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Important Dates

February 28, 2006	Annual dues and address corrections due to ASVCP National Office
December 2-6, 2006	Annual ASVCP/ACVP Meeting, Tucson, Arizona
December 3, 2006	ASVCP Annual Business Meeting, Tucson, Arizona

President's Message:

Dear Colleagues,

Now that our 40th annual ASVCP meeting has concluded, I can't help but reflect on past accomplishments and future goals of our Society. As part of the 40th celebration, we honored three of our members with the first ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Awards. Drs. Gary Kociba, Bernard McSherry, and Don Schmidt have contributed to the field of

veterinary clinical pathology through scholarship, research, and teaching, as well as service to the Society. As we move into 2006, we need to appreciate and recognize the contributions of all our members, past and current. Remarkable growth and changes have occurred in veterinary medicine and clinical pathology over the past 40 years. I have confidence that our Society will meet the exciting challenges ahead and that our members will continue to be innovators in the development of veterinary laboratory medicine.

The combined ASVCP/ACVP meeting in Boston was a great success with record attendance at both the general meeting and our pre-meeting workshop. The scientific program was excellent and included 7 competitors for the ASVCP Young Investigator Award. This year, we also were able to partner our meeting with the Division of Animal Clinical Chemistry (DACC), which provided the opportunity to interact with another society that shares our interests in veterinary laboratory medicine. I think many attendees also took advantage of the meeting location to explore many of the important historic sites Boston has to offer.

A highlight of the meeting this year was the 40th anniversary celebration and reception. I want to extend a special thanks to Sue Tornquist for organizing this event. She planned the anniversary celebration and recruited Dennis DeNicola to act as Emcee. I think everyone will agree that the evening was fun and evoked fond memories. Sue will continue to play an important role on the Executive Board as Immediate Past President. Some of her duties into 2006 will include forming committees to solicit nominations for officers as well as nominations for the ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award for next year.

I also want to thank Harold Tvedten for his service as Immediate Past President in 2005. Harold has been invaluable in helping to bring an increasingly global perspective to our Society. He was also instrumental in organizing what is to become an ongoing ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award program.

The *Veterinary Clinical Pathology* journal has continued to grow this year and is a wonderful publication. Submissions have continually increased as has the impact factor of the journal. This is due to the hard work of Mary Christopher, our Editor-in-Chief and Karen Young, our Associate Editor, as well as the Section Editors and members of the Editorial Board. I think all of these individuals deserve special thanks as the journal is such an important part of what the ASVCP does.

Of course, it is the committees that keep our Society vibrant and growing and are the source of many important initiatives. I want to thank the chairs and members of all the committees who worked so hard this past year. Participation on a committee is a valuable way that you can contribute to ASVCP, and I would encourage everyone to consider joining one of our committees. If you are not on a committee and would like to participate, please go to the ASVCP web site for descriptions of the various committees and contact information for the chairs.

I am honored to serve as president of the ASVCP and look forward to a year that I hope will be successful, productive and fun. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or other members of the Executive Board at any time.

Best Regards,
Judy Radin, ASVCP President

State of the Society

Greetings, ASVCP colleagues,

We are at the end of our 40th anniversary year for the ASVCP. I think we all can agree that the Society has become a strong, thriving, and important force in veterinary clinical pathology over the last 40 years. We have a rich history and an exciting future.

The 40th annual meeting in Boston was remarkable in many ways. Attendance at the meeting broke all previous records as did attendance at the ASVCP pre-meeting workshop on The Role of Clinical Pathology Parameters in the Integrated Assessment of Drug-Induced Hepatotoxicity, Immunotoxicity, and Renal Toxicity in Preclinical Studies. We celebrated the addition of 61 new members during 2005 and gratefully acknowledged the receipt of the largest ever donation to our Society- \$15,000 from the VIN Foundation. Scientific presentations, education sessions, case review sessions and teaching clinical pathology discussions were all excellent.

The 40th anniversary celebration during our annual reception included some unforgettable highlights. The first was the presentation of our first three Lifetime Achievement Awards. These awards, given to Dr. Gary Kociba, Dr. Bernard McSherry, and Dr. Don Schmidt, illustrated the long-lasting influence of giants of our specialty. These three men impacted the science of veterinary pathology, the teaching of clinical pathology, and the training of future veterinary clinical pathologists in many ways. The emotional and historical impression of these awards was balanced by the highly entertaining programs presented by Dr. Dennis DeNicola, the king of veterinary clinical pathology clowns, and Dr. Maxey Wellman, who either reminded us of or educated us about the year 1965, when our Society began.

The accomplishments of the Society in 2005 were due to diligent work and creative ideas from the members of the Executive Board, the committees, and many members. A few of these are:

- Signed an agreement for electronic publishing of the *Veterinary Clinical Pathology* journal
- Adopted an ASVCP reserve fund investment plan suggested by Treasurer Sonjia Shelly. The investment plan, which involves purchase of 3 certificates of deposit with staggered maturation dates will help the Society earn a better return on our reserve funds, while keeping them liquid enough to be able to respond to any unforeseen need for expenditures or to compensate for any unexpected income shortfall.
- Arranged to have the first meeting in association with the Division of Animal Clinical Chemistry
- Changed the ASVCP fiscal year to correlate better with the annual meeting and the VCP journal fiscal year.

- Worked with the Regulatory Affairs Committee on revising and approving a position paper on the use of clinical pathology data for the identification of potential drug-induced hepatotoxicity in preclinical toxicity studies. This was in response to a request from the European Medicines Agency (EMA) seeking guidelines for evaluation.
- Developed and approved a protocol for evaluating position statements on behalf of the ASVCP (authored by Holly Jordan).
- Requested and approved committee budgets by Jan. 13th to facilitate effective committee function.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the President for the last year. Thanks to all of you who have contributed so much.

Best wishes to all,
Sue Tornquist
ASVCP Immediate Past President

ASVCP Officers for 2004-2005

New officers were inducted at the conclusion of the ASVCP Annual Business Meeting on December 4, 2005, in Boston, Massachusetts. The ASVCP officers and Executive Board members for the upcoming year are:

President
Judy Radin

Secretary
Marlyn Whitney

President-Elect
Christine Olver

Treasurer
Sonjia Shelly

Second Year Executive Board Member
Holly Jordan

Immediate Past-President
Sue Tornquist

First Year Executive Board Member
Melinda Wilkerson

Proposed Amendments to the ASVCP Constitution and Bylaws

As you will remember, during our 2005 election, you were asked to vote on the following amendment: Article VI, Section I of our Constitution will be amended to read (italics indicate words added): "The Executive Board shall be composed of the officers, and two members elected by mail *or electronic* ballot and installed at the annual meeting." The amendment was proposed by the Executive Board to enable the Society to conduct electronic voting. The good news is, the amendment passed. The bad news is that it was subsequently

realized by the Executive Board that additional amendments to our Constitution and Bylaws are necessary to clear the way for electronic voting in all circumstances, and for other procedures to be accomplished electronically rather than by paper mail. Therefore, the following additional amendments are proposed (*italics indicate words added*):

- Article VII, Section 3 of our Constitution shall be amended to read as follows: “Notice of time and place of all meetings shall be mailed *by paper or electronically* to all members at least 30 days prior to such a meeting. “
- Article IX, Section 1 of our Constitution shall be amended to read as follows: “An affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of members voting by mail *or electronic* ballot shall be required for the adoption of any amendment.”
- Article VII, Section 4 of our Bylaws shall be amended to read as follows: “The Secretary will send a mail *or electronic* ballot to all members in good standing, listing the candidates for the positions of President-Elect, first-year Executive Board member, and any other positions with unexpired terms currently filled by acting officers.”

Early in 2006, each ASVCP member in good standing will be mailed a paper ballot for voting on the above proposed amendments. If they pass, the way should be clear for electronic voting in the future! 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 continue to receive ballots by paper mail.

A copy of our Constitution and Bylaws is available on the ASVCP website, and is also located in the 2005 Membership Directory, if you would like to refer to the entire document in order to make your decision as to whether you wish to support the proposed amendments. Please note that the version in the 2005 directory does not reflect the amendment mentioned above that was approved earlier this year, because the vote had not yet been held at the time the Directory was assembled. If you cannot access the website or no longer have your Membership Directory and would like a copy of our Constitution and Bylaws, please contact 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, Wisconsin 53718.

Membership Report

Since the 2005 Executive Board and Annual Business Meetings, 65 new members have been accepted into the ASVCP. Our total membership now stands at 546, compared to 526 at the time of last year’s Annual Conference. Obviously, member attrition has partially offset gains in membership. The Membership Committee has been addressing this issue, and will continue to do so. A survey done by the Membership Committee earlier this year revealed that 30% of members that did not renew simply forgot to do so. The availability of on-line renewal might help to alleviate this problem somewhat. Renewal at the time of meeting

registration was available for the first time this year. The Rees Group (the Society's management group) reports that 82 people renewed by this mechanism.

The 61 new members who were approved for membership within the last year (between the time of the 2004 Executive Board Meeting and the 2005 Executive Board Meeting) are listed below. Welcome to all!

Sheree Beam
Inese Berzina
Allison Billings
Kimberly Boudreau
Charles Bull
Sebastian E. Carrasco
Seth E. Chapman
Noel Clancey
Debra Colarusso
Stacy Conroy
William Cothorn
Debbie Cunningham
Rebecca Davies
Cheranjit Deka
Roberta Di Terlizzi
Kate Dunn
Kathi Ellis
Allison M. Fedash
Bente Flatland
Judy Franklin
Kerstin Glaser
Tanya Grondin
Rebekah Gunn
William Hare
Ada Hensley
Brett Hopkins
Amy Hudak
Teita Ishizake
Jenni Jenkins-Perez
Michelle Kahn
Thomas Kelly, Jr.

David Korcal
Debra LaFrambrise
Michael Linn
Cynthia de Asimpeao Lucidi
Pedro Luiz de Azevedo Marinho
Jennifer McCleese
Deborah Meyer
Prashant Nambiar
Kimberly Niessen
Aysel Ozpinar
Telma Paparotto
C.W. Patrick
Shannon Pedersen
V. Kristina Perry
Angela Royal
Bill Ruehl
Kristina Ruotsalo
Linda M. Sanders
Deana Schaefer
Laura Snyder
Ashlee Urbasic
Maria A. Vandis
Janette Vani
Catherine Wagg
Julie Lynn Webb
Angela Wilcox
Valarie Wong
Casey M. Wood
Shannon Zablotsky
Israel Zilberman

ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Awards

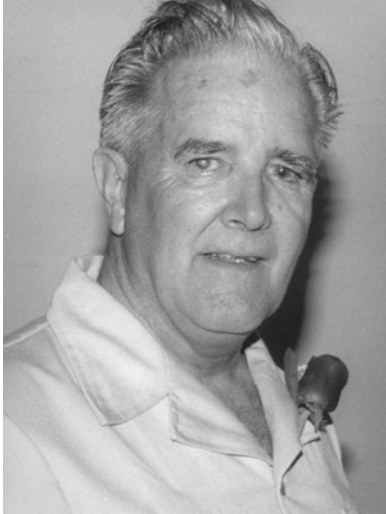
The ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award, established in 2004, recognizes members of the ASVCP who have contributed to the advancement of the field of veterinary clinical pathology through their research and teaching, and through their work on behalf of the ASVCP. The Immediate Past-president will chair a nomination committee consisting of at least four additional members of the ASVCP that do not currently sit on the Executive Board. This committee will review nominations made by the members of the ASVCP. Nominations should include at least five letters of support from ASVCP members and rationale as to why this particular member is worthy of this award. If no nominations are received from the membership, the committee can put forward a nomination with the documentation stated above. The Lifetime Achievement Award Committee will review nominations and the committee's recommendation will be presented to the ASVCP Executive Board. The ASVCP Executive Board will determine if the nominated ASVCP member is to receive the award by majority vote. The ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award is to be presented at the Annual Meeting. It was decided by the Executive Board that up to three awards could be given in 2005, the 49th anniversary of the ASVCP.

The first three ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented during our Society's 40th Anniversary Celebration, held in conjunction with the annual ASVCP reception at our Annual Meeting in Boston on December 5, 2005. The three awardees were Dr. Bernard McSherry (award presented by Dr. V.E.O. Valli), Gary Kociba (award presented by Dr. Maxey Wellman), and Dr. Donald Schmidt (award presented by Dr. Steve Stockham). Drs. Kociba and Schmidt were present to accept their awards; Dr. McSherry was unable to attend.

Brief Background on the first three individuals to be presented with the ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award:

Dr. Bernard James McSherry was a leader in the ASVCP. He was an early member of the society, serving as president in 1974-1975. Ontario Veterinary College became a center of veterinary clinical pathology while he was on faculty. During that time, papers on blood cell kinetics, lead toxicity, lymphosarcoma, bovine ketosis and coagulation all included Dr. McSherry as a coauthor. All of these studies have contributed important information to the specialty of veterinary clinical pathology. Many of Dr. McSherry's students have become leaders in veterinary clinical pathology in their own right.

To understand what Dr. McSherry has achieved, it is necessary to understand the circumstances that prevailed at the time he was in his most active years. Following graduation from the Ontario Veterinary College, Dr. McSherry started a fifty mile walk to the adjacent city of London, Ontario, to enlist in the Canadian Field Artillery. He completed officer training and on "D Day," commanded a battery of four guns that commenced firing from the landing craft as they approached the coast of Normandy on that June 6th morning. Dr. McSherry fought through the campaign in the low-lands



and survived the war and returned to begin a new era in veterinary laboratory medicine.

A review in Medline of Dr. McSherry's publications shows many foundation papers on important aspects of veterinary clinical pathology. Many of those articles are the scientific basis of how we interpret data and teach our students today. His research focused on large animal abnormalities, but it also included small animal and avian studies. One paper stands out. The paper, published in 1954, was on chemical abnormalities of calves with diarrhea. Although these studies are over 50 years old, and were done using techniques long since replaced by faster and more accurate ones, they correctly identify all the basic laboratory

abnormalities associated with calf diarrhea. Furthermore, an extensive explanation of potassium kinetics that lead to hyperkalemia in the face of loss of intracellular potassium is as relevant today as it was 51 years ago.

Dr. Gary Kociba is an internationally known expert on retrovirus-induced hematologic defects and is a well-known veterinary hematologist. Dr. Kociba authored or co-authored 125 peer reviewed publications in journals such as *Blood*, *Journal of Virology*, *Cancer Research*, *American Journal of Veterinary Research* and *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*, as well as numerous textbook chapters used in veterinary medical education. Dr. Kociba is a highly regarded Professor of Hematology and Pathology. He was responsible for teaching the veterinary Hemic-Lymphatic System and Histology courses and shared teaching responsibilities in over 20 other courses in the Veterinary Professional Curriculum. He mentored 18 graduate students during his tenure and served on 32 candidate exam committees. As a professor, Dr. Kociba consistently received excellent student and peer evaluations, and received both the Norden Distinguished Teaching Award and Beecham Award for Research Excellence.



Dr. Kociba served on the editorial boards of the *American Journal of Veterinary Research*, *Veterinary Clinical Pathology*, and *Veterinary Research Communications*. Moreover, Dr. Kociba held the position of Editor of *Veterinary Clinical Pathology*, and was Associate Editor of *Veterinary Pathology*. Dr. Kociba has assumed leadership roles as President, Executive Board Member, Chair of the Exam Committee and Chair of the Clinical Pathology Specialty Program of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. Furthermore, he was elected Council Member of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists and was on the Advisory Board of the Morris Animal Foundation.

Ten Things Maxey Wellman Hates about Gary Kociba

- While the rest of us get older, you never turn gray
- While the rest of us walk, run, and diet, you eat from Sanese every day and never gain weight
- No matter with whom or about what, you never lose a bet
- You never read directions but always can figure out how things work or fix things that are broken just by randomly pushing buttons
- You have been surrounded by gorgeous women but have never said anything politically incorrect
- You have slept through every seminar but always ask an intelligent question at the end
- While the rest of us wind down, get tired, lose enthusiasm, you always take the stairs (and life) two steps at a time
- While the rest of us spend a lifetime being critical, you never complain
- You like everyone and everyone likes you
- Even though surrounded by inflated egos, yours never became distorted

Dr. Donald Schmidt was a pioneer in the discipline of veterinary clinical pathology and was among the small group of anatomic pathologists who started teaching clinical pathology courses within veterinary curricula. He joined the ASVCP in 1966 and taught students the facts, concepts, and skills of veterinary clinical pathology for over 30 years. He began his teaching of veterinary clinical pathology at Michigan State University (his first appointment was in 1953). He was teaching a clinical pathology course by the early 60's and he joined the faculty in Missouri in 1967. He retired in the mid-1990's, but was asked to return twice to fulfill clinical pathology teaching and diagnostic duties because of faculty vacancies. He passed the ACVP certifying examination in 1959 and was one of nine who successfully passed the first certifying examination for veterinary clinical pathology in 1972. He served as the ASVCP Secretary-Treasurer from 1977-1981. He served on the ACVP Clinical Pathology Examination Committee in the early 1980s. His teaching of veterinary clinical pathology earned him four Norden Distinguished Teaching Awards (1963, 1979, 1984, and 1988) and he would have received more if he had not been ineligible for 3 years after each award. He also earned three Golden Aesculapius Teaching Awards; and would have won more if eligibility restrictions were not present.

Dr. Schmidt dedicated his life to providing a rational approach to teaching veterinary clinical and anatomic pathology. He was always in the laboratory and always had time to spend with students, demonstrating cytologic diagnostic criteria and correlating it with the clinical presentation and the histopathologic diagnosis. His colleagues and peers respected his opinions and diagnostic skills in veterinary clinical pathology, and also his interpersonal relationships with all other individuals, including staff, clients, students and peers.



Drs. Don Schmidt (left) and Steve Stocklham enjoy some refreshments at the 40th Anniversary celebration in Boston

He worked tirelessly to provide a teaching module that is still in use today. To support his teaching, he is credited with taking more than 20,000 photographs and collecting over 500 sets of microscope slides. In retirement he returned to catalog the 20,000 photographs into a computer program that has proven to be invaluable for teaching, continuing education, and use in publications. Dr. Schmidt is one of the kindest, most knowledgeable, patient individuals to serve clinical pathology.

Congratulations to our awardees! If you would like to nominate a Society member for the ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award, please contact Sue Tornquist, ASVCP Immediate Past-president and Chair of the 2006 ASVCP nominating committee.

ASVCP Young Investigator Award

Each year, the Society presents a cash award to the resident or graduate student whose oral platform presentation is judged best among the competing presentations given during the scientific sessions at the annual meeting. 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. At our meeting in Boston, Tanya Grondin (Kansas State University), Roberta Di Terlizzi (Kansas State University), Nicole Strik (University of Florida), Hilary

Burgess (Ontario Veterinary College), Jed Overmann (University of Minnesota), Maria Parrula (The Ohio State University), and Deana Schaefer (The Ohio State University) gave interesting and well-organized scientific presentations. Award selection was determined by an independent panel of judges and was based on the scientific content, abstract composition, clarity of presentation, and the contestants' ability to answer questions. Judges were Rose Raskin (Purdue), Mike Scott (Michigan State University), and Harold Tvedten (Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences). Prior to our Annual Case Review session, Immediate Past President Harold Tvedten presented a check for \$500 to the winner, Roberta Di Terlizzi, for her presentation entitled, "Comparison of Protein Concentrations in Precolostral and Postcolostral Bovine Sera Using Spectrophotometric, Refractometric, Electrophoretic, and Radioimmunoassay Methods". Congratulations to all participants for excellent presentations!

European College of Veterinary Clinical Pathology/European Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathology Update

Membership in the European College of Veterinary Clinical Pathology (ECVCP) as of November 2005 included 15 Charter Diplomates, 39 active Diplomates, and 2 Honorary Diplomates, for a total of 56 Diplomates. The College also has 3 Associate members. Seventeen countries, including the U.S., are represented in the ECVCP membership. The College conducted its second certifying examination in September. Its Laboratory Standards Committee approved 5 laboratories, and additional programs are currently under review. Its Education Committee approved 5 residency programs, and additional programs are currently under review.

The European Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathology (ESVCP) now has greater than 100 members, including veterinarians and non-veterinarians. The ESVCP held its annual congress/scientific meeting on June 5, 2005, in Utrecht, the Netherlands. It held its ECVCP Day in Glasgow (UK) on September 5, 2005 in conjunction with the European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ECVIM). A Continuing Education Day was held in Naples, Italy on September 5, 2005, in conjunction with the European College of Veterinary Pathology and the European Society of Veterinary Pathology.

The ESVCP Congress 2006 will include a half-day of continuing education held in conjunction with the ISACB (International Society of Animal Clinical Biochemistry) meeting on May 22-25 in Istanbul, Turkey. The main annual ESVCP Congress and Annual General Meeting will be held September 5-8, 2006 in Cambridge, UK. ESVCP Day will be held in conjunction with the ECVIM meeting, scheduled for September 14-16 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Submission of abstracts for posters and scientific presentations and case presentations are welcome! For more information, please go to www.esvcp.com.

Peter O'Brien, ESVCP President, has expressed thanks for the support that the ASVCP has provided for the ESVCP and ECVCP. In Dr. O'Brien's words, "The ECVCP and ESVCP have been successful in no small part due to the ASVCP! In the first instance, this has been by having set motivations, precedences and models for most of our organisation, constitution, and activities. ASVCP diplomates have also clearly seeded

and progressed the formation of the ESVCP-ECVCP. We are especially grateful to the ASVCP for the VCP journal which now is our official journal and one of our most important drivers for scientific advancement, continuing education, and communication. Another major support in a similar way but on a more day-to-day operational basis is the list-serve, which ASVCP has also shared with us. We have also benefited substantially from key input from ASVCP reviewers and advisors for putting together our constitution and our board examinations and for distinguished speakers at our continuing education and scientific meetings. Recently, we were pleased to see the contribution of the ASVCP to recommendations to European regulatory authorities on clinical pathology evaluation of hepatotoxicity. The previous overview is not nearly complete but gives an idea of the support we have enjoyed from the ASVCP. It would be useful for us to discuss how we can further build on this and how the ESVCP-ECVCP as a maturing partner does and could support the ASVCP. Perhaps this could be an action to the respective boards of the organisations.”

If additional information regarding the ECVCP or ESVCP is required, Anne Provencher Bolliger, Secretary of the ECVCP may be contacted at anne.provencher_bolliger@novartis.com.

--report prepared with information provided by Peter O'Brien, Anne Provencer Bolliger and Harold Tvedten

ACVIM Forum 2006

The ACVIM Forum 2006 will be held May 31-June 3 in Louisville, Kentucky. The Forum was originally going to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, but has been moved due to hurricane damage. The ASVCP speakers will give a total of 8 presentations based on the general themes of secondary hematologic disorders and/or advances in diagnostic medicine:

- Paul Avery, VMD, PhD, DACVP (Colorado State University)
 - Peripheral Cytopenias and Occult Lymphoproliferative Disease
 - Canine Lymphocytic Leukemia: Are There Markers of Prognosis?
- Andrea Bohn, DVM PhD, DACVP (Washington State University)
 - Interpretation of Equine Respiratory Cytology
 - Interpretation of Results in Equine Endocrine Testing
- Christine Olver, DVM, PhD, DACVP (Colorado State University)
 - Reticulocyte Parameter Measurements in the Dog and Cat: Methodology and Meaning
 - Anemia of Cancer: Characterization and Pathophysiology
- Anne Barger, DVM, MS, DACVP (University of Illinois)
 - Fine Needle Aspiration of Lytic Bone Lesions
 - Cytochemical and Immunohistochemical Staining of Bone Tumor Cytology

Call for 2007 ACVIM 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 2007 ACVIM Forum will be held June 6-9 in Seattle, Washington. Please send suggestions for ASVCP speakers and topics for the 2007 ACVIM meeting to Holly Jordan at holly.l.jordan@gsk.com.

ASVCP Committee Updates

Development Committee

Despite some dire predictions during the year, corporate contributions to the Society increased by 24% over last year. In addition, through the hard work of Mary Christopher the VIN Foundation made a sizeable gift to the Society. The primary purpose of this very large contribution is for investigating creative methods of delivery (e.g., web publishing) of the Veterinary Clinical Pathology Journal. We had one new corporate donor (Merck) and an increased contribution from five (5) corporate donors. With all of the contributions considered together, contributions to the Society were up about 100% over last year (>**\$38,000**). This turned out to be a great year for corporate giving, but it was not all good news – six (6) of our donors in 2004 did not contribute in 2005. We need to increase sponsorship of the workshops, the VLP special programming, and other areas, and develop additional opportunities of sponsorship for donors. Thank you to all of the corporate donors for 2005!

The Development Committee kicked off the ***Share the Future!*** campaign at the meeting in Orlando, Florida, in 2004. This was a great success for the first year (slightly over **\$3,500** was donated), but this is only the beginning. These contributions came from only 15 members – just think what might have happened if everyone had contributed something! This campaign is an opportunity for all of us to create a part of a legacy for the Society. This is something that we can all be a part of creating and expanding – though this program, the Society will be able to hold more workshops, provide better access for the membership to workshops, provide travel grants to trainees, veterinary students, and Veterinary Laboratory Professionals members, and that is just the beginning. The membership as represented by the Executive Board will only be limited by their creativity and imagination. We must all want to be a part of the future of the Society and ***Share the Future!*** to make it better for all of us – hopefully, all members of the Society will contribute something for 2006. All contributions, no matter how small, are welcome and will be put to good use. Thank you to all of the member donors to the Share the Future! campaign for 2005!

I will be stepping down as chair of the Development Committee. I want to thank the committee members for all of their help in making contacts and helping to forge this banner year for the Society; I want to thank all of you who are our contacts for our corporate donors, and who work to get the donations sent to the Society each year; and

I want to thank all of the member donors who really kicked off the ***Share the Future!*** campaign to make it a success in the first year. Michael (Mike) Fry will be taking the reins of the Development Committee for 2006, and Mike will continue to need your support and help to continue the progress that the Development Committee has made over the last several years. Also, the Committee needs additional members: if you are interested in talking with colleagues over the phone, via email, and by letter, contact Mike about joining the committee – this will be an opportunity you should not pass up! Contact Mike Fry (mmfry@mail.ag.utk.edu) about how you can help. The Development Committee and the Society can do more, but they need your help – everyone working together can accomplish great things!

--Submitted by Karyn Bird, Committee Chair

Veterinary Laboratory Professionals Committee

The ASVCP annual meeting was just held in Boston, MA on December 3 –December 7, 2005. The fairly new format of the meeting (2nd year) allows for about half of one day to tour the hosting city. It is nice to be able to see some of the sights that you have traveled so far to reach.

An update on the committee participants is as follows: Dennis Olexson has become VLP Chair, Rick DeFrancisco has become the Co-Chair and will continue to handle the PACE credits, Betty Thompson will continue to manage the VLP listserve, Lynne Shanahan is a new committee member, Lisa Shipp will continue the VLP portion of the newsletter, Roberta Moorehead, Nicole Rosen and Carolyn Haines will continue as committee members. Christine Olver is the Executive Board Liaison.

Other committees include:

Program committee: Dennis Olexson and Rick DeFrancisco

Membership Committee: Rick DeFrancisco

QA Committee: Carolyn Haines (VLP Liaison) and Linda Vap

Development Committee: Linda Vap

Veterinary Clinical Pathology Editorial Committee: Linda Vap

The VLP sessions were well attended. Session attendance ranged anywhere from 20 – 80 people.

Linda Vap has finished her 3 year term as Chair of the VLP. Thank you Linda for all of your hard work. We really appreciate all that you have done.

--Submitted by Lisa Shipp

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 teleconferences to accomplish the Society's business. Since publication of the ASVCP Newsletter #3, 2004 (August issue), the Board has decided a number of issues by majority vote.

Several measures related to our annual meeting. We accepted a proposal from Chair Joanne Messick and the Program Committee that reimbursement of ASVCP Pre-meeting Workshop speakers be established as follows: A flat-fee \$500 honorarium for a presentation of one hour or greater will be provided to (the) speaker(s), with overall speaker expenses capped at \$2,500. Travel, per diem, and hotel expenses are only provided if they fall within the limitations of the \$2,500 budget. The cap may be adjusted in subsequent years, provided concurrent adjustments are made to the registration fee; this action requires approval by the ASVCP Executive Board. At the behest of our Quality Assurance and Standards Committee, we passed a motion establishing the topic and presenter for the 2006 ASVCP Pre-meeting Workshop as "Immunoassays: Validation and Quality Control" by Dr. Asger Jensen. (The 2006 Workshop arrangements will be in the hands of the Quality Assurance and Standards Committee.)

Some measures related to the general functioning of the Society. We passed a motion to approve new members on a quarterly schedule, rather than at random times throughout the year. This should simplify record keeping. We passed a motion to amend the ASVCP Constitution and Bylaws as necessary to facilitate conducting elections and other Society business electronically rather than by mail ballot. We voted to amend our contract with our management company, The Rees Group (TRG), so that it comes up for renewal in December rather than April of 2006. This will put us in synchronization with renewal of the ACVP management contract with TRG. Moving management contract renewal to December (following the Annual Meeting) will also minimize the effects that any eventual decision to change management groups will have on the conference.

Back In 2004, the Executive Board agreed that the Veterinary Information Network (VIN) will handle electronic publication of our journal, *Veterinary Clinical Pathology*. Because they have the expertise and mechanisms in place to do so, and because they will need access to our member database in order to allow all ASVCP members and non-member subscribers to the journal to access the electronic version of the journal on their website, we recently passed a motion to use VIN for maintenance of our electronic member data base. The member data will be secure and cannot be sold to any individual, company, or other group. Once the database and electronic version of the journal move to VIN, each member will be required to have a unique password to access them. Passwords will initially be assigned, but each member will have the opportunity to choose his or her own password in lieu of the assigned one. This arrangement with VIN will save the Society considerable time and expense in establishing secure, password-protected member database and journal access.

We voted to accept the membership applications of Inese Berzina, Allison Billings, Kimberly Boudreau, Hilary Burgess, Sebastian E. Carrasco, Noel Clancy, Debra Colarusso, Debbie Cunningham, Rebecca Davies, Kate Dunn, Kathi Ellis, Bente Flatland, Alesandro Fleming, Tanya Grondin, Rebekah Gunn, Amy Hudak, Teita Ishizake, Thomas Kelly Jr., Ann Kier, Debra LaFrambrise, Sally Lester, Jennifer McCleese, Deborah Meyer, Prashant Nambiar, Aysel Ozpinar, Angela Royal, Bill Ruehl, Kristina Ruotsalo, Deana Schaefer, Janette Vani, Catherine Wagg, Angela Wilcox, Casey M. Wood, and Israel Zilberman. For a complete list of all new members for the year, see the Membership Report in this Newsletter.

The minutes of the 2005 Executive Board Meeting and of the 2005 ASVCP Annual Business Meeting will be published in the February, 2006 issue of this newsletter.

Announcements

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ASVCP NATIONAL OFFICE: Our National Office has moved! Members can now 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. The previous telephone number will forward calls to the new number until May of 2006.

Electronic Newsletters: Effective with ASVCP Newsletter #1 for 2004, paper copies of the newsletters are no longer 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 2810 Crossroads Drive, Suite 3800, Madison, WI 53718; Email: info@asvcp.org; FAX 608-443-2474 or 608-443-2478.

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 2810 Crossroads Drive, Suite 3800, Madison, WI 53718; 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 2810 Crossroads Drive, Suite 3800, Madison, WI 53718; phone 608-443-2479; Email: info@asvcp.org.

Upcoming Meetings

XII Congress of the International Society of Animal Clinical Biochemistry: May 22-26, 2006, Istanbul, Turkey. For more information, go to www.isacb2006.org.

European Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathology Continuing Education: The ESVCP will hold a half-day of continuing education in conjunction with the 2006 ISACB meeting (see above).

American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine Forum: May 31-June 3, 2006, Louisville, Kentucky. For more information, go to www.ACVIM.org.

European Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathology Main Annual Congress and Annual General Meeting: September 5-8, 2006, Cambridge, UK. For more information, go to www.esvcp.com.

ESVCP (European Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathology) Day: to be held in conjunction with the **European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine meeting**, September 14-16, 2006, Amsterdam, the Netherlands. For more information, go to www.esvcp.com.

Job Opportunities

Residency Training in Veterinary Clinical Pathology. As part of the most comprehensive health sciences center in America, the Department of Veterinary Biosciences at The Ohio State University offers outstanding training opportunities for students whose career goals include specialty education in clinical pathology training leading to a PhD degree. The department has a successful program in experimental and applied veterinary pathology demonstrated by sustained extramural funding and an excellent record of graduates who successfully pass the certifying examination of the ACVP. Trainees receive excellent training in clinical chemistry, cytology, hematology, immunology, surgical pathology, and molecular techniques. Trainees are directly involved in the teaching and diagnostic services of the clinical pathology laboratories, which provide support services for the large caseload in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, regional practitioners, and the Columbus Zoo. Areas of research training are Cellular and Molecular Biology, Oncology, Microbiology and Immunology, and Pathophysiology and Pharmacology. Research training includes experience with transgenic animal pathobiology. Stipends begin at \$26,500, and successful applicants will receive a \$2,000 bonus to apply toward the cost of educational supplies. Tuition is provided (Estimated at \$9,608/resident or \$24,556/non-resident per year), and the university will pay an estimated \$1480 of the cost of student health insurance per year. A DVM from an AVMA-accredited institution is preferred and a GRE score is required. Applications are reviewed upon receipt and will continue until suitable applicants are selected for positions beginning June 19, 2006. Interested individuals should submit a Graduate School application to the Admissions Office of The Ohio State University (<http://gradadmissions.osu.edu>). A curriculum vitae, statement of career goals, and three letters of reference should be submitted to: Dr. Michael Oglesbee, Graduate Studies Committee Chair, Department of Veterinary Biosciences, Ohio State University, 1925 Coffey Road, Columbus, OH 43210-1092. For more information, contact Dr. Maxey Wellman at (614) 292-1877, Wellman.3@osu.edu or visit the department website, www.vet.ohio-state.edu. The Ohio State University is an AA/EOE.

Veterinary Clinical Pathologist. Washington State University, Veterinary Clinical Sciences, is seeking applications for a tenure or clinical track position in veterinary clinical pathology at the assistant or associate professor level. Minimum qualifications include a DVM or equivalent degree and ACVP board certification or eligibility, with board certification preferred. Other preferred qualifications include an advanced degree, a record of research or scholarly productivity, evidence of experience and expertise in teaching and diagnostic service, and a demonstrated ability to work with others in a team atmosphere. Duties will include participation in teaching professional veterinary students, interns, residents, and graduate students and provision of diagnostic service for the Veterinary Teaching Hospital. A candidate for the tenure track position is also expected to develop and maintain an independent or collaborative research program. Candidates for the clinical track position will be expected to participate in scholarly activity in their area of interest. The position is available January 1, 2006. Rank and salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications. Applications received by October 3, 2005 are assured of full consideration but applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Applicants should submit

a curriculum vitae, letter of intent stating professional interests and career goals, and arrange for three letters of recommendation to be sent to Dr. K. Jane Wardrop, Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, Washington State University, Pullman, WA, 99164-7060, phone 509-335-0820, FAX 509-335-0880, email kjw@vetmed.wsu.edu. Letters of recommendation should address the applicant's ability to fulfill the duties outlined above. Washington State University is an EEO/AA employer. Protected group members are encouraged to apply.

Assistant/Associate Professor or Instructor- Veterinary Clinical Pathology: Diagnostic Services, Instruction, and Research. Department of Biomedical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, Oregon State University. Full-time, tenure-track or fixed term, one-year position depending on qualifications. Academic rank, salary, and tenure-track status are negotiable. D.V.M. or comparable degree, Ph.D. or M.S. in pathology or related discipline and board certification in clinical pathology is required for the tenure track position. DVM and board eligibility are required for the instructor position and an advanced degree is preferred. Responsibilities include providing clinical pathology services to practicing veterinarians, clinicians in the veterinary teaching hospital, and other clients; and teaching in the professional and other programs. Candidate for the tenure-track position is expected to develop an extramurally-funded research program. Qualified applicants should submit a letter of application, resume, and names, email addresses and phone numbers of three references by January 31, 2006 to: Ms. Tammy Jennings, OSU-College of Veterinary Medicine, 101 Magruder Hall, Corvallis, OR 97331-4802, FAX (541) 737-0502 or email: Tammy.Jennings@oregonstate.edu. For information about the position, contact Dr. Susan Tornquist, (541) 737-6943 or email: Susan.Tornquist@oregonstate.edu. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. To view full announcement see: <http://oregonstate.edu/jobs>. OSU is an AA/EO employer.