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Important Dates

June 4-7, 2008	2008 ACVIM Forum, San Antonio, TX
Sept 30-Oct 3, 2008	XIII th Congress of the International Society for Animal Clinical Pathology, Barcelona, Spain
October 23-29, 2008	51 st Annual AAVLD/USAHA Meeting, Greensboro, NC
November 15-19, 2008	Annual ASVCP/ACVP Meeting, San Antonio, TX
November 16, 2008	ASVCP Annual Business Meeting, San Antonio, TX

President's Message

Dear ASVCP Members,

What is the unique value of our Society?

This and other fundamental questions were addressed during the ASVCP Strategic Planning Session in Savannah in November—a process that is at once fun, challenging, and daunting. Our Society is a very diverse group of nearly 600 professionals from all areas of the globe. Thanks to careful stewardship and the generous support of members and donors, we have a bright fiscal future and the time is right for initiating a formal planning process to define and shape our future. Therefore, it is a particular privilege and pleasure to have the opportunity to serve as President this year and to participate in future planning on behalf of the Society.

ASVCP Leaders

ASVCP has had some terrific Executive Board members over the years, but I would especially like to extend very sincere thanks to outgoing Immediate Past-President, Judy Radin, Treasurer, Sonjia Shelly, ACVP liaison, Bob Hall, and newly transitioning Immediate Past-President Christine Olver for their leadership this past year and for facilitating--amongst many things--several key initiatives for the Society. These include the Strategic Planning process (with support from the Rees Group), selection of a new publisher for ***Veterinary Clinical Pathology*** (under the guidance of Editor, Mary Christopher), establishing trainee travel awards (thanks to Development Committee Chair, Mike Fry), and for including ASVCP in the recent ACVP Supply and Demand Survey. ASVCP members will benefit from these efforts for many years to come. In terms of lasting contributions in veterinary clinical pathology, this year's Lifetime Achievement Award winner, Dr. John Harvey, has few equals. Leaders such as this are truly inspiring—and a very hard act to follow! Lastly, I would like to welcome several new faces: Dori Borjesson starts her tenure as our new Treasurer, Kirstin Barnhart is the new First Year EB member; Maxey Wellman is the new ACVP liaison to ASVCP, and we have a new chair for the Electronic Communications and Technology Committee, Mark Johnson.

ASVCP Action

Our committees are vital in keeping the Society vibrant, and ASVCP has benefited from the hard work and efforts of numerous committee members and chairs this year. Bruce Leroy and the Program Committee did an outstanding job with the 2007 Annual Meeting in Savannah. Organized by Kirstin Barnhart, the premeeting workshop on the Clinical Pathology of Laboratory Rodents was one our best attended. Other meeting highlights included a terrific first (and surely not last) Clinical Chemistry Case session, developed and hosted by Joanne Messick and Kendall Harr. Mike Scott and Sharon Dial presented the first (and surely not last) example of exciting digital slide scanning technology as applied to the case review setting. The Clinical Pathology Scientific Sessions included nearly 30 oral and poster presentations and 2 invited international platform speakers; 8 trainees competed for this year's ASVCP Young Investigator Award. Clinical pathologists were also well represented in the plenary joint ASVCP/ACVP session on obesity with excellent talks by session chairs, Leslie Sharkey

and Judy Radin. For our veterinary laboratory professionals, Dennis Olexson and the VLP Committee organized an informative program on clinical chemistry instrumentation and calcium disorders.

ASVCP Advances

Mike Fry and members of the Development Committee have done an excellent job again this year of enhancing member support and corporate donations. The “Share the Future” campaign grows steadily, and as an outcome for the first time (and surely not last) ASVCP sponsored 5 travel awards for trainees attending this year’s meeting. Paula Krimer and the Membership Committee created a new membership brochure and slide presentation about the Society, distributed a hematology cell identification guide, and developed some exciting outreach plans for the coming year. Denise Bounous and the Regulatory Affairs Committee continue to make substantial strides for veterinary clinical pathology in the area of toxicologic pathology with progress on two manuscripts: one on bone marrow assessment and another on best practices in clinical pathology. Kristin Friedrichs and the Quality Assurance and Standards Committee continue to evaluate guidelines for areas in the laboratory for which there is a need for quality standards. Sharon Dial and the Education Committee hosted a timely and successful teaching forum on enhancing information retention by students.

ASVCP Future:

We are fortunate to have the excellent Rees Group and Executive Director Susan Rees oversee many of the routine—and not so routine—activities of the Society. Their service has allowed officers and committee chairs to devote more time to implementing innovations on behalf of the Society. However, the ASVCP needs contributions from all members to truly flourish. Such contributions can take many forms—certainly renewing membership dues is a fundamental (and greatly appreciated!) step, but I invite members to share their time and talents through additional avenues this year. Some examples:

- Join one of our 8 standing committees (contacts can be found at www.asvcp.org)
- Volunteer to participate on ad hoc committees as they evolve (contact me)
- Contribute to the “Share the Future” campaign (see www.asvcp.org)
- Submit contributions to the newsletter (contact Karen Russell)
- Volunteer to assist with annual meeting activities (contact Bruce Leroy)
- Promote ASVCP during scientific presentations at other venues (contact Paula Krimer)

Additional ideas and input are welcome at any time. There is no shortage of creativity and talent in our membership. Our commitment to advancing the field of veterinary and comparative laboratory medicine is stronger than ever. I look forward to an exciting and productive year.

Have a great holiday season!

Holly

Holly Jordan, ASVCP President

State of the Society

Dear ASVCP Members:

The ASVCP has a strong voice in the philosophy and practice of veterinary clinical pathology and comparative laboratory medicine. This voice has been strengthened as a result of the hard, daily work of our members, the dedication of our officers, and the never-ending enthusiasm of our committees. I cannot emphasize enough how important the work of our committees is to the success of the Society.

A summary of 2007 follows:

- I am very pleased to report that the ASVCP remains financially solid, thanks to activities of the Development Committee, donors, and the fiscal responsibility of the Executive Board.
- Thanks to the Share the Future campaign, the ASVCP was able to offer the first travel grants to 5 trainees attending the ASVCP/ACVP meeting in Savannah, GA.
- Attendance of ASVCP members at the annual meeting has doubled in the last 6 years, with about 40% of our members attending at any one meeting.
- The pre-meeting workshop, "Clinical Pathology of Laboratory Animals," was very successful and thanks go out to the Program committee for both initiating and carrying out this endeavor. Over 100 participants were present this year.
- Joanne Messick instituted the first clinical chemistry case review session in Savannah; it was very well attended!
- This year we honored Dr. John Harvey with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Congratulations Dr. Harvey!
- *Veterinary Clinical Pathology* will switch to Blackwell Publishing in 2008 so be ready for an exciting new look! Blackwell will handle publication and marketing of the journal and manage and grow the advertising revenues. As the world's largest publisher of journals on behalf of academic and professional societies, Blackwell currently publishes 874 journals in health science, science, the humanities and social sciences. This means that service levels, workflows and editorial and pricing policies are all attuned to Society requirements. In marketing and promotion Blackwell prioritizes our customers' brands over and above their own.
- The Executive Board and several other members of the Society participated in a one day strategic planning session during the meeting in Savannah. A hardy thanks to not only those on the EB but Mike Fry, Jan Andrews, Dennis Olexson, and David Eckersall who spent an invigorating day contemplating what ASVCP is all about. Additional

thanks go to Pat Sterner who kept us on track and mentally stimulated. The first round of accomplishments of the plan was presented at the business meeting and a final report will be ready for the first newsletter of 2008.

It has been a great experience to be the President of this Society. I am so impressed by the hard work and dedication of our members.

Best wishes for the New Year,
Christine Olver
ASVCP Immediate Past-President

2008 ASVCP Officers and Executive Board Members

New officers were inducted at the conclusion of the ASVCP Annual Business Meeting on November 11, 2007 in Savannah, Georgia. The ASVCP officers and Executive Board members for the upcoming year are:

President
Holly Jordan

Secretary
Karen Russell

President-Elect
Melinda Wilkerson

Treasurer
Dori Borjesson

Second Year Executive Board Member
Joanne Messick

Immediate Past-President
Christine Olver

First Year Executive Board Member
Kirstin Barnhart

ACVP Council Representative
Maxey Wellman

Membership Report

Since the 2006 Executive Board and Annual Business Meetings, 61 new members have been accepted into the ASVCP. Our total membership now stands at 580, compared to 589 at the time of last year's Annual Conference. Electronic membership renewal is now available. The 61 new members who were approved for membership within the last year (from the 2006 Executive Board Meeting through the 2007 Executive Board Meeting) are listed below. Welcome to all!

New ASVCP Members December 1, 2006 - November 11, 2007

Audrey Baldessari	Jennifer Mathews
Tricia Bisby	Amy Miller
Benito Soto Blanco	Diane Miller
Liesl Breickner	Kazuhisa Miyakawa
Jennifer Brown	Eric Morissette
Kathrin Burke	Michal Neta
Gary Burkhartsmeier	Bryan Noble
Melina Camus	Giane Regina Paludo
Anthony Cappa	Don Petersen
Kimberly Jeannine Caruso	Ida Piperisova
Shawna Chag	Heather Priest
Sara Connolly	José Antonio Ruiz Remolina
Michelle Cora	Kenneth Schafer
Mathew Feirer	Lynne Shanahan
Jana Fletcher	Sherry Shu
Angelica Galezowski	Mathew Sliverstein
Barry Gallagher	Graham Stock
Audree Gottlob	David Sweetlove
Roberto Guzman	Andrew Suttie
Ann Hale	Dilini Thilakaratne
Pierre Hebert	Kirsten Todhunter
Sara Hill	Julie Tomlinson
Joanne Hodges	CJ van der Meiden
Louis Hopper	Kari Velguth
Karen Jackson	Allison Vitsky
Sigrid Johannes	Dana Walker
Tom Johnson	Amy Warren
Kyung-il Kang	Marjorie Williams
Michelle Louise Lephherd	Mathew Williams
Gwendolyn Levine	Susan Wojcik
Tzuyin Lin	

2007 ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. John Harvey as 2007 Recipient

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 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 2007 recipient of the ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award recipient is Dr. John Harvey. He was presented the award on November 11 in Savannah, Georgia during the ASVCP Reception at the Annual Meeting.



From left to right (back): Drs. Rick Alleman, John Harvey, Christine Olver, and Judy Radin and (front) Dr. Harvey's granddaughter, Miss Emmy Harvey.

Dr. Radin presented the award to Dr. Harvey after being introduced by 2006-07 ASVCP President Dr. Olver. Dr. Alleman provided the following synopsis of Dr. Harvey's illustrious service:

Dr. John W. Harvey began his career as a hematologist and clinical pathologist as an Assistant Professor at the University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine, in 1974. For 33 years he has been the cornerstone of veterinary clinical pathology at the University of Florida. He has taught basic hematology and clinical pathology since the first veterinary class was admitted in 1976 and has been a staff clinical pathologist since the UF Veterinary Medical Center opened in 1977. Dr. Harvey is currently Professor and Chair of the Department of Physiological Sciences and Chief of the Clinical Pathology Service. He has served as department chair since 1995.

Dr. Harvey received his DVM from Kansas State University in 1970, and his PhD from University of California, Davis. At U.C. Davis he trained with the masters, Oscar Schalm and Jerry Kaneko, who had major impacts on his career. However, it is obvious that Dr. Harvey has traversed his own career path and has made significant contributions along the way. During his tenure at the University of Florida he has trained 21 clinical pathologists, taught countless numbers of veterinary students and provided the veterinary community, and specifically veterinary clinical pathologists, with three texts of

vital importance, "*Clinical Biochemistry of Domestic Animals*" (Kaneko, Harvey, Bruss), "*Veterinary Laboratory Medicine*" (Meyer and Harvey), and "*Atlas of Veterinary Hematology: Blood and Bone Marrow of Domestic Animals*" (Harvey). His contributions in the field of veterinary hematology are numerous particularly in the areas of inherited red cell metabolic diseases and hemoparasites. Dr. Harvey is an internationally recognized expert having published over 140 journal articles and book chapters and presented over 210 scientific and continuing education talks and seminars in the area of veterinary hematology.

Some of Dr. Harvey's significant contributions include, but are not limited to his pioneering work with *Mycoplasma haemofelis* and *Cytauxzoon felis* infection in cats and studies involving canine infectious agents such as *Ehrlichia canis*, *Anaplasma phagocytophilum*, *Babesia canis*, *Leishmania donovani*, and *Anaplasma platys* (a rickettsial parasite of dog platelets that Dr. Harvey discovered and named). Another longstanding area of interest of Dr. Harvey's has been inherited defects of erythrocyte metabolism. This has resulted from in depth studies of clinical cases of pyruvate kinase



deficiency in dogs, methemoglobin reductase deficiency in dogs and cats, glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency in horses, and flavin adenine dinucleotide deficiency in horses. He also conducted extensive experimental studies on erythrocytes and muscles from adult and neonatal phosphofructokinase-deficient dogs. Dr. Harvey was the discoverer or co-discoverer of three of these inherited erythrocyte defects.

For his significant contributions to teaching and scholarly activity, Dr. Harvey has received the University of Florida Norden Distinguished Teacher Award, the C.L. Davis Foundation Journal Scholarship Award, the Daniels Pharmaceuticals Senior Clinical Investigator Award, Alumni Recognition Award from the Kansas State University College of Veterinary

Medicine, and the Award for Outstanding Contribution to Animal Clinical Chemistry, Division of Animal Clinical Chemistry, American Association for Clinical Chemistry. Dr. Harvey has also served as President of the American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology and President of the International Society of Animal Clinical Biochemistry.

The magnitude of Dr. Harvey's professional accomplishments pale in comparison to his personal qualities. He is respected by his colleagues and students because he is a man of honor and integrity. He is uncommonly fair when dealing with his faculty; slow to blame and quick to forgive. He has an uncanny ability to resolve difficult situations to the satisfaction of all because his colleagues know that his motivations are always unselfish. He is a great teacher because he continues to be a student and a great leader because he continues to be a servant. He trained with the masters, and in every sense of the word, he has become one.

2007 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 Savannah, Drs. Camilo Bulla (Michigan State University), Bente Flatland (University of Tennessee), Tzu-Yin Lin (The Ohio State University), Amy Miller (Colorado State University), Cecilia Parrula (The Ohio State University), Laura Snyder (North Carolina State University), Catherine Wagg (University of Montreal) and Shanon Zabolotzky (University of California, Davis) 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 competitor's ability to answer questions. Judges were Joyce Knoll (Tufts University), Sharon Dial (University of Arizona), and Beverly Kidney (University of Saskatoon). During the Annual Case Review session, Immediate Past-President Judy Radin presented a check for \$500 to the winner, Tzu-Yin (Cindy) Lin, for her presentation entitled, "Phenotypic and functional characterization of canine bone marrow derived cultured mast cells". Congratulations to all participants for excellent presentations.

Submitted by: Judy Radin

2007 ASVCP Travel Grant Awards

2007 was a landmark year for Share the Future, the ASVCP's program to support students and trainees in clinical pathology. We awarded our first travel grants to help support trainees presenting at the Annual Meeting in Savannah. There were 15 applicants, of whom 5 were awarded grants of \$500 each. The grant recipients were:

Dr. Tzuyin Lin (The Ohio State University)
Dr. Amy Miller (Colorado State University)
Dr. Cecilia Parrula (The Ohio State University)
Dr. Catherine Wagg (University of Montreal)
Dr. Shanon Zabolotzky (UC-Davis)

Congratulations to the awardees!!!

Also, many thanks to everyone who has helped to get the Share the Future off to such a great start. This is just start of more things to come! We hope to begin funding our other objectives in 2008, including awarding competitive research grants and sponsoring clinical pathology speakers at the SAVMA Symposium and veterinary school pathology club events. We can meet ALL of our funding objectives with an annual budget of

\$12,000 — we would exceed this goal if every ASVCP member contributed just \$25!
Think about contributing!!!!

Submitted by: Mike Fry

2008 ACVIM Forum

The 2008 American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) Forum will be held in San Antonio, Texas, June 4-7, 2008. ASVCP will provide speakers for 8 hours of presentations during the Forum. The sessions will cover updates from a variety of topics of interest to both internists and clinical pathologists. Organizers asked to have speakers provide 1-2 hours each.

The following speakers and topics have been solicited:

John Harvey: Biochemical abnormalities in erythrocytes from dogs and cats

Roberta Di Terrlizi: Erythrocyte membrane disorders in domestic animals: What we know and what is new

Sandra MacConkie: The molecular mechanism of drug-induced hematotoxicity
The molecular mechanism of acetaminophen toxicity in dogs and cats

Mike Scott: Extracting conclusions from cavitory effusions in the dog and cat, Part I:
Fluid formation, evaluation, and classification
Extracting conclusions from cavitory effusions in the dog and cat, Part II:
Case studies

Tracy Stokal: New Concepts in hemostasis-The clot thickens

Marjorie Brooks: Point-of-care hemostasis testing: What's new

Submitted by: Melinda Wilkerson

2007 Journal Report, *Veterinary Clinical Pathology*

It's been a busy and momentous year for *Veterinary Clinical Pathology*! As 2007 ebbs, we are busily in the midst of transition with Blackwell Publishing to implement exciting changes for 2008, including online manuscript submission and tracking, early online publication (shorter turnaround time!), and digital archives. The March issue is going to be a great one! Meanwhile, here's a recap of the year's activities and those who made them possible.

Thanks to the Section Editors, Editorial Board, and Staff — A huge “thank-you” to all Section Editors, Editorial Board members, and staff members for their outstanding service to the journal; they have worked willingly and tirelessly and volunteered time and expertise that has contributed significantly to the science and quality of the journal. They include Karen Young, Associate Editor, whom I’m delighted will serve as Co-Editor-in-Chief in 2008; Section Editors Pat McManus (Hematology), Asger Jensen (Clinical Chemistry, who recently retired from his position, after 6 outstanding years of service), Maxey Wellman (Cytology/Surgical Pathology), and Jean-Pierre Braun (Quality Assurance and Instrumentation); and staff members Sharron O’Neill (editorial office), Sharon Kindall (Allen Press Representative), VIN (online publication), and the Rees Group (business management). **Welcome** to several recently appointed Section Editors: Jean-Pierre Braun (Clinical Chemistry), Ilse Schwendenwein (Laboratory Management), Darren Wood (Reviews Articles), Dave Fisher (What Is Your Diagnosis? articles), and Karen Russell (Book Reviews).

Thanks to Authors — Another huge “thank-you” to those of you who submitted your work to the journal for publication. *Veterinary Clinical Pathology* relies more than anything on your support and the confidence you place in your journal as the best choice for advancing and representing the science and discipline of clinical pathology.

Manuscript Activity — The number of manuscripts submitted increased by 25% to 140, an all-time high; most were original research (Table 1). Acceptance rate decreased to 59% (Table 2). Authors hailed from 31 countries and 6 continents (Table 3). Sixty-seven articles (402 pages) were published in Volume 36, 57% of which were original research. Manuscript turnaround (submission to publication) decreased from 378 days to 351 days, and should decrease significantly more as we move to early online publication in 2008.

Table 1. Manuscript Activity (Oct 2006-Oct 2007)

Manuscript Type	Submitted	In Review	Accepted/Published	Rejected	% Accepted
Review	1 (0.7%)	0	1	0	100
Original Article	84 (60.0%)	31	21	32	25
Brief Comm.	11 (7.9%)	0	4	7	36
Case Report	28 (20.0%)	9	12	7	43
WYD	16 (11.4%)	5	8	3	50
Total	140	45	46	49	33

Table 2. Manuscript Activity, by Year

Year	Submitted	Accepted	Rejected	Acceptance Rate	Pending
2002-03	52	39	13	75%	0
2003-04	79	63	16	80%	0
2004-05	123	80	44	65%	0
2005-06	112	66	51	59%	5
2006-07	140	46	49	33%	45

Table 3. Manuscripts Submitted, by Region

Year	Europe	No. America	So. America	Aust/NZ	Asia	Africa
2002-03	23	24	0	2	3	0
2003-04	29	40	5	0	5	0
2004-05	50	48	10	2	12	1
2005-06	25	50	12	0	23	2
2006-07	53	48	8	2	27	3

Submitted by Mary Christopher, Editor-in-Chief

The 2007 Education Forum

The 2007 "Teaching Clinical Pathology Forum" topic once again sparked interesting and informative discussion. The response to Dr. Casey LeBlanc's survey concerning the current curricula offered in professional veterinary programs was excellent. Twenty-seven of the 32 veterinary schools in North America provided excellent input concerning their current and future programs. Due to the arrival of the newest little LeBlanc, Sharon Dial presented Dr. LeBlanc's findings and moderated the session. The results of the survey were presented at the forum with several discussion questions. A complete report of the survey results will be prepared for publication in the next ASVCP newsletter. It was interesting to note that 17/27 programs have had the same course structure for over 11 years with 11/27 at greater than 21 years. In discussion, it became apparent that while the basic course structure in many of these institutions has remained the same, several innovative teaching techniques have been incorporated into both lecture and laboratory setting. In addition, 12 of the programs are planning to institute changes to their curriculum in the future. The extent of the forum discussion was too extensive for a short paragraph, so the membership will have to wait for the next issue of the newsletter! Thanks to all participants in the survey and the discussion. A more detailed article on this year's Forum is planned for a future newsletter.

Next year's Forum topic will likely generate a lively discussion. Since in-house instrumentation has continued to secure a firm foothold in veterinary clinical practices, we will be discussing the core principles needed by veterinary technicians in clinics with in-house clinical pathology laboratories.

Submitted by: Sharon Dial and Casey LaBlanc

2007 Pre-Meeting Workshop Clinical Pathology of Laboratory Rodents A Success!

The ASVCP pre-meeting workshop for the 2007 ACVP/ASVCP Concurrent Session in Savannah, GA was a great success. The workshop entitled "Clinical Pathology of Laboratory Rodents" was attended by 114 people and included didactic lectures and case presentations from five outstanding clinical pathologists. Nancy Everds from Amgen, Inc, Seattle, WA and Anne Provencher-Bolliger from Novartis, Basel, Switzerland gave a combined presentation on hematology and bone marrow evaluation. Dina Andrews-Cleveanger, Amgen, Thousand Oaks, CA addressed the challenging topic of rodent coagulation. Bill Reagen, Pfizer, Inc., Groton, CT reviewed cardiac biomarkers, and Judith Prescott, GlaxoSmithKline, Research Triangle Park, NC gave an update of new and old methods for evaluating renal toxicity.

All speakers generously took the time to get legal approval from their respective companies to allow their presentations to be distributed to attendees as formal proceedings. Because ASVCP has had an overwhelming number of requests to have the proceedings distributed electronically in color, we will make CDs available to attendees and ASVCP members. Order information will be available early next year.

Submitted by: Kirstin Barnhart

ASVCP Committee Annual Reports and Highlights

A summary of annual committee reports follows in the Minutes of the Annual ASVCP Business Meeting. Highlights include:

Development Committee: The first Travel Grants, funded by Share the Future fund, were awarded this year

Education Committee: The 2007 Education Forum was another success. Plans for an Education Award are in process.

Electronic Communication and Technology Committee: Mark Johnson will serve as committee chair, and they are looking for members. Any one interested in joining this committee please contact Mark at mjohnson@cvm.tamu.edu.

Program Committee: This year's pre-meeting workshop was extremely popular. There is discussion to include other committees in planning future pre-meeting workshops. New ideas and potential topics for meetings in the years to come are always welcomed.

Membership Committee: A revised ASVCP Membership Brochure is now available on the ASVCP website and can be downloaded.

Quality Assurance and Standards Committee: Work continues on the ASVCP Quality Assurance Guidelines. Planning for the 2009 Pre-meeting workshop has begun.

Regulatory Affairs Committee: Initiatives on bone marrow assessment and stress-induced lesions and best practices in veterinary clinical pathology are in preparation. The 2008 Pre-Meeting Workshop topic will be validation and development of biomarker assay in preclinical studies.

Veterinary Laboratory Professionals: The topic for the 2008 VLP program will be sharks, crustaceans, and lobsters. Anyone interested in joining the VLP listserv is encouraged to do so. To subscribe, send a message to vlp-on@svm.vetmed.wisc.edu by typing or copying vlp-on@svm.vetmed.wisc.edu into the "To:" line of the message. Leave the subject and the message blank and send the message. You will receive an automated message back from VLP administration; follow the instructions in the message to subscribe. If you have any problems or questions, please contact Faye Hartmann at hartmanf@svm.vetmed.wisc.edu.

Executive Board News

The EB welcomes Dori Borjesson as incoming Treasurer, Kirstin Barnhart, as incoming 1st year EB member, and Maxey Wellman as our new ACVP liaison. We sincerely thank Judy Radin, Sonjia Shelly and Bob Hall for their input and wisdom during their service with ASVCP.

During 2007 the EB began the process of working toward a Strategic Plan for the Society. A day long meeting was facilitated by Pat Sterner with the EB and other members of the Society to address issues such as defining ASVCP and its goals, future objectives of the Society, and how to accomplish these objectives. After the end of a very stimulating, but tiring, day, the group had a preliminary vision statement, mission statement, and goals. These were introduced at the Annual Business Meeting. Over the next several months, the EB will be reviewing these statements, as well as developing a strategic business plan and evaluating various aspects of governance for the Society. Updates on our progress will appear in future issues of the newsletter.

Other items of note: The ASVCP listserv is now managed by the Rees Group. Faye Hartman, at the University of Wisconsin manages the VLP listserv. New Travel Grants were approved (see articles in this issue). The EB approved renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with ACVP regarding joint annual meetings for the next three years; a partnership that has been very successful for members of both groups.

The EB wishes each and every member of the ASVCP and their families a Happy (and safe) Holiday Season.

2007 Annual Business Meeting Minutes

American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology 42nd Annual Business Meeting, Savannah, Georgia November 11, 2006

Proposed Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of the minutes
- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Development - Mike Fry
 - b. Education - Sharon Dial
 - c. Membership - Paula Krimer
 - d. Program - Bruce LeRoy
 - e. Quality Assurance and Standards - Kristin Friedrichs
 - f. Regulatory Affairs - Ann Provencher-Bolliger
- IV. Veterinary Laboratory Professionals - Dennis Olexson
- V. Secretary's Report - Karen Russell
- VI. Treasurer's Report - Dori Borjesson
- VII. ESVCP/ECVP Update - Ann Provencher-Bolliger
- VIII. ACVP/STP Coalition for Veterinary Pathology Fellow - Gary Cockerell
- IX. Induction of new members
- X. New Business
- XI. Induction of Officers
- XII. Adjournment

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Christine Olver at 4:43 pm EST.

Current Officers Present: President Christine Olver, President-elect Holly Jordan, Immediate Past-President Judy Radin, 2nd Year Executive Board Member Melinda Wilkerson, 1st Year Executive Board Member Joanne Messick, and Secretary Karen Russell. Treasurer Sonjia Shelly was absent.

Approval of Minutes: Mike Fry moved that the minutes of the 2006 Annual Business Meeting be approved. Bruce LeRoy seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Announcements: Presentation of the 2007 ASVCP Young Investigator Award will occur just after the break at 3:30 pm at the Case Review session on November 13, 2007. The ASVCP Travel Awards will also be re-announced at that time. The ASVCP Reception begins at 5:15 on November 12, 2007, and the 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented at the reception. The inaugural Clinical Chemistry discussion will be held from 7:00-9:00 pm on Monday November 12, 2007 following the ASVCP reception. On an aside note, everyone is reminded and encouraged to fill out the meeting evaluation forms for feedback of this year's meeting.

ACVP/STP Coalition for Veterinary Pathology Fellows - Gary Cockerell

G. Cockerell gave a brief update on the fellowships and the progress of the Coalition, which was formed in 2002 after a Supply and Demand Survey conducted by the ACVP. There are now 17 training positions that have been funded, which represents a 4-million dollar commitment from the sponsors of these fellowships. These 17 funded fellowships include 14 anatomic pathology fellows, 1 clinical pathology fellow, and 2 PhD candidates/fellows. The Coalitions' Board of Governors has 2 clinical pathologists, Drs. Denise Bounous and Judy Radin. More sponsors are being recruited to support positions, especially in clinical pathology. Dr. Cockerell encouraged all institutions that are involved in training residents apply to for these fellowships. If more information is needed, individuals can contact Gary Cockerell, Susan Rees, or go to the Coalition website, <http://www.vetpathcoalition.org>.

A question was raised about the need for clinical versus anatomic pathologists in industry and whether or not it was equal or if there was a greater need for anatomic pathologists. Gary indicated that according to the Supply and Demand Survey, there was a need of approximately 6 anatomic pathology positions to 1 clinical pathology positions.

Committee Reports:

Development Committee – Committee Chair Mike Fry

This year, M. Fry worked closely with the Rees Group on activities associated with corporate giving, Share the Future, and website interfaces. The committee had 3 teleconference calls. There were 2 initiatives: Travel grants funded through monies from Share the Future and increasing the recognition of donors.

Corporate contributions for 2007 stands at \$30,000 with an additional \$5,500 pledged for a total of \$35,500 compared to \$28,000 in 2006. There are three levels, Platinum (\$3,000+), Gold (\$1,500-2,999), and Silver (up to \$1,499). M. Fry acknowledged the following Platinum sponsors (Abaxis, Hoffman LaRoche, Merck, Pfizer, and Wyeth), Gold sponsors (Abbott, Analytics, GlaxoSmithKline, IDEXX, MPI, Novartis, and Sysmex), and Silver sponsors (Bristol-Myers-Squibb, Eli Lilly, and Schering). In addition, IDEXX sponsored the Trainee reception and Sysmex and Roche sponsored the VLP social hour. Heska, though the efforts of Glade Weiser and the Membership Committee, gave an in-kind contribution of hematology teaching sheets for trainees and veterinary students. M. Fry also acknowledged other contributors at the \$500, \$250, \$100, and up to \$99 levels.

An update on the “Share the Future” campaign was given, which has brought in \$5,804 this year compared to \$6,175 in 2006. The majority of funds were from individual members with additional contributions from clinics and corporations.

The first STF Travel Grants were awarded this year. There were 15 applicants and 5 awards at \$500 each. The awardees were: T-Y. Lin, A. Miller, C. Parrula, C. Wagg, and S. Zabolozky. Goals for STF include continuing to award Travel Grants, add STF Research Grants and fund speakers for Pathology clubs and SCAVMA meetings.

Plans for the Development Committee in the upcoming year (2008) include the following: continue development of corporate and STF funding; develop a new brochure for STF; fund a new STF initiative (either Research grants or speakers); identify and develop new fundraising opportunities; work with Heska and the Membership Committee, work with Wiley-Blackwell, the new publisher of the Veterinary Clinical Pathology Journal.

A question was raised about when to approach potential donors for contributions and who should approach them. It is felt that this is variable and depends on the contact persons, but should be done in consultation with the Development Committee.

Veterinary Clinical Pathology Journal - Kaia Motter

Christine Olver informed members about the change in journal publisher from Allen Press to Wiley-Blackwell. C. Olver introduced Kaia Motter from Wiley-Blackwell, who gave an update and summary of changes.

K. Motter expressed appreciation that ASVCP decided to use a Wiley-Blackwell as the publisher for the Veterinary Clinical Pathology Journal. Transitioning has already begun and manuscripts for 2008 are being processed. She summarized changes and what would occur over the next several months. There will be a redesign of the cover and the internal layout of the journal. Early next year, Wiley-Blackwell will offer authors the ability to track their manuscript from acceptance to publication, with e-mail notifications sent throughout the process. Wiley-Blackwell will also introduce early availability of selected articles. Manuscript Central will be used for electronic submission. The transition of subscription files is going smoothly. In addition, the Veterinary Clinical Pathology Journal will be available on-line through Blackwell Synergy, an on-line journal source. All issues from volume 1 number 1 will be digitized and available to all subscribers on the members-only section of the website. The table of contents will be e-mailed when a

new issue is released. Wiley-Blackwell will put together a marketing plan with the goal of raising profits by increasing readership and subscription. Because Wiley-Blackwell attends many conferences, this will be another avenue for promoting the *Veterinary Clinical Pathology Journal*. The Journal will also have its own homepage, www.blackwell.asvcp, and the goal will be to make this site the primary site for readers to go and view journal contents.

Education Committee - Committee chair Sharon Dial

S. Dial thanked all who participated in the Education Forum held the previous evening, November 10. She also thanked IDEXX for sponsoring the trainee reception and all the trainees for attending.

Several goals for the committee were summarized. The committee would like to begin presenting an Education Award starting with the meeting in 2008. The hope is that any member will be eligible for this award, and not just limited to those whose role has focused on primarily teaching responsibilities. Cytology/Surgical Pathology guidelines will be submitted for publication in the Journal next year and guidelines for Mechanisms of Disease/(General Pathology) are planned. S. Dial asked anyone interested in contributing to the future Mechanisms of Disease guidelines contact her. The topic of next year's Education Forum will cover what clinical pathologists should be teaching veterinary technicians and a clinical pathologist's expectations are for veterinary technicians.

Program Committee - Committee Chair Bruce LeRoy

Early feedback from this year's Pre-meeting Workshop is that it was a success. B. LeRoy conveyed the idea of having other committees involved in future Pre-meeting Workshops, which could help to share the work-load and potentially bring in new ideas for future workshops. He also pointed out that these workshops are fund raisers for the Society and when planning one, the value of education and level of interest is an important aspect. Currently this responsibility is shared by the Regulatory Affairs Committee and the Quality Assurance and Standards Committee, however the Veterinary Laboratory Professionals have expressed an interest. He recognized Jan Andrews and Holly Jordan for their participation in helping to organize this year's Education symposium and Scientific sessions covering the topics of obesity and pet food issues, respectively. B. LeRoy emphasized that the Program Committee is always looking for new ideas and potential topics, and anyone with suggestions is asked to contact a member of the committee. Additional issues that have been discussed this year include the possibility of pod-casting future education symposiums and whether or not to continue to have a free afternoon during the meeting which at this time ACVP plans to continue.

Membership Committee - Committee Chair Paula Krimer

P. Krimer summarized the past year's committee activities. The ASVCP membership brochure was revised, and the goal is to do this annually. The brochure is available on the ASVCP website and can be downloaded or the Rees Group can be contacted for copies. As an outreach, there is a Jeopardy game that was developed by Dr. Ann Barger. A. Barger is willing to share this with anyone who has an interest in using it. P. Krimer acknowledged Glade Weiser and Heska Corporation for the hematology atlas handout for veterinary students. To increase exposure of ASVCP, the possibility of liaising with other groups, such as AAVLD (American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians) and NAVTA (North American Veterinary Technicians Association), has been discussed as having reciprocal letters of invitation to members of other organizations with similar interests as ASVCP. There are plans to contact Wiley-Blackwell and discuss potential marketing options. The ASVCP booth was shipped to the SCAVMA symposium in North Carolina along with brochures. The students in charge of the symposium set up the booth and students helped distribute the brochures. The Membership Committee wants to continue to display the booth at future symposiums along with brochures. In addition, there has been discussion to have speakers at the symposium to promote ASVCP. Next year's SCAVMA symposium will be at Auburn University and the pathology club will be involved in the organization.

Quality Assurance and Standards Committee - Committee Chair Kristin Friedrichs

The committee had two teleconferences this year to discuss ways to maintain the ASVCP Quality Assurance Guidelines. A goal is to edit the guidelines and reduce redundancy. Until this can be resolved, there will be a delay for additional and future guidelines including one on Crossmatching and Manual Hematology for Exotic Species. The committee will be organizing the 2009 Pre-meeting Workshop and is

currently discussing topics. Kristin also presented the committee perspective that there is a need for quality assurance/control/standards in veterinary clinics that have in-house laboratories and solicited suggestions for best approaches.

Regulatory Affairs Committee - Ann Provencher-Bolliger for Committee Chair Laura Boone who was unable to attend the meeting

Ann Provencher-Bolliger presented the committee update for Laura Boone. Several committee members were involved with the initiatives on STP for bone marrow evaluation and stress-induced lesions. Best practices on these initiatives are in preparation. The committee is currently planning the next pre-meeting Workshop that will be about validation and development of biomarker assays preclinical studies.

She also gave an update on the European Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathology. The College is close to final approval and clinical pathology will be a stand-alone specialty. Goals include increasing membership, increasing the growth of the society and financial support as well as increasing residency programs. The fourth examination was given in September 2007 and results are pending. Currently there are more than 100 members, and the primary objective is to organize the annual meeting. The next meeting will be in Barcelona, Spain in conjunction with ECVIM and ISACP to be held from September 30 through October 3, 2008. She encouraged all to attend and added that on-line submission will be available for abstracts and cases.

Veterinary Laboratory Professional - Chair Dennis Olexson

D. Olexson reviewed the history of VLP. This will be his last year as chair, and Richard DeFranciso will be the new committee chair after the 2008 meeting. The VLP program this year emphasized clinical chemistry. VLP held a social-hour reception, which was a good opportunity for networking. Other topics covered in this year's meeting included quality control, aspects of calcium assessment, learning objectives on electrochemiluminescence, and a roundtable discussion on clinical biochemistry instrumentation. Next year's program will be about sharks, crustaceans, and lobsters. Charges for the committee include providing PACE credits, working closely with the Rees Group, submitting articles to the ASVCP Newsletter, managing a budget, and recruiting new committee members.

Secretary's Report

Karen Russell presented a proposal to make the newsletter more readable and personable. She encouraged all to feel free to submit items for the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

Dori Borjesson gave the report for Sonjia Shelly, the outgoing Treasurer.

Induction of New Members

Those who have been accepted as members of the Society since the 2006 Annual Business Meeting were recognized.

Slide and Clinical Chemistry Review Sessions

Joanne Messick presented a summary of the case slide review and the clinical chemistry sessions. There were 52 submissions for the slide review and 1 bona fide clinical chemistry case. Dr. Kendal Harr helped review and moderate the cases. Out of the 52 cases for slide review, 20 were accepted for presentation. Four additional cases that were originally submitted for slide review had substantial clinical chemistry data and were accepted for the inaugural clinical chemistry review session. A rubric was developed for evaluation of the submitted cases. Criteria included 1) classic cases vs novel cases, 2) the contribution to advance learning, 3) the case work-up and comparative aspects, 4) completeness of the case, 5) avoidance of repetition between cases, 6) visuals, 7) quality of questions asked by the submitters, 8) other (diversity of topics, grouping of cases, good representation of institutions). J. Messick expressed sincere appreciation to Lisa Holman for putting the slide sets and material together and shipping the sets to all the subscribers. There were 80 sets and the deadline for requests was October 1, 2007. Order information was in the August 2007 Newsletter on the last page. There was also a link for ordering sets on the website. The cost for individual orders and institutional orders was 75 and 100, respectively. There are sets reserved for those institutions that regularly order a set and sets can be purchased here at the meeting.

New Business

Christine Olver updated members about the ASVCP Strategic Planning session held November 10, 2007. During that session, drafts for a vision statement, a mission statement, and goals were developed, which were presented. From these, a Strategic Plan and a Business Plan for the Society will be developed. Jeannie George asked that the word "veterinary" be included in each of the statements.

New Officers were introduced: President Holly Jordan, President-Elect Melinda Wilkerson, Second-year EB member Joanne Messick, First-year EB member Kirstin Barnhart and Treasurer Dori Borjesson.

A hardy thank you to Judy Radin for all her dedication and work for the Society. A small token of appreciation was given to Judy.

Holly Jordan presented a token gavel to C. Olver for her service as President in 2007.

Holly Jordan, the new president, adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm EST.

Submitted by: Karen Russell, Secretary

Announcements

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VIN Access to VLP Articles: VIN now has direct links to *Veterinary Clinical Pathology* articles on their website. VIN (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

2008 ACVIM Forum, June 4-7, 2008, San Antonio, TX. For more information, go to www.acvim.org.

145th AVMA Annual Convention. July 19-22, 2008, New Orleans, LA. For more information, go to www.avmaconvention.org.

The 18th Congress of the European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine - Companion Animal, September 4-6, 2008, Ghent, Belgium. For more information, go to www.ecvimcongress.org. Abstracts for posters and scientific presentations are welcome.

The XIIIth Congress of the International Society for Animal Clinical Pathology, September 30-October 3, 2008, Barcelona, Spain. For information, go to www.isacp.org.

51st Annual AAVLC/USAHA Meeting, October 23-29, 2008 in Greensboro, North Carolina. For more information, go to www.aavld.org.

Job Opportunities

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Iowa State University
Residency in Veterinary Anatomic Pathology

The Department of Veterinary Pathology, College of Veterinary Medicine, Iowa State University, has a new adjunct instructor 3-year residency training position in anatomic pathology organized by the ACVP/STP Coalition for Veterinary Pathology Fellows, and jointly funded by Charles River Laboratories and Wyeth Research. This program will result in ACVP board certification eligibility, if requirements are met. Also, course credits during training will be applied to an MS, non-thesis MS obtained during the residency or PhD obtained after residency.

This program emphasizes an integrated approach to develop diagnostic pathology, experimental design, and critical thinking skills. Internships at sponsors will be included in training, as well as exposure to a variety of diagnostic, government, private, laboratory animal pathology, and university pathology careers. An understanding of diagnostic pathology and disease pathogenesis are facilitated by rotation through relevant diagnostic services for the veterinary teaching hospital and area practitioners, teaching of veterinary students, formal graduate courses, seminars, and external experiences.

The departmental faculty includes 6 ACVP board-certified faculty in anatomic pathology, 3 ACVP board-certified faculty in clinical pathology, 4 faculty in parasitology, and currently 9 ACVP-track training residents and graduate students. Additional information about the department can be found at <http://www.vetmed.iastate.edu/departments/vetpath/> A strong collaborative environment is present on the campus of Iowa State University, the USDA ARS National Animal Disease Center and APHIS National Veterinary Services Laboratories, and the Carver College of Medicine at the University of Iowa.

The DVM or equivalent degree is required. Preference is given to applicants with excellent communication skills, experience in research or investigative studies, and veterinary practice experience. Salary plus benefits is commensurate with experience, accomplishments, and professional academic record; tuition is included. This is a 12-month appointment. Renewal of appointment is based on satisfactory academic progress and performance.

Applications received by December 15, 2007 will be given complete consideration. Please send a letter stating interests and goals; curriculum vitae; copy of college transcripts; and names of three references, via U.S. mail, email, or fax to: Dr. Claire B. Andreasen, Chair, Department of Veterinary Pathology, College of Veterinary Medicine, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011. FAX 515-294-5423, or email candreas@iastate.edu. Questions regarding this vacancy may be directed to Dr. Andreasen at 515-294-0877.

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