductible)!

Attention mentors, residents, graduate students. As already mentioned earlier, the ASVCP Share the Future call for Research Grant Applications and Travel Grant Applications are now available. Applications can be downloaded online from the ASVCP website and they are available at the end of this newsletter. Mentors, please encourage your trainees to apply.

Just another plug for the ASVCP Pre-Meeting Workshop for the annual meeting this year being held in Monterey California. The topics and sessions will concentrate on various pathology and clinical pathology aspect of marine animals should be very interesting and informative. Consider registering and encourage others (like your residents)!!!

Directories will be mailed in the next few weeks. If you do not receive your copy, please contact Karen Russell, Secretary (krussell@cvm.tamu.edu) or the ASVCP National Office at 2810 Crossroads Drive, Suite 3800, Madison, WI 53718; info@asvcp.org.

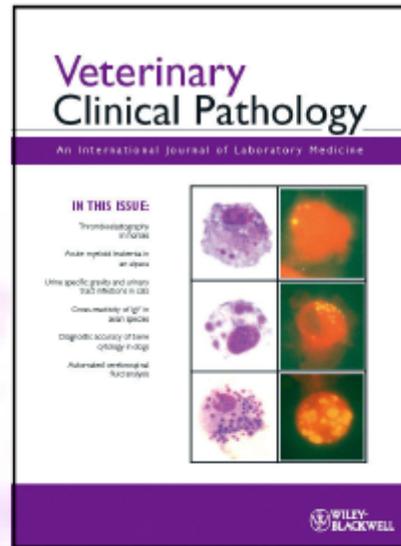
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Upcoming Meetings

2009 ACVIM Forum with the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, June 3-6, 2009, Montreal, Canada. For more information, go to www.acvim.org.

International Symposium of the World Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians, June 17-20, 2009, Madrid, Spain. Some information can be found at www.aavld.org.

146th AVMA Annual Convention, July 11-14, 2009, Seattle, Washington. For more information, go to www.avmaconvention.org.

The 19th Congress of the European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine - Companion Animal, September 10-12, 2009, Porto, Portugal. For more information, go to www.ecvimcongress.org. Abstracts for posters and scientific presentations are welcome.

The XIVth Congress of the International Society for Animal Clinical Pathology, July 2010, Corvallis, Oregon, USA. For information, go to www.isacp.org.

52nd Annual AAVLC/USAHA Meeting, October 7-14, 2009 in San Diego, California. For more information, go to www.aavld.org.

29th Annual Veterinary Cancer Society Conference, October 16-19, 2009, Austin, Texas. For information go to <http://www.vetcancersociety.org>.

General Information

ASVCP NATIONAL OFFICE: Members can contact the ASVCP National Office at 2810 Crossroads Drive, Suite 3800, Madison, WI 53718; Phone: 608-443-2479; Fax: 608-443-2474 or 608-443-2478; E-mail: info@asvcp.org.

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Job Opportunities

Faculty Position in Veterinary Clinical Pathology College of Veterinary Medicine, The University of Georgia

The Department of Pathology, College of Veterinary Medicine at The University of Georgia, invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position in Clinical Pathology at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor from individuals with a strong commitment to research and teaching. However, applicants at the rank of Full Professor with a demonstrated record of research and teaching excellence or from highly qualified individuals with primary interest in teaching and service are also encouraged to apply.

The successful applicant will join a team that includes 17 pathologists (including 4 clinical pathologists), anatomic and clinical pathology residents, research scientists, and graduate students. Departmental centers of research emphasis include pathogenesis of infectious disease in food-producing, avian, and aquatic animals, molecular diagnostics, genomics and proteomics, tumor pathobiology, neuropathogenesis of rabies, soft tissue physiology and repair, laboratory animal pathology, and emergency preparedness. Within the College of Veterinary Medicine (www.vet.uga.edu), additional research programs include clinical research in oncology, emergency and critical care medicine, canine arthritis, and equine colic. University resources such as the high containment Animal Health Research Center (www.vet.uga.edu/ahrc), the Biomedical and Health Sciences Institute (www.biomed.uga.edu), and the Complex Carbohydrate Research Center (www.ccrcc.uga.edu) provide opportunities for collaboration in global infectious disease, epidemiology and public health, developmental biology, neurosciences, stem cell biology, and glycomic research. The Pathology Department is also expanding interactions with nearby facilities such as the Centers for Disease Control, Emory University's Yerkes Primate Center, the Atlanta-Fulton County Zoo, the Georgia Aquarium, the USDA-ARS Southeast Poultry Research Laboratory, and the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service Laboratories. This outreach provides an additional spectrum of diverse research possibilities.

Applicants must possess a DVM and PhD degree (or equivalents) and be certified by the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (or equivalent). Primary responsibilities will be the development of a sustained independent or collaborative research program and the teaching of professional students, graduate students, and pathology residents.

The University of Georgia is located in Athens, GA, a vibrant and diverse community of just over 100,000 residents and is nestled in the wooded Piedmont hills of northeast Georgia. Offering the amenities of a cosmopolitan city, the surrounding area also affords a wide variety of recreation and entertainment choices. Athens is located one and one-half hours from Atlanta, two hours from the Appalachian Trail, and four hours from the Atlantic coast.

Please visit www.vet.uga.edu/vpp/index.php for additional information.

Applications received by July 1, 2009, are assured full consideration. The starting date is flexible, but availability by January 1, 2010, is desirable. Interested individuals should submit a letter of intent stating professional interests and career goals, curriculum vitae, and the names and addresses of three professional references to Dr. Bruce LeRoy, Room 114, Department of Pathology, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-7388; Phone: 706-542-5847, Fax: 706-542-5828, or E-mail bleroy@uga.edu. Please feel free to call or email with any questions. All applications are considered strictly confidential until interviews are scheduled.

The University of Georgia is an Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity employer.



ASVCP Share the Future

Travel Grant Application Form

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 30, 2009

Instructions: Please download or print and complete this form, and mail to: ASVCP Share the Future, 2810 Crossroads Drive, Suite 3800, Madison, WI 53718. The deadline for receipt of applications is August 30, 2009. Please include a copy of any relevant abstracts with this application.

Share the Future travel grants are intended to help offset travel costs for clinical pathology residents or graduate students who will be giving talks or poster presentations at the Annual Meeting. The 2009 meeting will be December 5-9, in Monterey, California.

Five grants of \$500 each will be awarded. One of these is specifically designated for a trainee who will be presenting to the Veterinary Laboratory Professionals group at the meeting.

Applicant's name: _____

Applicant's institution: _____

Current position
(Indicate stage of training): _____

Applicant has the following accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting:

Oral presentation(s) accepted - please include a copy of the abstract with this application

Title(s): _____

Poster presentation(s) accepted - please include a copy of the abstract with this application.

Title(s): _____

Please indicate whether you will be making a presentation to the Veterinary Laboratory Professionals (VLP) group at the Annual Meeting:

- No, I will not be presenting to the VLP group.
- Yes, I will be presenting to the VLP group - please include a copy of the abstract with this application

Title: _____

Please indicate whether you will receive financial support from your training institution specifically to help cover the cost travel to the Annual Meeting:

- No, I will not receive any support from my institution specifically for travel to the Annual Meeting.
- Yes, I will receive support from my institution specifically for travel to the Annual Meeting. This support will be in the amount of \$_____.

I verify that the information I have provided is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant:

(Signature) (Date)

Residency coordinator or major professor:

(Signature) (Date)



ASVCP Share the Future

Research Grant Application Form

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 30, 2009

Instructions: Please download or print and complete this form, and mail to: ASVCP Share the Future, 2810 Crossroads Drive, Suite 3800, Madison, WI 53718. The deadline for receipt of applications is August 30, 2009. Please include a copy of your research proposal with the following application.

Share the Future research grants are intended to help support research by clinical pathology residents and graduate students. Grants will range from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

Applicant's name: _____

Applicant's institution: _____

Current position: _____

Advisor's Name: _____

Title of applicant's research proposal:

Title: _____

Please include a copy of your research proposal containing the following components:

- Abstract (300 words or less)
- Specific Aims
- Background and Significance/Importance
- Research Design and Methods
- Approval for the use of live animals by an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (if applicable).

Please indicate whether you or your major advisor is a member of ASVCP:

- Neither of us is a member of ASVCP.
- I am a member of the ASVCP.
- My advisor is a member of the ASVCP.

Please indicate whether you will receive financial support from your training institution specifically to help cover the cost of research:

- No, I will not receive any support from my institution specifically for research.
- Yes, I will receive support from my institution specifically for research. This support will be in the amount of \$_____.

I verify that the information I have provided is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant:

(Signature)

(Date)

Residency coordinator or major professor:

(Signature)

(Date)