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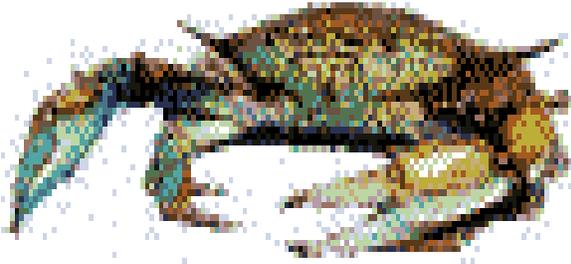
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Important Dates

June 9-12, 2010	2010 ACVIM Forum, Anaheim, CA
July 25-29, 2010	XIV th Biannual Congress of the International Society for Animal Clinical Pathology, Corvallis, OR
Sept 28,29,30, 2010	ACVP Board Examination, Ames, IO
Oct 30-Nov 3, 2010	Annual ASVCP/ACVP Meeting, Baltimore, MD
Nov 11-17, 2010	Annual AAVLD/USAHA Meeting, Minneapolis, MN

President's Message



We have reached the midpoint in our preparations for the ASVCP/ACVP meeting to be held at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront, overlooking the Inner Harbor (this is part of the Chesapeake Bay, the largest estuary in the US created about 10,000 years ago when rising sea levels flooded the Susquehanna River valley). I

grew up fishing, swimming and boating on the Nanticoke River, one of the eastern tributaries of the Bay, so coming back to Baltimore is coming home for me. In addition to the full and fabulous scientific program we have planned, I hope you have time to enjoy this wonderful venue.

You'll find in the newsletter several reminders, including information for the membership and trainees to submit abstracts for the Clinical Pathology Focused Scientific Sessions (due June 1st) and to participate in the ASVCP Case Review and Clinical Chemistry Review Sessions (due June 15th). Residents and graduate students - don't forget to participate in the ASVCP Young Investigator Award competition. This year the ASVCP will present two \$500 awards to the resident or graduate student whose platform presentation is judged best among the competing presentations in the categories of basic science research and clinical research. Funding is also available through our Share the Future initiative for travel and research grants; please check to see if you are eligible and apply!

Our committees are extremely active. We are always in need of members to volunteer to help keep them energized and infused with new ideas as well as to spread the responsibilities of the Society into its membership. It is your Society! Please continue to contribute to the "Share the Future" campaign and encourage our corporate partners to do the same. Our Society will continue to grow, prosper, and give back because you make it happen. Take a few minutes to read though the newsletter, highlighting ongoing activities of the ASVCP, and come join us in Baltimore!

Joanne Messick, President

ASVCP Election of Officers

The 2010 Election for Officers is upon us. For this election, we have three candidates, Dr. Leslie Sharkey, who is running for President-Elect; Dr. Anne Provencher Bolliger, who is running for First Year Executive Board Member; and Dr. Robin Allison, who is running for Secretary. Their biographies are summarized below. Ballots will be available to the membership in June. Please don't forget to vote!!!

Candidate for President-Elect: Leslie Sharkey, DVM, PhD, DACVP



ASVCP member since 1993. Education: BS with Honors in Anthropology and Zoology University of Michigan, Ann Arbor 1987, DVM Ohio State University 1993, clinical pathology resident/PhD Ohio State University 1998, DACVP 1999. Leslie was on faculty at Tufts University for 5 years before joining the faculty as an Associate Professor at the University of Minnesota, where she has been for 7 years. She is currently Program Director for Veterinary Laboratory Services, course director for the core veterinary clinical pathology course, and clinical pathology residency training coordinator. Her research interests include the diagnostic performance of laboratory testing, cardiovascular physiology, and veterinary medical education. Leslie is currently the 2nd Year Executive Board member of the ASVCP and has served as Chair of the ASVCP Education Committee, ACVP Certification

Exam proctor, ACVP plenary session co-chair, and on the National Board of Veterinary Examiners Qualifying Examination Standard Setting Committee. She has been on the editorial board of the American Journal of Veterinary Research and is currently on the editorial board of Veterinary Clinical Pathology. She has won numerous teaching awards, including the Norden-Pfizer Distinguished Teacher Award.

**Candidate for First Year Executive Board Member:
Anne Provencher Bolliger, DVM, MSc, DACVP, DECVCP**



Anne Provencher Bolliger received her Veterinary Medicine and Masters degrees (DVM, MSc) from the University of Montreal in Canada. After 2 years in small animal practice and 3 years in a contract research organization, she pursued her interest in clinical pathology by completing a residency at Michigan State University (MSU) and later obtained board certification with the American College of Veterinary Pathology (ACVP) in Clinical Pathology. She was assistant professor in clinical pathology for 4 years at the University of Berne in Switzerland, followed by 3 years in the Endocrine Diagnostic Section of the AHDL at MSU. In 2002, she joined Novartis Pharma AG in Switzerland where she led the clinical pathology laboratory in Preclinical Safety for 6 years. In 2008, she took a position at Charles River Laboratories (CRL) as Scientific Director

of the clinical pathology laboratory at the CRL Sherbrooke facility.

Throughout her career in clinical pathology, Anne has always been active in many professional committees, in Europe and in North America. She is an ASVCP member since 1991. She is a co-founder of the European Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathology (ESVCP) and the European College of Veterinary Clinical Pathology (ECVCP); her duties within those organizations included secretary and chair of the Credential Committee. She was member of the ACVP Toxicologic Pathology Committee between 2005 and 2008. Since 2005, she participates to the ASVCP Regulatory Affair Committee, and is the present Chair. She is part of the STP Career Outreach Committee since 2006 and was also in the ESTP (European Society of Toxicologic Pathology) Guidelines Committee for 3 years.

Her main professional interests are in toxicologic clinical pathology, particularly the field of hematotoxicity. Additionally, she is interested by the strategic development of toxicologic clinical pathology in training programs and within the pharmaceutical industry.

**Candidate for Secretary:
Robin Allison, DVM. PhD, ACVP**



Dr. Robin W. Allison: ASVCP member since 1996, and has attended every ASVCP annual meeting since 1996. Robin received an AAS in Animal Health Technology from Columbus Technical Institute in 1976 and was employed as a certified veterinary technician in small animal and mixed practices for the next 15 years. She graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at Colorado State University in 1996, and then entered a combined clinical pathology residency and PhD program at CSU. She received her PhD in 2002, and became a Diplomate of the ACVP (clinical pathology) in 2003. Robin continued her thesis research investigating FIV vertical transmission until 2004, when she joined the faculty at Oklahoma State University as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Pathology in the Center for

Veterinary Health Sciences. She teaches veterinary students in years 2-4, serves as a faculty advisor for the Student Chapter of the ACVP, provides diagnostic service to the clinical pathology laboratory in the OSU Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, and trains clinical pathology residents. Professional interests include educating veterinarians and technicians about the value of blood film examination, and diagnosis of neoplasia and infectious disease in blood and cytologic specimens. She served on the ASVCP Membership Committee from 2004-2007, on the ACVP Board Exam Committee as a proctor in 2008, and is currently on the Editorial Board for *Veterinary Clinical Pathology* journal.

**Second Call
ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award**

The Awards Nominating Committee is requesting nominations for the Lifetime Achievement Award to be presented at the annual ASVCP meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, October 30-November 3, 2010. The ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award program recognizes members of the ASVCP who have contributed to the advancement of the field of veterinary clinical pathology through their research and teaching, and through their work on behalf of the American Society for Clinical Pathology.

Nominations should include at least 5 letters of support from ASVCP members and a rationale for why this particular member is worthy of this award.

To make a nomination, please contact Melinda Wilkerson (please see above for contact information), the chair of the Awards Nominating Committee. The deadline for receipt of nomination materials is **July 1, 2010**.

Second Call 2010 ASVCP/ACVP Meeting Abstracts Clinical Pathology Scientific Sessions

The Clinical Pathology Scientific Sessions were another resounding success in 2009 -- start planning now to submit your abstract for the 2010 meeting in Baltimore, MD.

The annual concurrent meeting of the ASVCP and the ACVP will be held October 30-November 3, 2010 in Baltimore, MD. There will be a combined ASVCP/ACVP Clinical Pathology Scientific Session for everyone who has an interest in clinical pathology. This will be a great opportunity to present experimental or clinical research data to colleagues. Submissions from all aspects of the profession are encouraged, including academic, diagnostic, investigative, and toxicologic clinical pathology. The format will be similar to that of the 2009 annual meeting with both oral platform and poster presentations. The final decision regarding presentation format is at the discretion of the Program Committee. We encourage participation by a wide variety of individuals including faculty, senior scientists, diagnostic veterinary pathologists/clinical pathologists, and trainees. Presenters are required to attend the meeting.

Now is the time for you to start planning your presentations! **The deadline for abstract submission is June 1, 2010.** Online submission will be available at www.asvcp.org. For questions or further information contact Kirstin Barnhart at kfbarna@mdanderson.org or call (512) 321-3991.

ASVCP Young Investigator Award

The ASVCP will present two \$500 awards to the resident or graduate student whose platform presentation is judged best among the competing presentations in the categories of basic science research and clinical research. Eligibility requirements include a degree in veterinary medicine and enrollment in a residency or graduate program in pathology/clinical pathology or a related discipline. The oral presentation must describe original work of the competitor involving clinical or experimental research that relates to clinical pathology. Presenters are required to attend the meeting. Award selection will be based on the scientific content, abstract composition, clarity of presentation and ability to answer questions. Each trainee may submit only one presentation in this competition.

ACVP Young Investigator Award

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

SUBMITTING YOUR ABSTRACTS FOR CONSIDERATION

Detailed instructions that explain how to submit an abstract and how to enroll in the ASVCP or ACVP Young Investigator Award competition will be available on the ASVCP website (www.asvcp.org). Kirstin Barnhart will coordinate the combined ASVCP/ ACVP Clinical Pathology Scientific Session of this meeting. Please direct your inquiries for this session to Kirstin Barnhart at kfbarna@mdanderson.org or call (512) 321-3991.

Third Call Annual ASVCP Cytology and Hematology Case Review Session Submissions Submissions Due June 15, 2010

Submissions are requested for the 2010 ASVCP Cytology & Hematology Case Review Session. Materials that may be submitted include hematology, cytology or surgical pathology slides, electron photomicrographs and associated clinical chemistry or hematology data. This is a popular and interactive opportunity to share cases and experiences among attendees. Cases that are based solely or predominantly on clinical chemistry (no slides involved) are more appropriate for submission for the Clinical Chemistry Review Session (see call for cases for the Clinical Chemistry Review Session, below).

Type of Material Requested

Cases should be classic examples or unique or unusual representations of diseases, clinical cases, or research data with a clinical pathologic focus. Cases may represent any species. Stained, cover-slipped glass slides are preferred, but in certain cases, digital images will be considered. Surgical biopsies should be from lesions that would be examined cytologically and ideally the submission should include a cytologic preparation. Analytic problems that are associated with instrumentation, assay conditions, statistical analysis or specimen handling are also welcome; please consider the new ASVCP Clinical Chemistry Review Session for longer and/or more detailed presentations.

Case Submission: Materials Needed

For cytology and blood smear submissions, eighty (80) stained and coverslipped glass slides should be submitted for each case. If more than 80 slides are available, the submitter is encouraged to submit extras, in case any slides are broken during shipment. The submitter must check all glass slides to assure their quality. Please do not attach adhesive labels to the glass slides. If digital images are submitted, send only one image. For surgical biopsy cases, submit one glass slide and if the case is accepted, the submitter will then be asked to supply 80 copies of the

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

Electronic Submission and Printed Materials

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

- 1) The first file is the Case History to be distributed with data prior to the meeting and should include contributors, signalment, concise history and clinical findings. Please only include pertinent laboratory data and summarize this if possible. Reference intervals for the laboratory data must be provided. The submitter is encouraged to also provide questions to be answered at the case review session. It is hoped that these questions will inspire participants to review and investigate the data before the meeting.
- 2) The second file is the Case Summary, which has information to be distributed at the meeting and should include the information on the first file, plus diagnosis, discussion (including answers to the questions that were provided) with images and references.

Digital Images

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

Digital Slides

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

The goal of this session is to stimulate discussion. Presentation of common laboratory abnormalities that are not related to the case is unnecessary as is a lecture or literature review with each case.

When and Where to Submit

Submissions will open on or about April 15, 2010 (check the ASVCP website for availability of the electronic submission form). The DEADLINE for receipt of submission of ALL case materials is Tuesday, June 15, 2010. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SUBMISSION DATE IS EARLIER THAN USUAL THIS YEAR, DUE TO AN EARLIER THAN USUAL CONFERENCE DATE. Slides with a cover letter indicating CONTRIBUTOR NAME(S), INSTITUTION, SPECIMEN, and E-MAIL ADDRESS must be sent to the address given below and received by this date. Submitters will be notified of the results of the selection process by August 1, 2010. It is anticipated that approximately 20 cases will be selected for presentation, depending on the complexity of the cases. Be sure to include your E-mail address with your submission.

Inquires and Case submission should be sent to:

Dr. Marlyn Whitney

Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory

University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine

900 East Campus Drive

Columbia, MO 65211

573-884-7805

whitneym@missouri.edu

Third Call

4th Annual ASVCP Clinical Chemistry Review Session Submissions

Submissions Due June 15, 2010

Type of Materials Requested

Submissions are requested for the fourth ASVCP Clinical Chemistry Review Session. Submitted materials should focus on the interpretation of chemistry data, including but not limited to the routine serum chemistry panel. Ancillary clinical pathology and other data as needed for the presentation of the case is appropriate. Cases may represent any species and an interactive presentation style is encouraged. The cases should be challenging and solvable based on information provided. Results of toxicology studies, cases involving the interpretation of quality control materials or validation studies as well as individual clinical case presentations will be considered for this session. The ASVCP Clinical Chemistry Review Session is held at a separate time from the ASVCP Cytology and Hematology Case Review Session that involves cytology and hematology slides or images (see above for the call for cases for that session).

Case Submission

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

When and Where to Submit

Submissions will open on or about April 15, 2010 (check the ASVCP website for availability of the electronic submission form). The DEADLINE for receipt of submission of ALL case materials is Tuesday, June 15, 2010. The deadline for submission of cases is Tuesday, June 15, 2010. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SUBMISSION DATE IS EARLIER THAN USUAL THIS YEAR, DUE TO AN EARLIER CONFERENCE DATE. Submitters will be notified of the results of the selection process by August 1, 2010. It is anticipated that 2-4 cases will be selected for presentation, depending on the complexity of the cases. Be sure to include your E-mail address with your submission.

Inquires and Case submission should be sent to:

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Second Call Call for 2011 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 2011 ACVIM Forum will be held June 15-18, 2011 in Denver, CO.

Please send suggestions for ASVCP speakers and topics for the upcoming ACVIM meeting by June 1, 2010 to Leslie Sharkey at Shark009@umn.edu. In addition to speakers and topics, we need input on the theme for the CP session. It could be 1 theme or 2 separate themes, one for the AM session and one for the PM session. It should be something that's of strong interest to the ACVIM "meeting-goers" and pull in a good crowd.

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



ASVCP Share the Future

Call for Resident/Graduate Student Travel Grant Applications

Share the Future travel grants are intended to help offset travel costs for clinical pathology residents or graduate students who will be giving talks or poster presentations at the Annual Meeting. The 2010 meeting will be October 30 to November 3, 2010, in Baltimore, Maryland.

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

The application deadline for the 2010 meeting is August 30, 2010.

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

- Quality of the abstract(s) accepted for presentation.
- The distance applicants must travel to attend the meeting – preference will be given to those who are not within an 8-hour drive of the meeting.

- Stage of training – other factors being equal, preference will be given to applicants further in their training.
- Preference will be given to applicants giving oral presentations, particularly those applicants entered in the Young Investigator Award competition. However, poster presentations also will be considered.
- Availability of funding from their institution specifically to support travel to the meeting.

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

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



ASVCP Share the Future

Call for Resident/Graduate Student Research Grant Applications

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

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

In 2010, one research grant will be awarded. **The application deadline for 2010 grants is August 30, 2010.**

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

- Quality of the research proposal.

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

Application Procedure

- Applications must be received no later than August 30, 2010.
- Proposals will include the following components:
 - Abstract (300 words or less)
 - Specific Aims
 - Background and Significance/Importance
 - Research Design and Methods
 - Approval for the use of live animals by an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (if applicable).

Budget and Time Frame

- Budgets must fall between \$1,000 and \$2,500.
- Grants will be paid to your department or organization/company, if one exists, and can cover costs such as equipment, hourly assistance, materials, and supplies.
- Budgets cannot include indirect costs, salaries for the investigator(s), or travel to present the results.
- Grant is awarded for a one-year time frame beginning October 1, 2010.

Obligations

- Recipients must submit a budget statement and summary of progress (500 words or less) within 3 months after the end of the funding period (January 1, 2012).
- An abstract of the completed work will be submitted for consideration at the first eligible ASVCP conference that follows the completion of the grant.
- Any publication(s) resulting from the grant should acknowledge the funding from ASVCP.

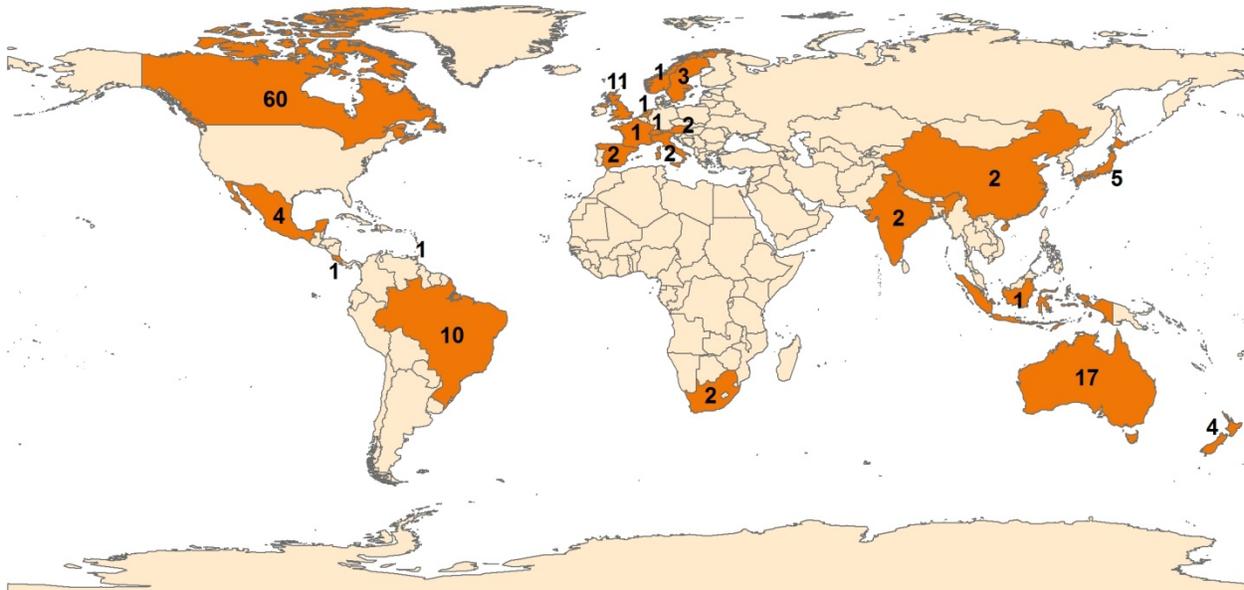
Share the Future grant application forms are available online at the ASVCP website <http://asvcp.org/trainingprograms/menu.html>

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ASVCP Committee Updates

International Activities Committee (IAC)

The Executive Board of the ASVCP recently created and approved this newest standing committee. The purpose of the IAC is to ensure that the ASVCP continues and expands its global activities in the field of veterinary clinical pathology. This committee will work to guarantee that the ASVCP effectively serves its international membership and the broader international veterinary clinical pathology community; establish collaborative relationships with international societies and organization; foster access to clinical pathology knowledge worldwide; investigate grant opportunities to support global endeavors; and develop programs that address issues of global concern.



Tab 1. ASVCP membership outside the USA. International members per country of affiliation are shown (data provided by ASVCP 2010).

As of February 2010, the ASVCP has 133 international members – the distribution of this membership is shown on the above world map. The IAC hopes to expand these numbers and also plans to promote and provide opportunities to ASVCP members for experiences, training, exchanges, visits and potentially positions abroad. We recognize that several members within USA are foreigners, and that several overseas members

are actually USA citizens. Thus, to provide international opportunities to all ASVCP members, the IAC envisions the development of - ASVCP members abroad, in which these opportunities are provided for both sides (coming to the USA or going to other countries).

With such ambitious goals, I am proud, honored and although having Dr. Joanne B. Messick as the liaison, still a little scared to be the first Committee chair. I invite you to participate in this committee's challenges; we need your help (international and USA members) to fully establish the IAC's objectives, charges, and to a build a full schedule for our 2010 activities and beyond.

Sincerely,

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Quality Assurance and Standards Committee (QAS)

The QAS Committee invites you to view the newly approved finalized 2006 revision of the quality assurance guidelines at <http://www.asvcp.org/pubs/qas/index.cfm>. These will be available in html as well as in Spanish and French on the website by the Baltimore meeting. Additionally, please look for special reports of these guidelines in *Veterinary Clinical Pathology*.

We are currently finalizing revisions of the Reference Interval Guidelines for review by the Executive Board and Membership. We would like to invite all to review this important document in the upcoming season. More information to follow in the next newsletter and on the listserve.

Current active work includes drafting of point of care instrumentation, immunocytochemistry and methods validation quality control guidelines. We are still actively looking for members to write baseline guidelines. Anyone with expertise in these areas who is interested in setting basic standards of quality assurance is asked to please contact Kendal Harr at kendalh@pclv.net.

OUTREACH

Residents or laboratorians interested in furthering their quality assurance and standards training have a great opportunity in a Laboratory Quality Management course offered through VIN taught by Dr. Kathy Freeman. The feedback on the course continues to be good to excellent. Part I is an introduction to terms, basic calculations, graphs, and general quality assurance. The culmination of the course (part II) is development of a

Quality Plan for the laboratory and is quite practical and hands on. Register for the courses online at VIN or by calling 1-800-700-4636.

Submitted by: Kendal Harr (Committee Chair)

Veterinary Laboratory Professionals Committee (VLP)

Below is a preview of the VLP Program that will be held during the annual meeting in Baltimore, Maryland.

Sunday, October 31, 2010 (3 PACE Credits)

- 12:30-1:00 Rick DeFrancisco Welcome to Attendees and Announcements
- 1:00-2:00 Dr. Anne Barger Immunocytochemistry - Getting Started
University of Illinois (Program # 606-001-10, 1.0 Credit Hour)
- 2:00-3:00 Dr. Rose Raskin Immunocytochemistry: Technique and
Purdue University Interpretation of Hematopoietic Conditions
(Program # 606-021-10, 1.0 Credit Hour)
- 3:00-3:30 Refreshment Break - Exhibits and Posters
- 3:30-4:30 Dr. Andrea Battison Evaluating Hemolymph: Clinical Pathology in the
Atlantic Veterinary College American Lobster
(Program # 606-003-10, 1.0 Credit Hour)
- 4:30-6:00 ASVCP Business Meeting

Monday, November 1, 2010 (3.5 PACE Credits)

- 8:00-9:00 Dr. Tim Tristan Clinical Pathology: Exotic Animal Case
Oso Creek Animal Hospital Reports from the Field
(Program # 606-004-10, 1.0 Credit Hour)
- 9:00-10:00 Dr. Harold Twedten Myths about Platelets
(Program # 606-005-10, 1.0 Credit Hour)
- 10:00-10:30 Refreshment Break - Exhibits and Posters
- 10:30-12:00 Dr. Kathleen Freeman VIN QC Material Study
IDEXX Laboratories (Program # 606-006-10, 1.5 Credit Hours)
- 12:00-5:00 Free time to explore Baltimore

Tuesday, November 2, 2010 (3 PACE Credits)

- 7:00-8:00 Planning Session for 2011 - VLP Committee Members
Morning session will take place at the Baltimore Aquarium
- 8:00-9:00 Dr. Brent Whitaker Pathology of the Fish Eye
Baltimore Aquarium (Program # 606-007-10, 1.0 Credit Hour)
- 9:00-10:00 Dr. Catherine Hadfield Elasmobranch Medicine (Sharks, Skates, and
Baltimore Aquarium Rays)
(Program # 606-008-10, 1.0 Credit Hour)
- 10:00-11:00 Dr. Leigh Ann Clayton Amphibian Clinical Medicine: Anuran Edema
Baltimore Aquarium (Program # 606-009-10, 1.0 Credit Hour)
- 11:00-12:00 Behind the Scenes Tour of the Baltimore Aquarium

The P.A.C.E. statement: ASVCP-VLP is approved as a provider of continuing education programs in the clinical laboratory science by the ASCLS P.A.C.E. Program.

Executive Board News

As you can see from this issue, the Executive Board is preparing for the annual meeting in Baltimore, Maryland that will be held October 30 to November 3, 2010. During the two most recent teleconferences, the EB has discussed details for holding the first educational outreach workshop for local veterinarians in the Baltimore-Annapolis, northern Virginia, and Washington, DC areas. The idea behind this workshop is to hold sessions that would be of interest to general practitioners. The workshop will be held on the Friday before the meeting starts. This concept has been discussed in the past as a way to increase visibility for the ASVCP and will now become a reality. Speakers and their tentative topics for this will include Drs. Anne Barger (subcutaneous lesions), Jed Overmann (lymphoid), Jennifer Brazzell (transfusions), and Craig Thompson (liver and spleen).

The 2010 ASVCP election will be soon upon us. Details are available in this issue, and ballots will be available shortly. This year, printed ASVCP member directories will no longer be available. However a copy can be downloaded from the Members Only section of the website. Lastly, the concept of a case bank is moving forward. On a final note, the EB has approved a budget and Leslie Sharkey will begin working on a prototype this summer.

Announcements

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

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

Another Reminder: The upcoming annual meeting is early, October 30-November 3, 2010, so all future deadlines will be moved up at least 30 days. Deadlines will be announced in each newsletter issue, through electronic mail, and on the ASVCP web site. Start making plans now for Baltimore, Maryland!

Institutional slide sets: Due to the high demand for slide sets, institutions that are interested in reserving a set for the upcoming year are asked to contact Marlyn Whitney, whitneym@missouri.edu. A notice to all members will also be sent out through the listserv.

Reviewers for Clinical and Chemistry Cases: If you are interested in being a reviewer for this year's hematology/cytology cases or chemistry cases, please contact Marlyn Whitney, whitneym@missouri.edu

Directories: A hard copy of the ASVCP Directory will no longer be available. Instead, an electronic form can be downloaded and will be available in the next few weeks.

General Information

ASVCP NATIONAL OFFICE: Members can contact the ASVCP National Office at 2424 American Lane, Madison, WI 53704; Phone: 608-443-2479; Fax: 608-443-2474 or 608-443-2478; E-mail: info@asvcp.org.

Electronic Newsletters: Members who have provided the Society with an e-mail address will receive an e-mail containing a link to the newsletter as soon as each issue is posted to the ASVCP website. The newsletters are posted in PDF format. If you have any problems accessing the newsletter electronically, please contact the ASVCP National Office (info@asvcp.org) or Secretary, Karen Russell, krussell@cvm.tamu.edu. Members who do not have an e-mail access will receive paper copies.

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; E-mail: info@asvcp.org, Fax: 608-443-2474 or 608-443-2478. You can also update your information on the website, under the Members Only Section.

ASVCP Newsletter and/or Website Submissions: If you have material of interest to post in the newsletter or on the ASVCP website (www.asvcp.org), please contact the ASVCP Secretary, Karen Russell, Dept. of Veterinary Pathobiology, Mail Stop 4467, College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-4467; krussell@cvm.tamu.edu, or contact the ASVCP National Office at 2424 American Lane, Madison, WI 53704; E-mail: info@asvcp.org.

ASVCP Membership Application: Member application forms are available at the ASVCP website (www.asvcp.org) or by contacting the ASVCP National office at 2424 American Lane, Madison, WI 53704; Phone 608-443-2479; E-mail: info@asvcp.org.

Upcoming Meetings of Interest

June

ACVIM Forum, June 7-12, 2010, Anaheim, California. For more information, go to www.acvim.org.

Society of Toxicologic Pathologists, STP/IFSTP Joint Symposium, Chicago, Illinois. June 20-24, 2010. More information at <http://www.toxpath.org>.

July

The XIVth Congress of the International Society for Animal Clinical Pathology, July 25-29, 2010, Corvallis, Oregon, USA. For information, go to www.isacp.org.

American Association of Clinical Chemistry, Annual Meeting, July 25-29, 2010, Anaheim, California. For more information, go to <http://www.aacc.org>.

American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science, ASCLS Annual Meeting, July 27-31, 2010 at Anaheim, California, For more information go to <http://www.ascls.org>.

147th AVMA Annual Convention, July 31-August 3, 2010, Atlanta, Georgia. For more information, go to www.avmaconvention.org.

September

The 20th Congress of the European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine - Companion Animal, September 9-11, 2010, Toulouse, France. For more information, go to www.ecvimcongress.org.

October

American Society for Clinical Pathology, ASCP Annual Meeting, October 27-31, 2010, San Francisco, California. For more information, go to <http://www.ascp.org>.

ASVCP/ACVP Annual Meeting, October 30-November 3, 2010, Baltimore, Maryland

November

53rd Annual AAVLD/USAHA Meeting, November 11-17, 2010 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. For more information, go to www.aavld.org.

American Society of Cytopathology, ACS Annual Meeting, November 12-16, 2010 in Boston, Massachusetts. For information go to <http://www.cytopathology.org>.

Job Opportunities

Clinical Instructor in Veterinary Clinical Pathology

The Department of Veterinary Biosciences at The Ohio State University is seeking an instructor in clinical pathology. The position has a 70% service and teaching obligation which includes participation in the diagnostic pathology service for the Teaching Hospital, training of residents, and instruction of veterinary students. The remaining 30% is available for other scholarly activity and would be ideal for someone wishing to gain additional diagnostic pathology experience with a wide variety of animal species, prepare for ACVP board certification, or pursue advanced training in a specialty interest area or research. The appointment will be for a 1 year term renewable up to 3 years.

Clinical pathology instructors are provided excellent advanced training opportunities in clinical chemistry, cytology, hematology, immunology, surgical pathology, and molecular biology and are directly involved in the teaching and diagnostic services of the clinical pathology laboratories. This program provides support services for the large caseload from the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, regional practitioners, and university researchers. A DVM from an AVMA-accredited or equivalent institution and at least 2 years of clinical pathology residency training under a board certified veterinary clinical pathologist are required. Salary and generous benefits are competitive and negotiable consistent with the experience of the applicant. Interested individuals should submit a curriculum vita, statement of career goals, and three letters of reference to Dr. Judy Radin, Department of Veterinary Biosciences, Ohio State University, 1925 Coffey Road, Columbus, OH 43210-1092. The position is available immediately and will remain open until a suitable applicant is selected.

Come join a group of dedicated clinical pathology faculty and residents, and enjoy the opportunities of working in one of the largest medical complexes in the country. The Midwest is a great place to live. For more information, contact Dr. Radin at (614)292-4266, radin.1@osu.edu or visit the department website, www.vet.ohio-state.edu. The Ohio State University is an AA/EOE.

Veterinary clinical pathologist opportunity at Marshfield Labs

We are seeking a veterinary clinical pathologist, diplomate ACVP, with excellent diagnostic skills. At Marshfield, high quality and exceptional customer service form the foundation of our laboratory service. You will see specimens from a wide variety of species and consult with veterinary clinicians from coast to coast. Furthermore, you will have access to state of the art instrumentation and technology and work with highly trained and motivated laboratory professionals.

Because Marshfield Labs is a division of Marshfield Clinic, the largest group medical practice in Wisconsin and Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation (which merged with Marshfield Clinic), the largest medical research foundation in Wisconsin, the laboratory benefits from the breadth of services and exceptional faculty of physicians and clinical PhDs on the professional staff. Stringent quality standards

are maintained throughout all areas of both the human reference and veterinary laboratories.

This position is at our Marshfield campus in central Wisconsin. Marshfield, a community of 20,000, is in the heart of Wisconsin dairy country and boasts excellent primary and secondary educational facilities. The sizeable professional population creates an active cultural life and contributes to the excellence in the school system. The outskirts of town are a mere five-minute drive from the Clinic complex. This is a unique combination of a small town living with a challenging and rewarding professional position.

Our comprehensive compensation package includes a competitive salary, excellent health benefit program and well-funded retirement plan, liberal paid leave, meeting time, education allowance, 401(K) and more.

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ASVCP Share the Future

Travel Grant Application Form

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 30, 2010

Instructions: Please download or print and complete this form, and mail to: ASVCP Share the Future, 2424 American Lane, Madison, WI 53704. The deadline for receipt of applications is August 30, 2010. Please include a copy of any relevant abstracts with this application.

Share the Future travel grants are intended to help offset travel costs for clinical pathology residents or graduate students who will be giving talks or poster presentations at the Annual Meeting. The 2010 meeting will be October 30-November 3, 2010 in Baltimore, Maryland.

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

Applicant's name: _____

Applicant's e-mail _____

Applicant's institution: _____

Current position
(Indicate stage of training): _____

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

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

Title(s): _____

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

Title(s): _____

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

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

Title: _____

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

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

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

Applicant:

(Signature) (Date)

Residency coordinator or major professor:

(Signature) (Date)



ASVCP Share the Future

Research Grant Application Form

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Instructions: Please download or print and complete this form, and mail to: ASVCP Share the Future, 2424 American Lane, Madison, WI 553704. The deadline for receipt of applications is August 30, 2010. Please include a copy of your research proposal with the following application.

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

Applicant's name: _____

Applicant's e-mail: _____

Applicant's institution: _____

Current position: _____

Advisor's Name: _____

Title of applicant's research proposal:

Title: _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Applicant:

(Signature)

(Date)

Residency coordinator or major professor:

(Signature)

(Date)