



# NEWSLETTER

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### Important Dates

November 10-14, 2007 Annual ASVCP/ACVP Meeting, Savannah, Georgia  
November 11, 2007 ASVCP Annual Business Meeting, Savannah, Georgia

### President's Message:

Dear ASVCP Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that I write my first "President's Message" in the ASVCP newsletter. I am struck by how much the society has grown since I joined it, and am brimming with enthusiasm for its future. We are just over 600 members strong, and our membership represents 24 countries!

The ASVCP membership has collectively had a productive year, culminating in an excellent meeting in Tucson. The accomplishments are directly related to the hard work and dedication of our leadership and committees, and they are to be commended. Dr. Judy Radin will be greatly missed as our President, but fortunately for us she will remain on the Executive Board as Immediate Past President. She did an excellent job this year. A big “thank you” should also go to Dr. Sue Tornquist, who served as Past President in 2006. She will be leaving the Executive Board this year, and has been a tremendous asset to the Society. Perhaps the most onerous (oops, I mean challenging) position in this Society is that of Secretary. Dr. Marlyn Whitney steps down as our Secretary this year after 4 years of dedicated service. Please bow down and kiss her feet next time you see her. On the other hand, we have two new members of the Executive Board starting in January 2007. Dr. Joanne Messick will serve as our first year Executive Board member and Dr. Karen Russell will be our new Secretary.

The committees have been active and accomplished a great deal. The Development Committee has raised enough funds through its Share the Future Campaign to fund 4 travel awards to the Savannah meeting. The Education Committee continues to be diligent and creative in its planning of Education Symposia and in publishing guidelines for residency training (see the December issue of *Veterinary Clinical Pathology!*). They have also initiated an “Education Award” to honor an individual who has had outstanding achievements in clinical pathology education. The Quality Assurance and Standards Committee organized an excellent pre-meeting workshop entitled “Immunoassays—Validation and Quality Control.” The Program Committee members deserve a huge thank you for preparing the program for the 2006 meeting in Tucson. The scientific content and speakers were all excellent.

The ASVCP owes its bright future to the efforts of those who have contributed to the Society in the past. To honor those members, the ASVCP initiated its Lifetime Achievement Awards during the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in Boston in 2005. This year Maxine Benjamin received the Lifetime Achievement Award for being “one of the true pioneers whose vision and enthusiasm for veterinary clinical pathology has been instrumental in making the specialty what it is today.” Dr. Benjamin, carrying an unfathomable list of accomplishments, was honored at the ASVCP Reception during the Tucson meeting.

*Veterinary Clinical Pathology* and the ASVCP web site are prized possessions of our society and are the greatest vehicles for communications of national and international scope. Drs. Mary Christopher and Karen Young have been central in the growth and the value of these resources, and their efforts have been incredible. The management of the web site will now move to the Rees group, although Dr. Christopher’s work will never be forgotten.

As the Society grows and advances, it will take more management in order to define and fulfill our goals. To this end, the Executive Board is considering the formal development of a strategic plan during 2007. Also, we will strive to reach out to our

European and Latin American colleagues by investigating the possibility of a combined meeting in the future. Together, with the energy and enthusiasm of our membership, we can have a productive 2007 and lay the groundwork for more growth! I am honored to be President.

Happy New Year!

Christine Olver, ASVCP President

## State of the Society

Dear Colleagues:

It is a pleasure to review the state of the Society for this past year. The ASVCP continues to grow and be an important contributor to the practice of veterinary clinical pathology and laboratory medicine. This is the result of the hard work of our members, and I want to thank everyone who has contributed time and ideas that have helped make our society function so well and helped make my job as President go so smoothly. I would like to point out some of the highlights of the past year.

- First, I am very pleased to report that the ASVCP is financially solid, thanks in large part to the activities of the Development Committee. In addition, the Share the Future campaign has continued to build momentum. As a result, we will be able to offer our first travel grants to residents to attend the ASVCP/ACVP meeting in Savannah, GA.
- The ASVCP is renewing the contract with The Rees Group to act as our management company.
- Attendance continues to grow for the annual meeting. Once again, the pre-meeting workshop was very successful and thanks go out to the Quality Assurance and Standards committee for spearheading this effort.
- This year we honored Maxine Benjamin with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Benjamin was one of the original 13 Charter members of the ASVCP and served as the first Secretary-Treasurer of our organization from 1965 to 1966.
- *Veterinary Clinical Pathology* has done very well this year. The impact factor of the journal has continued to increase, evidence of its increasing status in the field of veterinary medical literature. As a service to our members and the veterinary community as a whole, it was decided to provide open electronic access to issues after 1 year.

- The constitution and bylaws were amended to allow electronic voting. Our first use of electronic balloting for the election of officers and Executive Board members was successful and resulted in a significant increase in participation in the voting process by the membership.
- Residency training guidelines for hematology have been completed by members of the Education Committee and will be published in *Veterinary Clinical Pathology*.
- A *Best Practices for Pathology Reports* position paper submitted by the Regulatory Affairs Committee was endorsed by the Executive Board in conjunction with STP and ACVP.

In summary, it has been a great year. I am honored to have served as President and again, I want to thank everyone who gave their time to the Society.

Best wishes for the New Year,

Judy Radin  
ASVCP Immediate Past President

## ASVCP Officers for 2007

New officers were inducted at the conclusion of the ASVCP Annual Business Meeting on December 3, 2006 in Tucson, Arizona. The ASVCP officers and Executive Board members for the upcoming year are:

**President**

Christine Olver

**Secretary**

Karen Russell

**President-Elect**

Holly Jordan

**Treasurer**

Sonjia Shelly

**Second Year Executive Board Member**

Melinda Wilkerson

**Immediate Past-President**

Judy Radin

**First Year Executive Board Member**

Joanne Messick

## Proposed Amendment to the ASVCP Bylaws

During a review of our Constitution and Bylaws, we discovered a conflict in the wording for life membership as a result of the change in our fiscal year to the current October 1-September 30<sup>th</sup> cycle. Life membership is granted at the annual business meeting. In the past, the annual business meeting occurred prior to the start of the fiscal year and exemption from dues started with the fiscal year on January 1. Under the current wording, this exemption would be delayed until October 1. The following change in the bylaws has been proposed so that the exemption for paying dues for a newly conferred Life Member can begin with the membership year, which still runs from January 1-December 31. The proposed change is indicated in underlined italics.

In article 2, section 1 of the bylaws:

“Life members shall be exempt from payment of dues beginning the fiscal year after being granted life membership.”

Will be changed to the following:

“Life members shall be exempt from payment of dues beginning the membership year after being granted life membership.”

Early in 2007, 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 mail. 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 amendment, a copy of our Constitution and Bylaws is available in the 2006 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, Wisconsin 53718).

## Membership Report

Since the 2005 Executive Board and Annual Business Meetings, 66 new members have been accepted into the ASVCP. Our total membership now stands at 603, compared to 546 at the time of last year's Annual Conference. The Executive Board hopes that electronic membership renewal can be made possible sometime within the next year. A previous survey conducted by the Membership Committee indicated that the most common reason for member non-renewal is simply forgetting to renew. It is hoped that efficient electronic renewal will decrease the procrastination that can lead to letting

renewal “fall through the cracks”! The 66 new members who were approved for membership within the last year (from the 2005 Executive Board Meeting through the 2006 Executive Board Meeting) are listed below. Welcome to all!

New ASVCP Members  
December 2, 2005 - December 1, 2006

Cynthia Argue	Fred Metzger
Melissa Behr	Amy Miller
Katy Bellers	Laurie Marie Millward
Rannou Benott	Kazuhisa Miyakawa
Benito Soto Bianco	Daniel Morton
Tricia M. Bisby	Sakurako Neo
Katrina Bowers	Michal Neta
Stuart Alex Bowman	Indira Pargass
Anthony Cappa	Bruce W. Parry
Sara Connolly	Tisha Ann Posey
Keith D.K. DeJong	Krupali Prevete
Mark Dunbar	Heather Priest
Amnon Farkas	Shane Raidal
Jana Fletcher	Janelle Renschler
Shir Gilor	Tammy J. Ruska
Sylvie Gosselin	Vicky Satterfield
Audree Gottlob	Melanie Shearer
Britton John Poete Grasperge	Matthew Silverstein
Mary Griepentrog	Robert Simoni, Jr.
Roberto Guzman	Linda Jean Sorenson
Anne Hale	Cleverson D. Souza
Jenifer Hill	Tatiana Strelnikova
Lisa Hulme-Moir	Marianne Swintosky
Joelle Ibanes	Jacqueline Tarrant
Karen Jackson	Lindsay Tomlinson
Sigrid Johannes	Catherine Trumel
Kyung-il Kang	C.J. van der Meiden
Stanley Krogman	Kari Velguth
Juan Manuel LaJara Larrea	Susan Vincent
Nicolino Ferreira Lauletta	Amy Warren
Tzuyin Lin	Marjorie J. Williams
Kim J. Little	Matthew Lee Williams
Clare Lunniss	Osamu Yamato

## 2006 ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. Maxine Benjamin Honored as 2006 Recipient

The ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award, established in 2004 and presented for the first time in 2005, 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 chairs a nomination committee consisting of at least four additional members of the ASVCP that do not currently sit on the Executive Board. This committee reviews



nominations made by the members of the ASVCP, and the committee's recommendation is presented to the Executive Board for approval by majority vote. The ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award is presented at the Annual Meeting. The 2006 recipient of the ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award recipient is Dr. Maxine Benjamin. She was presented the award on December 4 in Tucson, Arizona during the ASVCP Reception at the Annual Meeting. Dr. Mary

Anna Thrall (left, above) presented the award to Dr. Benjamin (center) after being introduced by 2005-06 ASVCP President Dr. Judy Radin (right, above). Dr. Thrall provided the following synopsis of Dr. Benjamin's illustrious service:

Fifty eight years ago Dr. Benjamin began her career as an assistant professor of veterinary clinical pathology at Colorado State University. She was a central figure in academic clinical pathology for many years. Her "green book" *Outline of Veterinary Clinical Pathology*, published in 1958, 1961, and 1978 in English, Spanish, and Japanese, became the primary veterinary clinical pathology text for veterinary students and veterinarians around the world. This text was one of the original guides not only for veterinary students, but also aspirants to American College of Veterinary Pathologists' certification.

She taught clinical pathology at Colorado State University for 30 years, and her successes as a teacher are legend. She won every award given for teaching by the College and the University, including a "Top Prof" award in 1966, which named her as the outstanding teacher at Colorado State University, the Oliver Pennock Award for Outstanding Teaching in 1965, and the Norden Distinguished Teacher Award in 1977. She was an invited participant at more than 100 professional meetings, seminars, workshops, and short courses. She was instrumental in developing guidelines for fluid and electrolyte therapy in animals, and provided continuing education on this topic at national veterinary conventions. In her usual modest way, she downplayed the importance of this contribution by saying "In the land of the blind, the one-eyed woman was queen". Her veterinary and graduate students adored and respected her, and she left her impact on many. She also taught at the University of Nairobi, Kenya from 1968 to 1969, and at Cornell University in 1967, and she came out of retirement in 1987 to teach clinical pathology for one year at Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine at St. Kitts, West Indies. She was instrumental in establishing the importance of clinical pathology at Ross, and is still spoken of with reverence at that University. Maxine has stated that she did her very best teaching there.

In 1973, she was selected as the "Outstanding Woman Veterinarian", and in 1978 was given honorary membership in the American College of Veterinary Pathologists, the same year that she was named as Colorado Veterinary Medical Association Veterinarian of the Year, American Animal Hospital Association Veterinarian of the Year, and named as an Old Master by Purdue University. She was one of 20 veterinarians featured in the book *Women in Veterinary Medicine - Profiles of Success* authored by Drs. Sue Drum and H. Ellen Whiteley, published in 1991. This book is another avenue by which she continues to serve as a role model, as it was awarded a "First Choice Selection for Teenagers" by the New York Library System.

In summary, Dr. Benjamin is one of the true pioneers whose vision and enthusiasm for veterinary clinical pathology has been instrumental in making the specialty what it is today. She was one of the 13 Charter members of the American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology and served as the first Secretary-Treasurer of our organization from 1965 to 1966. In 1967, almost forty years ago, she published in Volume 1 of *Veterinary Clinical Pathology*; the paper was titled "The hemogram of canine malignant lymphoma."

## 2006 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 Tucson, Connie Stevenson

(University of Saskatchewan), Jennifer Johns (University of California, Davis), Marjorie Williams (Colorado State University), Mehrdad Ameri (Kansas State University), Nicole Weinstein (University of Pennsylvania), Daniel Macieira (Purdue University), Inese Berzina (University of Minnesota), Lisa Pohlman ( Auburn University), Maria Parrula (The Ohio State University ), Matthew Williams (Colorado State University), Laura Snyder (North Carolina State University), and Peter Christopherson (Auburn 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 and significance, abstract composition, clarity of presentation, and the contestants' ability to answer questions. Judges were Tracy Stokol (Cornell), Sharon Dial (University of Arizona), Andrea Bohn (Colorado State University) and Sue Tornquist (Oregon State University). Prior to our Annual Case Review session, Immediate Past President Sue Tornquist presented a check for \$500 to the winner, Lisa Pohlman, for her presentation entitled, "Classification of 50 cases of Feline Gastrointestinal Lymphoma". Congratulations to all participants for excellent presentations.

--Report submitted by Sue Tornquist

## ECVCP/ESVCP Update

The European College of Veterinary Clinical Pathology (ECVCP) now has 64 diplomates. Of these, 15 are charter diplomates, 47 are active diplomates, and 2 are honorary diplomates. The 3<sup>rd</sup> certifying examination was administered in September of 2006. The organization's charter was submitted in November of 2006 to the European Board of Veterinary Specialisation (EBVS) for final approbation. The College's Laboratory Standards Committee has approved 5 laboratories and additional programs are under review. Its Education Committee has approved 5 residency programs and additional programs are under review. The European Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathologists (ESVCP) currently has more than 100 members (veterinarians and non-veterinarians). It held its Annual Congress in Cambridge, UK in September of 2006. Also in 2006, ESVCP Day was held in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, in conjunction with a meeting of the European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ECVIM). Case presentations, scientific presentations and posters involving clinical and toxicologic pathology were included. In 2007, the ESVCP's main annual congress will be held in conjunction with the ECVIM annual congress on September 12-15 in Budapest, Hungary. For more information, go to [www.acvimcongress.org](http://www.acvimcongress.org). Abstracts for posters and scientific presentations are welcome.

--report prepared from information provided by Anne Provencher-Bolliger

## ACVIM Forum 2007

The 2007 American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) Forum will be held in Seattle, WA, June 6-9. The ASVCP will provide speakers for 8 hours of presentations during the Forum. Four two hour sessions will be provided, covering updates from a variety of topics of interest to both internists and clinical pathologists. The presenters and topics will be as follows:

Dorothee Bienzle (University of Guelph)

1. CSF Analysis: Maximizing Diagnostic Yield
2. CSF: High-resolution Analysis and Biomarkers

Doug Weiss (University of Minnesota)

1. Recent Advances in Pathogenesis of Non-neoplastic Canine Hematologic Disorders
2. Recent Advances in Pathogenesis of Non-neoplastic Feline Hematologic Disorders

Mary Boudreaux (Auburn University)

1. Platelet Function Testing
2. Inherited Platelet Disorders

Daniela Ennulat and Holly Jordan (GlaxoSmithKline):

1. Hepatobiliary Markers: Shared Learnings for the Clinician from Industry Colleagues
2. Cardiac Markers: Shared Learnings for the Clinician from Industry Colleagues

Information about the ACVIM and the annual Forum can be accessed at [www.acvim.org](http://www.acvim.org)

--Report submitted by Holly Jordan

## Call for 2008 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 2008 ACVIM Forum will be held June 4-7, 2008, in San Antonio, TX. Please send suggestions for ASVCP speakers and topics for the 2008 ACVIM meeting to Melinda J. Wilkerson at [wilkerns@vet.k-state.edu](mailto:wilkerns@vet.k-state.edu).

## ASVCP Committee Updates

### Quality Assurance and Standards Committee

Finalizing details for the Pre-Meeting Workshop occupied the QA&S Committee during October and November. As of Nov. 16, 71 individuals were registered for the Workshop. A teleconference attended by 9 members was held on Nov. 14 to discuss Committee plans for 2007. The existing Guidelines will receive final edits and hopefully appear in a new on-line format in 2007. Additional QC Guidelines for Blood-typing and Fecal Analysis will be added. There is continued interest in addressing QC issues for in-house laboratories in private veterinary practices, possibly through communication with the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA). Look for articles from the QA&S Committee in the 2007 ASVCP Newsletters concerning in-house laboratory QC and the updated Guidelines.

Members of the ASVCP and VLP are cordially invited to join the Quality Assurance and Standards Committee for 2007. We are looking for someone to serve as co-chair for 2007 alongside Kristen Friedrichs, with subsequent promotion to chair in 2008 or 2009. We are also looking for someone who would like to begin a conversation with the AAHA in regards to in-house QC recommendations.

I would like to thank all the QA&S Committee members, the Executive Board, our liaison Melinda Wilkerson, Program Committee Chair Bruce LeRoy, and Jane Shepard and Susan Rees of the Rees Group, Inc. for their support and contributions to this productive year. Happy Holidays!

--Submitted by Committee Chair Kristen Friedrichs

### Veterinary Laboratory Professionals Committee

The 2006 annual meeting was held in Tucson, AZ. It was a nice change of scenery for those of us that left home in a snow/ice storm. The VLP lost several members this year to retirement (congratulations, ladies). We did, however, have a good showing of new faces. Many thanks to the new folks that jumped in and got involved with the committee.

The VLP continues to draw nice sized crowds at our meetings. Our speakers had an average of 53 attendees per session with a high of 64.

The VLP Committee for 2007 is as follows:

Dennis Olexson	VLP Chair/ASVCP Program
Rick Defrancisco	VLP Co-Chair/ASVCP Program, Membership/PACE
Faye Hartman	VLP Listserv coordinator
Lisa Shipp	VLP Newsletter

Linda Vap	ASVCP QC & S/ASVCP Development
Dr. Holly Jordan	ASVCP Executive Board Liaison
Nicole Rosen	ASVCP Education
Lynn Shanahan	ASVCP QC & S
Helen Kocmarck	ASVCP QC & S
Roberta Moorhead	VLP board member
Debra Laframboise	VLP board member

--Submitted by Lisa Shipp

### **Electronic Communication and Technology Committee**

Activities and concerns of the Electronic Communication and Information Committee – December, 2005-December, 2006:

1. A request for suggested additional related links for the organization website was sent to membership via the listserv by Mark Johnson. A few recommendations were received, reviewed by the committee, and approved by the Executive Board. Webmasters/organizations for websites that were recommended for inclusion were contacted for permission and, if permission was granted, website links were included on our site.
2. Lois Roth-Johnson and Betsy Aird worked with Melinda Wilkerson to prepare an online submission form for the case review session at the annual meeting.
3. Mike Scott asked that the ASVCP identify someone to take over from him responsibility for hosting the ASVCP listserv. After reviewing the list of tasks and responsibilities provided by Mike, Lois Roth-Johnson and Jenny Thomas recommended that this responsibility be handled by the Rees Group.

The leadership of the committee feels that, if this committee is to continue its existence, its tasks and goals should be better defined by the Executive Board so that donated time does not go toward work on projects that ultimately are not fully utilized.

--Report prepared from information submitted by Lois Roth-Johnson

### **Executive Board News**

In addition to the Executive Board Meeting and Annual Business Meeting sessions held during the Annual Meeting of the ASVCP, the members of the ASVCP Executive Board correspond regularly throughout the year, using electronic mail and teleconferences to accomplish the Society's business. Since publication of ASVCP Newsletter #3, 2006 (August issue), several decisions have been made by majority vote of the Board

members. We decided to name one Lifetime Achievement awardee this year and accepted the recommendation of the Nominating Committee in naming the awardee. (Please see the article about Dr. Maxine Benjamin on page 7 of this issue.) Documentation for the other nominees will be transferred to next year's nominating committee. We voted to increase the cost of the Annual Case Review slide sets to \$75 within North America and \$100 for those mailed to other locations. We approved, at the request of the Regulatory Affairs Committee, an STP position paper on "Best Practices for Reporting Pathology Interpretations within GLP Toxicology Studies." We decided to use general funds to pay for dinner for Asger Jensen and his wife on Saturday evening following Dr. Jensen's presentation of the 2006 Pre-meeting Workshop on December 2nd. Members of the Quality Assurance and Standards Committee and other committee members accompanied Dr. and Mrs. Jensen to dinner; committee funds were used to pay for the meals of the committee members.

Several motions were passed during the Executive Board Meeting in Tucson. We decided to increase the amount of membership dues allocated for the journal subscription from \$45 to \$65 for both ASVCP and ESVCP members. We accepted the base management contract renewal proposal submitted by The Rees Group. The contract will be for a 5 year term, to correspond with the contract between TRG and ACVP. We decided that TRG will take over management of the ASCVP website. We approved the Education Committee's proposal for an ASVCP Education Award.

Also during the Executive Board Meeting in Tucson, we took action to clarify the application and acceptance procedures for Life Member status. Because the ASVCP Constitution and Bylaws do not define what is meant by "retirement", we adopted an interpretation of retirement and Life Member status which will be posted to the ASVCP website and sent via letter to members applying for Life Member status. This is similar to the approach that the ACVP has taken in conferring its "Emeritus Member" status. The interpretation is as follows: "Lifetime membership is available to members who have retired from their professional activities and have been a member in good standing of the society for a minimum of 20 consecutive years. The Executive Board interprets Lifetime membership to be appropriate for those members who have retired from the practice of clinical pathology/laboratory medicine and are no longer earning a living, performing the tasks or receiving compensation for pathology or laboratory medicine related activities. Retirement may have many varied meanings, and it is possible for an individual to retire from a career at one institution and work in another or continue to consult. The Executive Board does not consider such individuals to be retired for the purposes of Lifetime Membership." Applicants for Life Member status will be asked by the Treasurer to submit a signed statement confirming that they meet the interpretation. An amendment to our Bylaws has been proposed by the Executive Board, so that applicants approved for Life Member status at the annual meeting can benefit from the dues waiver at the beginning of the next dues cycle (January 1). For details, please see the article regarding the proposed amendment on page 5 of this issue. As required for amendments, three members in good standing have signed a proposal that the amendment be made. As required by the Constitution, members will be notified of the proposed amendment, be given time to send comments to the Board, and then the

amendment will be voted on by the membership sometime early in 2007. We considered requiring Life Members to pay for the journal (*Veterinary Clinical Pathology*) subscription, much as ACVP requires its Emeritus Members to pay for an optional subscription to *Veterinary Pathology*. We decided that the subscription to the journal for Life Members will be provided gratis in electronic form, and the Life Member can elect to also receive paper copies at the current member rate.

The complete minutes of the 2006 Executive Board Meeting and of the 2006 ASVCP Annual Business Meeting will be published in the February 2007 issue of the Newsletter.

Applications have been accepted for 32 new members since July. They are: Binito Soto Bianco, Tricia M. Bisby, Katrina Bowers, Anthony Cappa, Sara Connolly, Keith D.K. DeJong, Jana Fletcher, Audree Gottlob, Roberto Guzman, Anne Hale, Karen Jackson, Sigrid Johannes, Kyung-il Kang, Nicolino Ferreira Lauletta, Tzuyin Lin, Kim J. Little, Clare Lunnies, Amy Miller, Laurie Marie Millward, Kazuhisa Miyakawa, Michal Neta, Bruce W. Parry, Heather Priest, Janelle Renschler, Tammy J. Ruska, Matthew Silverstein, Robert Simoni, Jr., C.J. van der Meiden, Kari Velguth, Amy Warren, Marjorie J. Williams, and Matthew Lee Williams. A hearty welcome to our newest members! To see a complete list of new members since the 2005 Annual Meeting, see page 6 of this issue of the newsletter.

## Announcements

**CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ASVCP NATIONAL OFFICE:** 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](mailto:info@asvcp.org).

**Proteomics Interest Group:** Several members of the ASVCP and the ESVCP are taking the first steps towards forming a proteomics interest group. We would like to investigate proteomics as a diagnostic and research tool in veterinary medicine, and to share ideas, technologies, resources and expertise. If you are interested in belonging to this group, please write Christine Olver at [colver@colostate.edu](mailto:colver@colostate.edu).

**Electronic Newsletters:** 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](mailto:info@asvcp.org)) or Secretary Karen Russell ([krussell@cvm.tamu.edu](mailto:krussell@cvm.tamu.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](mailto: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](http://www.asvcp.org)), please contact the ASVCP Secretary, Karen Russell, at 979-458-3548, FAX 979-458-1235, Email: [krussell@cvm.tamu.edu](mailto:krussell@cvm.tamu.edu); or contact the ASVCP National Office at 2810 Crossroads Drive, Suite 3800, Madison, WI 53718; Email: [info@asvcp.org](mailto:info@asvcp.org).

**ASVCP Membership Application:** Member application forms are available at the ASVCP website ([www.asvcp.org](http://www.asvcp.org)), by contacting ASVCP Secretary Karen Russell, [krussell@cvm.tamu.edu](mailto:krussell@cvm.tamu.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](mailto:info@asvcp.org).

**VIN Access to VLP Articles:** VIN now has direct links to *Veterinary Clinical Pathology* articles on their website. VIN ([www.vin.com](http://www.vin.com)) is a veterinary information website used extensively by clinicians as well as a variety of internists and other clinical specialists. You should have received an e-mail instructing you on accessing VCP articles from the ASVCP website or the journal website.

## Upcoming Meetings

**144<sup>th</sup> AVMA Annual Convention.** July 14-18, 2007, Washington, D.C. For more information, go to [www.avmaconvention.org](http://www.avmaconvention.org).

**European Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathologists Annual Congress,** held in conjunction with the Annual Congress of the European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. September 12-15, 2007, Budapest, Hungary. For more information, go to [www.acvimcongress.org](http://www.acvimcongress.org). Abstracts for posters and scientific presentations are welcome.

**50<sup>th</sup> Annual AAVLD/USAHA Meeting.** October 17-24, 2007, John Ascuaga's Nugget, Reno, NV. For more information, go to [www.aavld.org](http://www.aavld.org).

## Job Opportunities

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**Clinical Pathologist:** Phoenix Central Laboratory is seeking a full-time, service-and-team oriented clinical pathologist. Possible management opportunities. Part-time and locum work will also be considered. We are the largest independent veterinary diagnostic laboratory on the west coast, owned solely by local veterinarians and employees, and dedicated to fast, reliable service. The laboratory is located in the metropolitan area of Seattle, Washington, close to all the many pleasures of the Pacific Northwest. Salary and benefits are very competitive. ACVP board certification is preferred, but an individual with ACVP board eligibility will be considered. If interested, send curriculum vitae and references to Faye Sturtevant, DVM, PhD, Phoenix Central Laboratory, 11620 Airport Road, Everett, WA 98204-3742; phone: 800-347-0043, fax: 425-322-0651, or email: [fayes@pclv.net](mailto:fayes@pclv.net) Visit our website at [www.pclv.net](http://www.pclv.net).

**Residency in Veterinary Clinical Pathology:** The Department of Physiological Sciences, University of Florida has 1 position available for a 3-year residency program beginning Jul 15, 2007. The residency is designed to provide thorough Clinical Pathology training for ACVP certification and provide basic research experiences. Those who are qualified and choose to pursue graduate studies concomitant with or subsequent to residency training can do so through the College of Veterinary Medicine graduate programs of Physiological Sciences or Infectious Diseases and Pathology. The supervised residency trainee is expected to provide diagnostic service in the Clinical Pathology laboratory of the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital through interpretation of hematological and biochemical data, as well as cytologic specimens. Participation in veterinary student teaching and college seminars is expected. Applicants must possess DVM or equivalent degree. One year of postgraduate clinical experience is highly desirable. Each application must include curriculum vitae, official college transcript(s), letter stating career goals, and 3 letters of reference. Application deadline is December 10, 2006. Contact Dr. Rick Alleman, PO Box 100103, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32610-0103; phone 352-392-4700 (ext. 5858), FAX 352-392-2938, or email [AllemanR@mail.vetmed.ufl.edu](mailto:AllemanR@mail.vetmed.ufl.edu). A detailed description of the program is available at website <http://physio.vetmed.ufl.edu/clinpath/resident.htm>. The University of Florida is AA/EOE.

**Residency in Veterinary Clinical Pathology:** The Department of Diagnostic Medicine/Pathobiology is accepting applications for a residency in veterinary clinical pathology with a starting date near October 1, 2007. The program consists of a 3-year experience that provides in-depth clinical pathology training through informal training sessions, diagnostic service responsibilities, teaching of clinical pathology to veterinary medical students, participation in seminars, presentations at national meetings, and writing manuscripts for publication. The program is designed to meet the training requirements to sit for the certification examination of The American College of Veterinary Pathologists (<http://www.acvp.org/exam/train.php>). The successful applicant will work and study with board-certified clinical and anatomic pathologists who provide direct instruction and guidance. Besides a stipend with increases in the second and third years; residents are eligible for faculty/staff benefits. Candidates must have a DVM or equivalent degree; candidates with at least one year of post-DVM clinical experience and who are graduates of AVMA-accredited veterinary colleges are preferred. Applications should include curriculum vitae, statement of professional goals, veterinary school transcript & class ranking, and a list of three references (name, address, phone number, e-mail address). Send applications to Dr. S.L. Stockham, Department of Diagnostic Medicine/Pathobiology, College of Veterinary Medicine, Manhattan, KS 66506; e-mail: [stockham@vet.k-state.edu](mailto:stockham@vet.k-state.edu), fax: 785-532-4039. Additional information about the program is available in the Department's website (<http://www.vet.ksu.edu/depts/dmp/teach/residency.htm>). The deadline for receipt of application is December 31, 2006, but applications will be accepted after that date if the position is not filled. Kansas State University is an AA/EOE.

**Veterinary Clinical Sciences, University of Minnesota: Assistant or Associate Professor (Tenure Track or Contract Faculty Track) of Clinical Pathology; Assistant or Associate Clinical Professor (Clinical Specialist Track) of Clinical Pathology.** Track, rank, and terms of appointment will be dependent upon qualifications and experience consistent with Collegiate and University policies. Essential Qualifications: Clinical specialist and tenure track candidates must have completed a DVM or an equivalent foreign degree, ACVP board certification or eligibility, and demonstrated commitment to high quality teaching and service in clinical pathology. Tenure track candidates should have a record of advanced research training and a research publication track record appropriate for their level (Assistant vs associate). Desired/Preferred Qualifications: An MS or PhD degree,

and demonstrated research potential or track record. Essential Experience: Expertise in companion animal clinical pathology. Responsibilities: Participation in the three missions (teaching, service, and research) of the College and Department. Provide clinical pathology diagnostic service to the Veterinary Medical Center (VMC) and assist VMC clinicians in the interpretation of laboratory results in hematology, chemistry, urinalysis, and cytology. Teaching responsibilities for all positions will include didactic and clinical teaching of professional veterinary students, clinical pathology residents, graduate students, and other House Officers. Candidates for a clinical specialist position would be expected to participate in ongoing clinical research projects. Applicants interested in pursuing a tenure track appointment will be expected to dedicate a significant portion of their time to research and develop an extramurally funded research program with a productive record of publication. Opportunities also exist for supervision or administration of the clinical laboratory program. Time allotment to activities described above will be flexible depending upon applicant experience and interests. The College is located on the St. Paul Campus of the University of Minnesota and has a reputation for excellence in basic and clinical research programs. Research strengths include comparative medicine and pathology, infectious diseases, genomics, molecular immunology, bone marrow disorders, immune-mediated hematologic diseases and genetics. Opportunities exist for collaboration with faculty in the Medical School. With a population of nearly three million, the metropolitan area offers urban living at its best, with a blend of big-city sophistication and small-town security and comfort. Application Deadline: January 15, 2007 or until the position is filled. Start Date: March 15, 2006 or later. Application Instructions: Please go to [employment.umn.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=57549](http://employment.umn.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=57549) for a full position description for the Tenure/Contract Track of Clinical Pathology or [employment.umn.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=57547](http://employment.umn.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=57547) for a full position description of the Clinical Specialist Track of Clinical Pathology. *The University of Minnesota is an equal opportunity educator and employer.*

**University of Minnesota, Resident in Veterinary Clinical Pathology:** The University of Minnesota, Veterinary Clinical Sciences Department, will have one Residency or combined residency/graduate student position in Veterinary Clinical Pathology. The position is annually renewable for up to three years. Applicants must have a DVM or equivalent degree from a foreign university by start date and excellent communications skills. Preference will be given to candidates with clinical and research experience, and/or experience related to clinical pathology. The program is designed to fulfill the residency training requirements of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP). Candidates are expected to participate in teaching both the clinical pathology class and laboratory for sophomore students as well as teach in the Laboratory medicine rotation for senior veterinary students. Participation in departmental seminars and training sessions in gross, microscopic and clinical pathology is expected. A diverse faculty that includes 3 certified clinical pathologists and 5 certified anatomic pathologists supports residency training. There is a high quality, high volume clinical caseload with an emphasis on small animal cytology stemming from internal medicine and oncology. Graduate research opportunities, if desired, include but are not limited to NIH funded research projects in musculoskeletal disease, stem cell biology, infectious disease and cancer research. Additional clinical and applied research opportunities are also available with ongoing projects involving the diagnostic use of biomarkers and companion animal cytology, hematology, and clinical chemistry. With a population of nearly three million, the Minneapolis/St Paul metropolitan area offers urban living at its best, with a blend of big-city sophistication and small-town security and comfort. Just outside the city are great opportunities for outdoor recreation, including hiking, boating, and camping. Candidate selection will be based on strength of academic record, level and quality of experience and commitment to a career in veterinary pathology. Starting salary is \$26,500 and includes health care, tuition benefits, and three weeks of personal leave per year. All unused personal leave time is forfeited at the end of the residency period. Residents will have FICA, State and Federal income taxes withheld. Yearly continuation of appointments is dependent on satisfactory performance and available funding. For application instructions please go to [employment.umn.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=56001](http://employment.umn.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=56001). Class standing with grade point average, a university certified veterinary college transcript, and three letters of recommendation from individuals knowledgeable of academic performance and clinical skills should be forwarded to Sharon Beckford, Veterinary Clinical Sciences, C339 VMC, 1352 Boyd Ave, St Paul, MN 55108. Start date is May 31, 2007 or until the position(s) is filled. *The University is an equal opportunity educator and employer.*

**Tenure-track Clinical Pathology position:** The Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology Department of the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine is seeking applications for a Clinical Pathologist. This tenure-track faculty position is available February 1, 2007 and may be filled at the Assistant, Associate, or Full

Professor rank in either clinical or tenure track, depending on the experience and qualifications of the successful candidate. The position requires a D.V.M. or equivalent degree, Ph.D., and A.C.V.P. board certification or board-eligibility. For further information about the position and how to apply, visit <http://job.vt.edu> (Posting number 060585). Applications received by January 15, 2006 are assured full consideration. All applications must be submitted using the Virginia Tech website at <https://jobs.vt.edu>. Use the search engine to select posting number 060585. Fill out the application form, and upload supporting documents including a cover letter, curriculum vitae, statement of research goals, teaching and service philosophies, and names and contact information for 3 references. Virginia Tech has a strong commitment to the principle of diversity and, in that spirit, seeks a broad spectrum of candidates including women, minorities, and people with disabilities. Though the applications themselves must be submitted online as described above, individuals with disabilities desiring accommodations in the application process or needing this material in an alternate format should contact Dr. Ludeman Eng (Dept. Head) by phone at 540-231-4809, or email: [laeng@vt.edu](mailto:laeng@vt.edu). Virginia Tech is a recipient of the National Science Foundation ADVANCE Institutional Transformation Award to increase the participation of women in academic science and engineering careers.

**Veterinary Clinical Pathologist:** A private veterinary pathology laboratory in Perth, Western Australia requires a part-time (0.7 appointment) veterinary clinical pathologist. Applicants should be eligible for specialist registration in Australia or have recent training towards specialist qualification. The position would entail 3 days per week with participation in a weekend roster (1 in 4 weekends). Excellent working conditions with three other clinical pathologists. Flexible roster. Remuneration based upon a full time package of \$140,000 (Aust) per annum. Applications must include a CV citing recent training and employment history, plus list three referees. Applications should be addressed to: Dr. S.A. Beetson, VETPATH Laboratory Services, P.O. Box 18, Belmont, Perth, Western Australia, Australia 6894. Email: [sbeetson@vetpath.com.au](mailto:sbeetson@vetpath.com.au). Applications close 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2007.

**Clinical Pathologist:** The Department of Diagnostic Medicine/Pathobiology, College of Veterinary Medicine, Kansas State University invites applications for a tenure-track Associate/Assistant Professor of Veterinary Clinical Pathology position. Candidates are required to possess a DVM (or equivalent) and be a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (or scheduled to sit for the certifying examination in 2007). A PhD degree or having an established scholarly record is preferred. The primary responsibilities (80%) of the position include participation in teaching (veterinary students and residents) and diagnostic service. Publishing discipline-based information and other scholarly activities are expected; these activities may relate to teaching, diagnostic duties, or collaborative or independent investigations. Teaching and diagnostic service assignments are negotiable depending on experience and qualifications; promotions and tenure decisions are based on performance in assigned duties. Candidates for an associate professor appointment should have appropriate experiences, a record of excellence in clinical pathology teaching and diagnostics, and a documented record of scholarship. Salary, rank, and tenure are negotiable depending on prior experience, training, and accomplishments. Interested individuals should submit a letter stating career goals and current expertise, a curriculum vitae, and names and addresses of three references. Applications should be sent to Dr. S.L. Stockham, Chair of Search Committee, Department of Diagnostic Medicine/Pathobiology, College of Veterinary Medicine, Manhattan, KS 66506; e-mail: [stockham@vet.k-state.edu](mailto:stockham@vet.k-state.edu), fax: 785-532-4039. The application screening process will begin on March 1, 2007 and the search will continue until the position is filled. Kansas State University is an AA/EOE.

**Clinical Pathology Residency/Combined Residency/PhD program:** The Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology, in the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at Colorado State University offers a post-DVM combined residency or residency plus graduate research training positions in Clinical Pathology. The programs are designed to culminate in specialty board certification (American College of Veterinary Pathology, ACVP) and an MS or PhD degree in the Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology. Residency training is facilitated by a diverse faculty, 15 of whom are board certified by the ACVP, and six of whom are certified in clinical pathology. Graduate research training utilizes modern scientific methodology and encourages independent thought with an emphasis on experimental design, data interpretation, and development of written and oral communication skills. Research opportunities include, but are not limited to, the

study of mycobacterial diseases, arthropod borne infectious disease, retroviral pathogenesis/therapy, transmissible spongiform encephalopathies, immunobiology and cancer biology. Applicants must have a DVM or equivalent degree. Applications for all training positions to start July 2007 close February 2, 2006 or before if the position is filled. Information about the college is available at: <http://www.cvmb.colostate.edu> and information about the department is present at: <http://www.cvmb.colostate.edu/mip>. Residency training information and application instructions are available at: <http://www.cvmb.colostate.edu/mip/residency/index.htm>. For general information about the training program contact Dr. Christine Olver, [colver@colostate.edu](mailto:colver@colostate.edu). Applications should be submitted to Ms. Brooke Taylor, Colorado State University, Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology, 1619 Campus Delivery, Fort Collins, CO 80523-1619, 970-491-6144; [gradpath@colostate.edu](mailto:gradpath@colostate.edu). *Please clearly indicate that this is a clinical pathology residency that you are applying for in your letter of intent.* Colorado State University is an Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Institution.

**Clinical Pathology Residency Training:** Colorado State University and Antech Diagnostics, Inc. are pleased to announce a joint residency position in Veterinary Clinical Pathology available July 1, 2007. An initial 3-year program is designed to fulfill training requirements and eligibility for board certification in veterinary clinical pathology. Training emphasizes analytical and interpretive skills in diagnostic laboratory medicine (hematology, clinical chemistry, cytology, surgical pathology), oral and written communication skills, and quality control, instrumentation and laboratory data management. The resident will be based at Colorado State University under the supervision of 6 ACVP board-certified clinical pathologists, and will spend 3 months of training each year at Antech, Irvine, California. At Antech in Irvine, the resident will interact with several board-certified clinical pathologists and other board-certified specialists in a high-caseload environment with an emphasis on diagnostics and consultation. Throughout training, the resident will participate in rounds and seminars, contribute to publication of case material, design and carry out an original clinical research project, and obtain a Masters degree. In the first two years, residents also will participate in teaching clinical pathology laboratories to 2nd-year veterinary students. Unique to this program is an opportunity to gain a fourth year of experience by means of full-time employment at an Antech Diagnostics facility. The candidate will enter into an employment agreement with Antech Diagnostics that will govern the opportunity for the fourth year of employment as a diagnostic clinical pathologist. Candidates with a career interest in diagnostic clinical pathology are especially encouraged to apply. Strong oral and written communication skills are desirable. Minimum qualifications are a DVM or equivalent. Starting salary is \$31,000 plus tuition. Continuation to subsequent years is contingent upon satisfactory performance. Applicants should electronically submit a statement of career goals, curriculum vitae, veterinary college transcripts, GRE scores, and three letters of recommendation to Dr. Mary Anna Thrall ([maryanna.thrall@colostate.edu](mailto:maryanna.thrall@colostate.edu)) The deadline for receipt of application materials is Feb 1, 2007. Colorado State University is an equal opportunity employer.