



# NEWSLETTER

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### Important Dates

March 6-10, 2011	Society of Toxicology, 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Meeting and Expo, Washington, DC
June 15-18, 2011	ACVIM Forum, Denver, CO
Sept 20, 21, 22, 2011	ACVP Board Examination, Ames, IO
Sept 29-Oct 5, 2011	Annual AAVLD/USAHA Meeting, Buffalo, NY
December 3-7, 2011	Annual ASVCP/ACVP Meeting, Nashville, TN

## President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

As I begin my year as ASVCP President, I am amazed at how quickly time has flown since the day that I began my residency and career in clinical pathology. I can say with sincerity that ASVCP is a group of amazingly talented and compassionate people. I am thrilled to be able to work closely with members of the society and look forward to implementing exciting new changes for the organization in the upcoming year.

Through the dedication of many individuals in the society and particularly our Past President, Joanne Messick, our organization has increased its outreach to practicing veterinarians and our international community of pathologists. In addition, The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the ASVCP in Baltimore, MD was well attended with a strong scientific program, quality case presentations and an excellent pre-meeting workshop that focused on innovative teaching strategies.

Being mindful of brevity and everyone's hectic schedules, I will briefly summarize some of the specific goals I have to expand the impact of the society over the next year.

### ❖ **Newsletter**

In the past two years, we have focused on revising the ASVCP website to provide a fresh new look with expanded functionality. With the help of The Rees group, this initiative has been very successful. A similar overhaul will be performed on the newsletter to provide a more attractive and condensed document. In addition to a new look with color and photographs, the newsletter will be placed in an electronic format with links to the website.

### ❖ **Outreach - International Community**

Joanne Messick will continue to work closely with the newly established International Affairs Committee to develop ideas and SOPs for increased involvement of the international community in ASVCP. In addition, as ASVCP President, I will attend the combined meeting of the ESVCP/ECVCP in August 2011 to meet with the leaders of these organizations and identify ways to build bridges between our organizations.

### ❖ **Outreach - Practitioners**

This past year, a successful outreach workshop for the local community of practitioners and technicians was held in conjunction with our annual meeting as a way of promoting the ASVCP and providing high quality continuing education in clinical pathology. This workshop will also be offered at the annual meeting in Nashville in 2011, with the long-term goal being to establish a permanent outreach workshop

### ❖ **Academy of Veterinary Clinical Pathology Technicians (AVCPT) Initiative**

In 2010, the Executive Board was contacted by members of the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA) for support in establishing the AVCPT. This

initiative was in response to a growing interest among technicians to attain a high level of recognition for advanced knowledge and skills in several disciplines including clinical pathology. In the upcoming year, ASVCP will guidance to NAVTA leadership in defining the new specialty, developing membership guidelines and establishing certification testing.

❖ ***Increased Visibility for ASVCP Honorees and Activities***

In 2011, ASVCP will work with The Rees Group to identify a public relations expert who will help to improve public awareness of the accomplishments of the society and its members through mechanisms such as press releases that are distributed through journals, newsletters, newspapers, and other media.

❖ ***Facebook***

A Facebook site for ASVCP has been established recently. In the upcoming year, information will be added to the website by Rick DeFrancisco and Pete Fernandez. Ideas for using the site to increase visibility and foster communication will be developed.

❖ ***A Fresh Approach to the Business Meeting***

Given the growth of ASVCP, the increased number of committees, the success of the journal and the number of important activities that occur each year, the business meeting has routinely exceeded its allotted time. New strategies such as providing committee reports in a formal handout will be implemented to improve the efficiency and value of the business meeting to the attendees.

2011 is definitely going to be a productive and exciting year for me and the rest of the Executive Board, but I would encourage everyone to get involved. Please feel free to contact me or anyone on the Executive Board with any thoughts, ideas or concerns you may have regarding the society. Although I am honored to serve as President, this is your organization and your participation is a key factor in its success

Best Wishes to All,  
Kirstin Barnhart  
ASVCP President

## State of the Society

January 2011

Dear ASVCP Members:

I hope you had a sensational holiday season and are starting the New Year with great enthusiasm! The state of our Society is strong, vibrant, and fiscally healthy with a strategic plan in place to guide us in the coming years. We can attribute the successes of our Society to the conscientious, hard work, and forward-thinking of the Executive Board (EB), ASVCP committee members, and of our Management Team. We are hopeful that as the economy rebounds, our corporate sponsorship will increase as well. Nevertheless, our investments are showing growth in the market and our membership steadily continues to increase. To ensure that the ASVCP continues and expands its global activities in the field of veterinary clinical pathology, I established a new standing committee - the ASVCP's International Activities Committee (IAC). In the coming years, they will work to establish collaborative relationships with international societies/organization; facilitate and implement programs that promote these relationships; foster access to veterinary clinical pathology knowledge world-wide, as well as expanding the reaches of our Society.

Attendance at the Annual Meeting and Pre-Meeting Workshop on "How to Jazz Up Those Boring Old Lectures: A Short Course on Principles of Educational Theory in Practice" was excellent and well received. The EB and membership of the ASVCP greatly appreciate the work and efforts of Casey LeBlanc and his committee (Education) in organizing this session as well as the Education Forum. The latter program has progressed from teaching veterinary technician (2008) to residency training (2009) and veterinary student (2010). It is particularly timely that at our Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee (2011), the Forum will again be focused on technician training. The ASVCP is currently working to help define the role the ASVCP might play in developing a clinical pathology specialty for veterinary technicians. The Executive Board is hopeful that this effort might also lead to increases in our membership but more importantly it is an avenue through which the ASVCP might help to promote high quality clinical pathology in the practice setting.

I speak for the entire ASVCP membership in thanking Dr. Karen Young for all the work she has done as Editor-in-Chief of the *Veterinary Clinical Pathology* journal. Karen's efforts in this role have been instrumental in increasing the value, impact, and readership of our journal. Of course, Karen has not stepped down from this position without already initiating a process for finding her replacement. Mary Christopher has kindly agreed to serve as chair of the Search Committee and with Leslie Sharkey (ASVPC EB officer), Kristen Friedrichs, Susan Rees (The Rees Group, Inc.), Kaia Motter (Associate Editor of Professional Journals at Blackwell Publishing) as the other committee members, we are confident in finding the right person to keep our journal growing and energized.

This year the recipient of the ASVCP Educational Award was Mary Christopher. She's had an illustrious career in teaching and has received many teaching awards at University of Florida and at University of California at Davis, which included the Nordan Distinguished Teaching Award. She has been involved in the training of 22 clinical pathology residents, has taught on most of the continents, and recently received a Fulbright Scholarship Award to study in Egypt. On behalf of our Society, I would also like to extend congratulations to our Lifetime Achievement Award winners, Drs. Robert Duncan and Keith Prasse. Both men are well recognized for their careers in veterinary pathology, mentoring numerous graduate students, and receiving many teaching awards. The textbook they authored, *Duncan and Prasse's Veterinary Laboratory Medicine*, remains a standard today. It is elegant in its straightforward approach to presenting the essentials of veterinary clinical pathology to veterinary students and serves as a well-worn reference in the offices of many intern, residents, and private practitioners.

Working with the Executive Board, The Rees Group, the ASVCP committees, as well as interacting with ACVP Council has been a great pleasure. I have had an opportunity to watch our Society grow and prosper and in a small way, helped to shape it for the future. I look forward to continuing these efforts as immediate past president and am confident that the leadership under Kirstin Barnhart will provide a sound and forward-thinking future for this organization. In closing, I ask again - **please become involved in your Society, we need the continued injection of your talents, creativity and energies to keep the ASVCP dynamic and growing.**

Thank you all for your help and continued support to our Society!

Joanne Messick, Immediate Past President

## 2011 ASVCP Officers and Executive Board Members

New officers were inducted at the conclusion of the ASVCP Annual Business Meeting on October 31, 2010, in Baltimore, Maryland. The ASVCP officers and Executive Board members for the upcoming year are:

**President**

Kirstin Barnhart

**Secretary**

Robin Allison

**President-Elect**

Leslie Sharkey

**Treasurer**

Dori Borjesson

**Second Year Executive Board Member**

Marlyn Whitney

**Immediate Past President**

Joanne Messick

**First Year Executive Board Member**

Anne Provencher Bolliger

**ACVP Council Representative**

Maxey Wellman

**Executive Director**

Susan Rees

## Membership Report

Since the 2009 Executive Board and Annual Business Meetings, seventeen new members have been accepted into the ASVCP. Our total membership stands at 611, compared to 625 at the time of last year's Annual Conference in 2009. Electronic membership renewal is available. The new members who were approved for membership within the last year (from the 2009 Executive Board Meeting through the 2010 Executive Board Meeting) are listed below. Welcome to all!

New ASVCP Members  
December 5, 2009 to October 31, 2010

Paola Caffini  
Andrew Choset  
Jennifer Cook  
Betsy L. Drobnitch  
Kimberly Dubay  
Catherine Fischer  
Naomi M. Gades  
Lorena O. Garcia  
Sayuri Hayakawa  
Julie Hilligos

Laura Klockow  
Meredeth McEntire  
Kathleen (Kate) Muravnick  
Benoit Rannou  
Brian Spaniel  
Vittlesh Vyas  
Koranda Wallace

## 2010 ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award

### Dr. J. Robert Duncan and Dr. Keith W. Prasse

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. This year's award was somewhat unique because there were two very deserving recipients, Dr Keith W. Prasse and Dr. J. Robert Duncan. The award was presented to them during the ASVCP Reception at the Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland on Monday evening, November 1, 2010.



Drs. Messick (left) and Wilkerson (right) with Drs. Duncan (second from the left) and Prasse (second from the right) after being introduced by 2009-10 ASVCP President Dr. Joanne Messick.

Dr. Jeannie George gave a wonderful presentation that summarized many of their accomplishments and contributions to the field of clinical pathology.



The following is a synopsis their illustrious service that was contributed by Dr. Kenneth S. Latimer.

Drs. Duncan and Prasse met as graduate students at Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine in the late 1960s where they both completed their PhD degrees in Veterinary Pathology and were certified as anatomic pathologists by the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP). Their major professor was the late Dr. Frank K. Ramsey. Despite their intense interest in the “new” field of veterinary clinical pathology, this specialty area was not recognized by the ACVP until the early 1970s. By that time, Drs. Duncan and Prasse were employed at the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine (UGA CVM) where they specifically taught and practiced veterinary clinical pathology. The specialty of clinical pathology was instituted by the ACVP in 1972. Dr. Duncan served as a proctor for the first board certification examination. In 1973, both Drs. Duncan and Prasse took and successfully passed the certification examination to become diplomates in veterinary clinical pathology.

The textbook, *Veterinary Laboratory Medicine*, actually has its origins in the early 1970s when they taught a class in clinical pathology to sophomore veterinary students at the UGA CVM. In its earliest form, this textbook began as lectures, intermittent printed notes, and ultimately a loosely bound series of course notes. Formal lectures were replaced by discussions of case laboratory data, and the students referred to the notes as their “text.” Subsequently, the first edition of the hardbound textbook was published by Iowa State University Press in 1977. With the publication of the fourth edition of this textbook came a slight change in the title to *Duncan & Prasse’s Veterinary Laboratory Medicine: Clinical Pathology* in order to honor the contributions of Dr. J Robert Duncan and Dr. Keith W. Prasse to the field of veterinary clinical pathology.

During their careers, Drs. Duncan and Prasse have taught many students, residents, colleagues, and practicing veterinarians the intricacies of veterinary clinical pathology. In addition, Dr. Duncan served as President of the American Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathology from 1980-1981. Dr. Prasse served as President of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists from 1985-1986. Although Dr. Duncan retired as an Emeritus Professor in 1996, he has continued to contribute to the veterinary clinical pathology text. Dr. Prasse served six years as the Associate Dean for Public Service and Outreach in the UGA CVM. In 1996 he was chosen to lead the College as the Dean, in which he served for eight years. Dr. Prasse retired from UGA CVM in 2005, but continued to work on the textbook and with the AAVMC to lead a long-term vision and planning effort for the organization.

Both individuals have influenced many students, residents, anatomic and clinical pathologists, faculty in other specialties, and technicians throughout their careers and each is a truly gifted, giving, and talented individual that the ASVCP is honored to have a member and leader. Congratulations!

## 2010 ASVCP Education Award

In 2009, the Education Committee established an award to recognize the participation by clinical pathologists and veterinary laboratory medical specialists in the education of veterinary students, residents, veterinary practitioners, and technical staff; a crucial activity for the vitality of the veterinary medical profession and our specialty college. Contributions to education vary greatly and include standard classroom and clinical teaching that primarily takes place in veterinary schools, continuing education of practitioners and technical staff, formal and informal mentoring of students by pathologists in the private sector, committee service to ASVCP and ACVP including board examination preparation, creation of teaching materials such as books and computer programs, and publishing articles relevant to any stage of veterinary medical education.



At this year's Business Meeting, Dr. Rose Raskin presented the ASVCP Education Award to Dr. Mary Christopher. We sincerely congratulate her as the second recipient of this award.

Dr. Christopher received her DVM from Iowa State University in 1980. She practiced small animal medicine for a period of time before returning to academia to pursue a residency and PhD at the University of Minnesota. Following completion of her residency and PhD, she spent 5 years on faculty at the University of Florida. She joined the faculty at UC Davis in 1994 and is currently a professor in the Department of Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology. Throughout her career in academia, she quickly gained a reputation as an excellent teacher and became a frequent speaker at clinical pathology meetings, both in the United States and internationally. Her illustrious career in teaching resulted in many teaching awards at the University of Florida and at UC Davis to include the Norden Distinguished Teaching Award, North American Outstanding Teacher Award from the American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges, and, most recently, has received a Fulbright Scholarship Award to study in Egypt. She has been involved in the training of 22 clinical pathology residents and has taught on most of the continents. In addition, Mary extended her efforts through her work with *Veterinary Clinical Pathology*, where she served as Editor-In-Chief for 12 years from 1997 to 2009. During her tenure as Editor-In-Chief, she increased the value, impact, and readership of the journal; all of which continue to have many positive effects on the Society.

Mary has shown her dedication to disseminate knowledge through many avenues to reach a worldwide audience of students, residents, practitioners, pathologists, and technical staff. The Education Committee and the Executive Board of the ASVCP wish to thank and recognize Dr. Christopher for her service to our professional community.



## 2010 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 the competitor's clinical or experimental research that relates to clinical pathology. This year, five individuals competed for the award and gave excellent presentations during the scientific sessions.

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. This year's judges were Dr. Bente Flatland (University of Tennessee), Lisa Pohlman (Kansas State University), and Anne Barger (University of Illinois). During the Annual Case Review session President Joanne Messick presented a check for \$500 to the winner, Dr. Jennifer Brown (Texas A&M University), for her presentation entitled, "Comparison of Urine Sodium Dodecyl Sulfate-Polyacryl Amide Gel Electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE) with Renal Histological Findings and Clinicopathologic Data in Dogs with Renal Disease."

Congratulations to all participants for excellent presentations!

## A Hearty Thanks to All Who Have Contributed to the ASVCP Share the Future Campaign

During the 2004 ASVCP Business Meeting at Orlando, Florida, Karyn Bird presented the idea of a personal giving campaign that was conceived by the Development Committee: Share the Future was born!!!!!! Since its inception, this campaign has brought in over \$30,000.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped Share the Future grow. Over the last few years, the ASVCP Share the Future has been able to give back to its generous members through the establishment of the Travel Award and the Research Grant Award.

Each year, Share the Future gets stronger and we hope to continue to expand funding other objectives in 2011. Please consider giving to this important cause.

## **2010 ASVCP Share the Future Travel Grant Awards**

In 2007, the first Travel Grant Awards were possible because of Share the Future, the ASVCP's program to support students and trainees in clinical pathology. This year was the fourth year that travel grants were awarded to help support trainees presenting at the Annual Meeting in Baltimore. There were 12 applicants, five of whom were awarded grants of \$500 each. The Travel Grant recipients were:

Dr. Erica Behling-Kelly, University of Wisconsin  
Dr. Patricia Crosse, Royal Veterinary College, London England  
Dr. Nora Springer, Cornell University  
Dr. Melanie Spoor, University of Missouri  
Dr. Emily Pieczarka, The Ohio State University

Congratulations to all the awardees!!!

## **2010 ASVCP Share the Future Research Grant Award**

Starting in 2008, the ASVCP was able to offer its first Research Grant Award from the Share the Future program. This year, a third trainee was the recipient of the Share the Future Research Grant Award. We congratulate Dr. Nora Springer from Cornell University, who received an award for \$2,500 for her proposal "Procoagulant activity in horses: Measurement of platelet-derived microparticles and endogenous thrombin potential."

Congratulations Nora!!

## **2010 Pre-Meeting Workshop How to Jazz Up Those Boring Old Lectures: A Short Course on Principles of Educational Theory in Practice**

The ASVCP Pre-Meeting Workshop for the 2010 ACVP/ASVCP Concurrent Session in Baltimore, Maryland, was another great success. This year, the Workshop was organized and hosted by the ASVCP Education Committee and led by Dr. Casey LeBlanc.

There were 34 participants for the workshop entitled "How to Jazz Up Those Boring Old Lectures: A Short Course on Principles of Educational Theory in Practice." Workshop speakers included Drs. Jared Danielson and Holly Bender of Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine and Dr. Jon Lorsch of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Drs. Danielson and Bender discussed principles of teaching/learning and

presented their computer-based self-learning tool Diagnostic Pathfinder. Dr. Lorsch discussed why he believes formal lectures still have a place in medical school curricula. The workshop ended with a show-and-tell session in which Drs. Bender and LeBlanc presented skits and food analogies they used to help students understand difficult concepts.

All in all, the workshop was well received.

Many thanks to the Education Committee, Casey LeBlanc, and everyone else to all who helped make this another interesting and informative Pre-Meeting Workshop.

## The Inaugural Outreach Workshop for Practitioners

An outreach workshop was held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the ASCVP in Baltimore, Maryland, on October 29, 2010. The goal of the workshop, which was co-sponsored by ASVCP and Antech, was to provide eight hours of interactive training in cytology to practitioners and technicians in the Baltimore area. Olympus provided a microscope with a digital camera that allowed the speakers to review glass slides as part of their lectures. The program included 4 speakers and covered the following topics:

- **Anne Barger**, *University of Illinois* – Introduction and Cytology of Common Skin and Subcutaneous Lumps and Bumps
- **Jed Overman**, *University of Minnesota* – Lymphoid Cytology
- **Craig Thompson**, *Purdue University* – Cytology of the Liver and Spleen
- **Jennifer Brazzell**, *Western College of Veterinary Medicine* – Body Cavity and Joint Effusions

All of the lectures were very well-received and many positive comments were provided by the workshop participants. A similar outreach workshop will be offered in conjunction with the Annual Meeting next year in Nashville, Tennessee.

## 2010 Education Forum Highlights

Dr. Jared Danielson led an interactive session focused on writing examination questions for veterinary students. The session was well attended and a nice addition to the preceding Pre-Meeting Workshop on education. Thanks to Casey LeBlanc and the Education Committee for another stimulating session.

## In Memoriam

The ASVCP lost two friends and colleagues this past October, Dr. Michel Desnoyers and Mrs. Patricia Benson.

### Dr. Michel Desnoyers



It is with great sadness to inform members of the Society at that Dr. Michel Desnoyers passed away on the 16th of October 2010. Michel was a professor of clinical pathology and an ACVP diplomate (Clinical Pathology) at the Faculté de Médecine Vétérinaire of the Université de Montréal in Saint-Hyacinthe.

Michel graduated from the Université de Montréal where he obtained his veterinary degree. Following his residency at the University of Saskatchewan, Michel started his professional career at the Université de Montréal in 1990 as a clinician and advanced to the rank of professor in clinical pathology. Michel was certainly the main architect behind the establishment of the clinical pathology laboratory and the residency program at the Université de Montréal. He contributed to the training of numerous residents and graduate students. Michel was also the author of several book chapters as well as scientific papers. Michel was recognized as an outstanding professor and for his dedication to clinicians and veterinarians. During his career, Michel was officially recognized for his outstanding teaching by winning several awards, including one that acknowledged best in clinical teaching. He was also an appreciated colleague for all of us at the veterinary school. Michel had a great sense of humor, always ready for a good laugh by telling jokes one after the other. He loved the Beatles and was probably one of the greatest their fans! As a colleague, friend and mentor, he will be missed very much. Our thoughts are with his family and his wife, Linda.

Contributed by Dr. Christian Bedard

### Mrs. Patricia Benson

The ASVCP and the Veterinary Laboratory Professionals lost a dear colleague, Mrs. Patricia (Pat) Ann Benson, on October 4, 2010 to complications from a long battle with essential thrombocythemia. Pat was born on June 14, 1943 in Goldsboro, North Carolina, but she considered herself a Texan and lived in the state most of her life. She

worked at Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences and was the laboratory manager for the Clinical Pathology Laboratory for 30



years. She was an active VLP member and served on an advisory board for Abbott Laboratories. As laboratory manager, she helped train many clinical pathology residents and veterinary students. She retired in 2003 to travel and work on her and her husband's ranch in Kurten, TX. Pat loved polka dancing, traveling, needlecraft, and sitting on her porch swing enjoying the beauty of nature. She was active in supporting the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life. She is survived by her husband, Chris, of 23 years, sons and daughters-in-law Craig and Wendy Cumberland, Britt and Susanne Benson; and daughter and son-in-law Fawn and Jack Simpson. Our condolences go out to her family and friends. Those who had the honor to work with her while at Texas A&M will miss her dearly.

Contributed by Karen Russell and Elaine Nicholds

## Treasurer's Report

As a society we continue to have strong financial health. Our primary sources of income include annual membership dues and revenue generated from our pre-meeting workshop and from our journal. Last year we also had significant income from gain on investments. Donations from corporate sponsorships are down. Our primary costs are associated with administration, the annual meeting and publishing the journal. Our assets are currently split between cash, stock/bonds/money funds and CDs. See the table below for a breakdown of our assets.

<b>Current Assets:</b>			
	<b>Cash value</b>	<b>% of total</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>Cash</b>	\$83,000	26%	
<b>Stocks/Bonds/Funds</b>	\$50,000	16%	Vanguard Life Strategy Growth Fund
	\$44,000	14%	Vanguard Growth Index Fund
	\$57,000	18%	Pax world funds, socially responsible investment
<b>CDs</b>	\$45,000	15%	30 month, 4% interest, term to 1/2011
	\$35,000	11%	12 month, 1.29% interest, term to 7/2011
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$314,000</b>	<b>100%</b>	

# Veterinary Clinical Pathology

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## 2010 Annual Report by Karen M. Young Editor-in-Chief

1. **Editorial Staff:** The staff consists of Editor-in-Chief Karen Young, University of Wisconsin, Associate Editor Patricia McManus, IDEXX Laboratories, Portland, OR, USA, and Section Editors Doropthee Bienzle, University of Guelph, Section Editor for Hematopathology and Immunology; Jean-Pierre Braun, University of Toulouse, Section Editor for Clinical Chemistry; Dave Fisher, IDEXX Laboratories, Section Editor for What Is Your Diagnosis?; Ilse Schwendenwein, University of Vienna, Section Editor for Laboratory Management; Maxey Wellman, The Ohio State University, Section Editor for Cytology and Surgical Pathology; R. Darren Wood, University of Guelph, Section Editor for Review Articles; and Karen Russell, Texas A&M University, Section Editor for Book Reviews. Mary Christopher is Immediate Past Editor. Ann Casper has performed invaluable service as the editorial assistant. Thanks to all for their exceptional service to the journal and to the ASVCP for its unwavering support.

Eight new Editorial Board members, including 2 biostatisticians, were added in 2010: A. Rick Alleman, Anne Avery, Natalie Bauer, Philip Kass, Saverio Paltrinieri, M. Judith Radin, Chester Thomas, and Bo Wiinberg; and 4 members renewed their 4-year terms: Kristen Friedrichs, Armando Irizarry-Rovira, Reinhard Mischke, and Philip Solter. An Editorial Board meeting was held at the ESVCP congress in Toulouse, France in September 2010 and at the ASVCP meeting in Baltimore in October 2010. We thank all the editorial board members for their outstanding service to the journal.

2. **Affiliations:** This year VCP became the affiliate journal for the International Society for Animal Clinical Pathology (ISACP), and an affiliation with the Japanese Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology is being proposed. In addition, a discounted subscription proposal for ACVP members who are not ASVCP or ESVCP members is under consideration.
3. **Wiley-Blackwell and the Legacy Archive:** We continue to have a strong and thriving relationship with our publisher, Wiley-Blackwell, represented by Kaia Motter, Editor, Professional Journals; Colleen Myers, Production Editor; Rachel Zawada, Product Manager; and Gennifer Davis, Advertising. Paula Krimer is the journal's liaison to Wiley-Blackwell for corporate advertising. The legacy archive launched in 2009 and includes all issues of the journal from the first Bulletin in 1972 to the current issue, is available online to ASVCP, ESCVP, and affiliate members and may be purchased by libraries and other interested parties. This invaluable legacy archive is a tremendous resource in laboratory medicine and provides a first-hand view of the remarkable contributions of veterinary clinical pathology to the scientific community and to medical education. Use of the archive in 2010 has been active.
4. **Impact Factor:** The 2009 impact factor, released in 2010, is 0.793 (ranking 66/141), decreasing by 13% from 2008 (0.912) and increasing by 18% from 2007 (0.671).
5. **Reviewers:** More than 200 reviewers have contributed their expertise and time to the journal from October 2009 through September 2010. They represent many disciplines within laboratory medicine as well as in internal medicine, molecular parasitology, anatomic pathology, and other biomedical disciplines. The participation of peer reviewers is critical to the journal's success and has a direct impact on the quality of the journal. We are very appreciative of the efforts of all the reviewers.

6. **Abstract Publication:** Owing to an increased page allotment, abstracts from the ASVCP, ESVCP, and ISACP meetings/congresses will be published in print in the December issue (VCP 39.4) and online.
7. **Journal Feature Articles:** In addition to peer-reviewed articles, we also publish editorials, letters, special reports, book reviews, errata, and Laboratory Medicine: Yesterday Today Tomorrow. The latter feature highlights notes of historical interest or images of interest to our readers. The Editors invite Society members, as well as others among our readership, to contribute to this feature. We also welcome letters, particularly those in response to published articles.
8. In Volume 39 (2010) of *Veterinary Clinical Pathology*, we published 59 articles and more than 500 pages. A virtual issue compiling articles on "Hemostasis: Coagulation and Platelet Testing in Veterinary Medicine" published from 2008-2010 will be released soon.

#### Manuscript Activity (Oct 1, 2009-Sept 30, 2010)

Submissions increased from 188 to 210

Manuscript Type	Submitted	In Review /at author	Accepted	Rejected
Review	5 (2.4%)	-	3	2
Original Article	108 (51.4%)	25	22	61
Brief Comm.	16 (7.6%)	2	4	10
Case Report	53 (25.2%)	9	15	29
WYD	27 (12.9%)	2	16	9
Tech Note	1 (<1%)	-	1	-
<b>Total*</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>38 (18%)</b>	<b>61 (29%)**</b>	<b>111 (53%)</b>

\* Also published 1 Special Report, 3 Book Reviews, 4 Editorials, 4 Letters, 4 YTT Features, and 1 Erratum.

\*\* Acceptance rate is 36% for all manuscripts with a final decision (excluding those in review or revision)

#### Manuscripts Submitted, by Country of Origin

Country	Number	Country	Number	Country	Number
Australia	5	India	1	Slovenia	2
Argentina	1	Iran	10	South Africa	1
Brazil	32	Ireland	3	Spain	2
Canada	5	Italy	16	Sweden	7
China	3	Japan	1	Switzerland	1
Croatia	1	Jordan	2	Thailand	3
Denmark	3	Korea	3	Tunisia	1
Egypt	8	Mexico	2	Turkey	4
Finland	1	Norway	1	United Kingdom	4
France	5	Pakistan	1	United States	70
Germany	7	Poland	6	Venezuela	1
Greece	2	Portugal	3	TOTAL	218*

\* Includes small number of withdrawn manuscripts

#### Annual Manuscript Activity, by Continent

Year	Europe	No. America	So. America	Aust/NZ	Asia	Africa
2005-06	25	50	12	0	23	2
2006-07	53	48	8	2	27	3
2007-08	45	59	6	2	36	6
2008-09	66	49	16	1	47	9
2009-10	64	77	34	5	28	10

**Annual Manuscript Activity, by Section**

Year	Heme	ClinChem	Cyto/SP	WYD*	Lab Mgmt	Review†	No Categ	Total
2005-06	43	30	19	—	10		10	112
2006-07	49	30	35	—	15		11	140
2007-08	40	42	17	18	15		24	156
2008-09	44	38	34	14	23	5	30	188
2009-10	49	38	39	29	27	5	31	218**

\*Previously included in Cyto/SP

†Separate category beginning in 2008

\*\*Includes small number of withdrawn manuscripts

**Annual Manuscript Activity, by Year**

Year	Submitted	Accepted	Rejected	Acceptance Rate	Pending
2005-06	112	69	53	61.6%	0
2006-07	140	76	62	54.3%	0
2007-08	156 total				0
May-Sept 08*	62	32	30	51.6%	0
2008-09	188	46	109	24.5%	33
2009-10	210	61	111	29.0%	38

\* Beginning of Manuscript Central

**Manuscript Turnaround Time (12 months from October 1, 2009-September 30, 2010)**

Year	Days to First Decision (all manuscripts)	Days Submit to Accept*
2009-10	38	Mean 132/Median 117

\* Includes time at author for revision

## Executive Board News

This year, the EB welcomes Anne Provencher Bolliger as the incoming First Year EB member, Robin Allison as Secretary, and Leslie Sharkey as the President-Elect. We sadly say goodbye to and sincerely thank Melinda Wilkerson for all of her enthusiasm, hard work and wisdom during her service to ASVCP. We hope she will not be a stranger! Karen Russell is also stepping down as Secretary. The EB would also like to thank all the members who gave some of their time over the year to the Society. ASVCP is better and stronger because of our members.

As you can see from the committee highlights and other activities summarized in this issue, a lot of exciting things are being done. Please consider becoming active in the Society by joining one of the committees, it is fun and very rewarding, plus you are contributing to your society. The EB wishes each and every member of the ASVCP and their families a wonderful 2011.

## ASVCP Committee Annual Highlights

Standing committees of the ASVCP are always looking for members. Any member of the ASVCP, including residents and graduate students, can join a committee. It is a great way to meet other members, network, and get involved in your Society. If you don't know what the committees are or what they are doing, below is a summary of some of the highlights accomplished this year. Anyone interested in learning more about a certain committee or wanting to join can contact any Executive Board member, and they will forward your name to the appropriate committee chair. **Get Involved!**

Education Committee: This year, the committee was responsible for organizing the Pre-Meeting Workshop, "How to Jazz up Those Boring Old Lectures: A Short Course on Principles of Educational Theory in Practice." Please see the synopsis of the Pre-Meeting Workshop on page 11. Along the same theme, the Education Forum featured Dr. Jared Danielson who spoke about ways to write good test questions and different types of test questions. After presenting this material, he held an interactive session where participants were divided into groups and practiced writing different types of questions followed up by comments and discussion from each of the groups. The second Education Award was given this year, and we congratulate Dr. Mary Christopher (see page 8)!

Committee chair: Casey LeBlanc, [cleblanc@utk.edu](mailto:cleblanc@utk.edu)

International Activities Committee (IAC): The IAC is the newest ASVCP standing committee that was formed this year. The purpose of the IAC is to facilitate and expand global activities of the ASVCP in the field of veterinary clinical pathology. The committee is working to ensure 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. The committee wants to expand by adding ASVCP members from Asia and Africa and is working toward the creation of travel and IAC grants.

Committee chair: Alexander Biondo, [abiondo@illinois.edu](mailto:abiondo@illinois.edu)

Program Committee: The program committee is already busy with planning next year's meeting in Nashville, TN from December 3-7, 2011. The main topics for the meeting will be coagulation for the Educational Symposium and vascular function and malfunction for the ACVP/ASVCP Joint Plenary Session. A Pre-Meeting Outreach Workshop on Cytology will be available for general practitioners in the area. The ASVCP Pre-Meeting Workshop will be organized by the Regulatory Affairs Committee. After this year, Jan Andrews will be stepping down as committee chair, and the incoming chair will be Jennifer Neel. Anyone interested in joining the Program Committee is welcomed and can contact Jan.

Committee chair: Jan Andrews, [janlab@bellsouth.net](mailto:janlab@bellsouth.net)

Outreach Committee: The committee continues support student pathology clubs that apply for a stipend of \$150 to support speakers, food, and prizes when the club brings

in a speaker who focuses on clinical pathology. Anne Barger has made her Pathology Jeopardy game available to any pathology club, which is a popular venue. Hematology atlases designed by Heska Corporation are now available for download from the ASVCP website. An ASVCP Facebook page has been created and the committee will start working on addition new content in the upcoming year. The Outreach committee is always looking for new members, and anyone interested in joining the committee should contact the committee chair.

Committee chair: Cheryl Swenson, [Swenson@cvm.msu.edu](mailto:Swenson@cvm.msu.edu).

Quality Assurance and Standards Committee (QAS): The Quality Control Guidelines can be found under the Members Only section of the website and is now available in HTML and PDF formats. It is being translated into Spanish, French, and German. A special report on the guidelines was published in the September issue of Veterinary Clinical Pathology. The committee has several current projects, which include Reference Interval and Point-of-Care Instrumentation Quality Control Guidelines and is planning guidelines for immunocytochemical staining, and method validation. The committee will also be planning the 2012 Pre-Meeting Workshop and potential topics that include LEAN/Six Sigma, laboratory management, ISO/certification programs, and round table discussions.

Committee co-chairs: Shannon Pedersen, [shannonp@pdlv.net](mailto:shannonp@pdlv.net), and Bente Flatland, [bflatlan@utk.edu](mailto:bflatlan@utk.edu)

Regulatory Affairs Committee: The committee will be organizing the 2011 ASVCP Pre-Meeting Workshop for the meeting in Nashville, TN. The topic will be announced at a later time. The committee (ASVCP/STP Working Group) continues to work on several "best practices" guidelines. The bone marrow document is complete and the document for best practices in clinical pathology for preclinical studies is in progress.

Committee chair: Lindsay Tomlinson, [lindsay.tomlinson@bms.com](mailto:lindsay.tomlinson@bms.com)

Share the Future Committee (STF, formerly Development Committee): The committee's name has been changed to Share the Future, to reflect the personal giving campaign conceived by the committee in 2004. The fourth annual Travel Grants and the third Research Award Grant, funded by Share the Future fund, were awarded again this year. The committee has been inactive and needs a committee chair. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please contact any member of the Executive Board.

Veterinary Laboratory Professionals Committee (VLP): The VLP sessions at the annual meeting proved to be another success. Topics presented during the sessions included immunocytochemistry (Anne Barger and Rose Raskin), hemolymph clinical pathology (Andrea Battison), exotic animal clinical pathology (Tim Tristan), platelet myths (Harold Tvedten), VIN quality control study material (Mark Rishniw), anatomy and pathology of the fish eye (Brent Whtaker), elasmobranch [sharks, skates, rays] medicine (Catherine Hadfield), and amphibian medicine (Leigh Ann Clayton).

Committee chair: Rick DeFrancisco, [rjd34@cornell.edu](mailto:rjd34@cornell.edu)

Web Editorial Board (WEB): The committee continues to add new content to the website and asked the membership to contact the committee chair or any of the committee members with suggestions. The committee has also been working closely

with QAS to have a searchable format of the Quality Control Guidelines. The committee has also begun to work with Leslie Sharkey on a Chemistry Case bank for the website. Committee chair: Pete Fernandes, Pete-fernandes@ldexx.com

## **First Call**

### **Annual ASVCP Cytology and Hematology Case Review Session Submissions**

#### **Submissions Due June 15, 2011**

Submissions are requested for the 2011 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 Anne Provencher Bolliger if you are interested in submitting in this format.

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

### **When and Where to Submit**

The deadline for receipt of submission of ALL case materials is June 15, 2011. 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, 2011. 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.

### **If questions, please contact:**

Dr Anne Provencher Bolliger  
provencher.bolliger@hotmail.com

### **Case submission and material should be sent to:**

Case Review Slides and Mystery Slides  
American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology  
2424 American Lane  
Madison, WI 53704  
Telephone: +1-608-443-2479

## First Call Annual ASVCP Clinical Chemistry Review Session Submissions

Submissions Due June 15, 2011

### **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**

The deadline for submission of cases is June 15, 2011. Submitters will be notified of the results of the selection process by August 1, 2011. 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.

### **If questions, please contact:**

Dr. Anne Provencher Bolliger  
provencher.bolliger@hotmail.com

### **Case submission and material should be sent to:**

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## Call for Nominations ASVCP Education Award 2011

Participation by clinical pathologists and veterinary laboratory medical specialists in the education of veterinary students, residents, veterinary practitioners, and technical staff is crucial for the vitality of the veterinary medical profession and our specialty college. Contributions to education vary greatly to include standard classroom and clinical teaching that primarily takes place in veterinary schools, continuing education of practitioners and technical staff, formal and informal mentoring of students by pathologists in the private sector, committee service to ASVCP and ACVP including board examination preparation, creation of teaching materials such as books and computer programs, and publishing articles relevant to any stage of veterinary medical education. Unfortunately, formal recognition of these contributions is given almost exclusively to pathologists working in academia.

In order to encourage and reward a wider range of ASVCP members contributing to the education of future veterinarians and pathologists, the ASVCP Education Committee and the Executive Board would like to invite our membership to submit nominations for the ASVCP Education Award.

Letters of nomination should describe the nominee's contributions to the education of veterinary medical students, clinical pathology residents, veterinarians, and laboratory professionals. In addition to a brief description (one page or less) of the nominee's accomplishments, the letters should include the contact information for the nominee and a list of 2-3 individuals that can provide additional letters of support.

Please send the letters of nomination to the Education Committee chair, Casey LeBlanc ([cleblanc@utk.edu](mailto:cleblanc@utk.edu)) or the EB Education Committee liaison, Anne Provencher Bolliger ([provencher.bolliger@hotmail.com](mailto:provencher.bolliger@hotmail.com)); electronic documents are preferred. Hard copies of letters of nomination can also be sent to Casey or Anne at the addresses and phone numbers below. Please feel free to contact either Casey or Anne if additional information is needed.

Casey LeBlanc  
Department of Pathobiology,  
College of Veterinary Medicine  
2407 River Drive, Room A201  
Knoxville, TN 37996  
Phone: 865-740-4651)

Anne Provencher Bolliger  
Charles River Laboratories  
Preclinical Services  
1580 rue Ida-Metivier  
Sherbrooke, QC J1E 0B5 Canada  
Phone: 819-346-8200 ext 7340

Letters of nomination will be accepted through May 1, 2011. The finalists chosen by the Education Committee will be contacted and asked to submit a short CV, personal statement and a list of references for letters of support. The nominee packets will be accepted through July 1, 2011 and the Education Committee Chair will announce the Awardee at the 2011 Business Meeting in Nashville, TN. The award includes a plaque and a monetary award of \$1,000.00. Current members of the ASVCP Education Committee and Executive Board will be excluded from nomination for the duration of their service on these committees.

## Announcements

**Committees:** If you are interested in serving on one of the ASVCP committees as a member or a committee chair, please contact any of the EB members or Susan Rees, [srees@reesgroupinc.com](mailto:srees@reesgroupinc.com). Getting involved is a great way to meet new people and contribute to your Society.

**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 Anne Provencher Bolliger, [provencher.bolliger@hotmail.com](mailto:provencher.bolliger@hotmail.com). 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 next year's hematology/cytology cases or chemistry cases, please contact Anne Provencher, [provencher.bolliger@hotmail.com](mailto:provencher.bolliger@hotmail.com).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@asvcp.org)) or Secretary, Robin Allison, [robin.allison@okstate.edu](mailto:robin.allison@okstate.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 2424 American Lane, Madison, WI 53704; E-mail: [info@asvcp.org](mailto:info@asvcp.org), Phone: 608-443-2479; 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](http://www.asvcp.org)), please contact the ASVCP Secretary, Robin Allison, Center for Veterinary Health Sciences, Department of Veterinary Pathobiology, 250 McElroy Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078; E-mail [robin.allison@okstate.edu](mailto:robin.allison@okstate.edu), Phone 405-744-6279; Fax 405-744-5275; or contact the ASVCP National Office at 2810 Crossroads Drive, Suite 3800, Madison, WI 53718; E-mail: [info@asvcp.org](mailto:info@asvcp.org).

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

## Upcoming Meetings

### January

**North American Veterinary Conference**, January 15-19, 2011, Orlando, Florida. For more information, go to <http://www.tnavc.org>.

### March

**Society of Toxicology, 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting and ToxExpo**, March 6-10, 2011, Washington, D.C. For information, see <http://www.toxicology.org>.

### June

**ACVIM Forum**, June 15-18, 2011, Denver, Colorado. For more information, go to [www.acvim.org](http://www.acvim.org).

**Society of Toxicologic Pathologists, STP Annual Meeting**, Denver, Colorado, June 19-23, 2011. More information at <http://www.toxpath.org>.

### July

**The XVth Congress of the International Society for Animal Clinical Pathology**, date and place to be announced. For information, go to [www.isacp.org](http://www.isacp.org).

**American Association of Clinical Chemistry, Annual Meeting**, July 24-28, 2011, Atlanta, Georgia. For more information, go to <http://www.aacc.org>.

**American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science, ASCLS Annual Meeting**, July 26-30, 2011 at Atlanta, Georgia, For more information go to <http://www.ascls.org>.

**AVMA Annual Convention**, July 16-19, 2011, St.Louis, Missouri. For more information, go to [www.avmaconvention.org](http://www.avmaconvention.org).

### September

**The 21st Congress of the European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine - Companion Animal**, September 8-10, 2011, Sevilla, Spain. For more information, go to [www.ecvimcongress.org](http://www.ecvimcongress.org).

### October

**American Society for Clinical Pathology, ASCP Annual Meeting**, October 19-23, 2011, Las Vegas, Nevada. For more information, go to <http://www.ascp.org>.

### November

**Veterinary Cancer Society Conference**, November 4-7, 2011, Albuquerque, New Mexico. For information go to <http://www.vetcancersociety.org>

**54th Annual AAVLD/USAHA Meeting**, September 29-October 5, 2011, Buffalo, NY. For more information, go to [www.aavld.org](http://www.aavld.org).

**American Society of Cytopathology, 59<sup>th</sup> ACS Annual Scientific Meeting**, November 4-8, 2011 in Baltimore, Maryland. For information go to <http://www.cytopathology.org>.

### December

**ASVCP/ACVP Annual Meeting**, December 3-7, 2011, Nashville, Tennessee. For information go to [www.acvp.org](http://www.acvp.org) or [www.asvcp.org](http://www.asvcp.org).

## Job Opportunities

### Position Announcement:

#### New Editor-in-Chief for *Veterinary Clinical Pathology*

The ASVCP is soliciting expressions of interest from members in the United States or Canada for the position of **Editor-in-Chief** of *Veterinary Clinical Pathology*. The current editor, Dr. Karen Young, will retire from the journal at the end of 2011. To ensure a smooth transition, the ASVCP seeks to appoint a successor by July 1, 2011.

*Veterinary Clinical Pathology* is the leading international journal in its field and the official journal of the ASVCP and ESVCP. An increasingly competitive publication, the journal accepts ~35% of the more than 200 manuscripts submitted each year while maintaining excellent turnaround on initial decision.

The editor is responsible for managing the peer-review process and is solely responsible for the scientific content of the journal. The editor must have an intimate knowledge of the field; familiarity with major researchers, institutions, and resources; and a desire to set the standard for intellectual rigor in the discipline. The editor should be comfortable working in an electronic editorial environment and must have a proven ability to meet and enforce deadlines, strong interpersonal skills, and an interest in facilitating a high quality publication. For a complete position description please refer to the ASVCP website: [www.asvcp.org](http://www.asvcp.org).

Candidates should be a veterinarian with clinical laboratory experience and a strong record of published research as primary author. A PhD in a relevant discipline and a current faculty appointment are preferred. Previous experience as an editor is not required. Candidates should be willing to make a 5-year commitment.

Interested applicants should submit a CV along with a 1-2 page statement that describes their personal and professional goals, relevant experience, a vision for the journal, and the names and contact information for 3 references. Application materials should be sent by email to Susan Rees, ASVCP Executive Director at [srees@reesgroupinc.com](mailto:srees@reesgroupinc.com). Review of applications will begin on December 15, 2010.

## 2010 Annual Business Meeting Minutes American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology 45th Annual Business Meeting Minutes Baltimore, Maryland Sunday, October 31, 2010

### Meeting Agenda

- Call to order – Joanne Messick
- Approval of the minutes
- 2011 Conference at the Nashville Convention Center and Renaissance Nashville Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee, December 3-7, 2011
- Journal Report – Karen Young
- Committee Reports
  1. Program Committee – Jan Andrews
  2. Veterinary Laboratory Professionals Committee – Rick DeFrancisco
  3. Quality Assurance and Standards Committee – Kirstin Friedrichs
  4. Education Committee – Casey LeBlanc
  5. Outreach Committee – Cheryl Swenson

6. Web Editorial Board – Peter Fernandes
  7. Regulatory Affairs Committee and ESVCP/ECVCP updates – Anne Provencher Bolliger
  8. International Activities Committee – Alexander Biondo
  9. Share The Future Committee – Joanne Messick
- ACVP/STP Coalition for Veterinary Pathology Fellows – Gary Cockerell
  - Secretary's and Treasurer's Report – Karen Russell
  - Education Award – Casey LeBlanc and Rose Raskin
  - Pre-Meeting Outreach Workshop – Kirstin Barnhart
  - Veterinary technician's organizing committee for an academy in clinical pathology for veterinary technicians – Joanne Messick
  - Induction of new members
  - Awards and Recognition
    1. Research Award
    2. Travel Awards
  - Induction of Officers
  - Adjournment

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Joanne Messick at 4:40 pm EST.

**Current Officers Present:** Joanne Messick (President), Melinda Wilkerson (Immediate Past President), Kirstin Barnhart (President-Elect), Leslie Sharkey (2<sup>nd</sup> Year Executive Board Member), Marlyn Whitney (1<sup>st</sup> Year Executive Board Member), Dori Borjesson (Treasurer), Karen Russell (Secretary), Maxey Wellman (ACVP Council Representative), Susan Rees (Executive Director), Anne Provencher Bolliger (incoming 1<sup>st</sup> Year Executive Board Member), and Robin Allison (incoming Secretary).

There were approximately 60 attendees plus members of the Executive Board present at the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Karen Young moved that the minutes of the 2009 Annual Business Meeting be approved. Marlyn Whitney seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**Announcement: 2011 Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, December 3-7, 2011.**

The 2011 Annual Meeting will be held at the Nashville Convention Center and Renaissance Nashville Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee, December 3-7, 2011.

**Journal Report – Karen Young**

K Young reported to the membership that *Veterinary Clinical Pathology* (VCP) is a journal of the American and European Societies of Veterinary Clinical Pathology. The submission rate increased this year with over 200 manuscripts; the acceptance rate was 29% (includes manuscripts still in review or revision) and the rejection rate was 53% (includes manuscripts that expired or were withdrawn). Some of the manuscripts were rejected outright because they were not relevant and out of the scope for the journal. In addition, more original research manuscripts were published this year, and there was an editorial in every issue that focused on a topic in the current issue. The impact factor for 2009 is 0.793, which has dropped since 2008. K Young reminded membership that the impact factor reflects citations of manuscripts that were published in 2007/2008. Citations increased to 18% in 2007 but decreased to 13% in 2008. One reason for the decrease in 2008 was that no review articles were published; these types of articles are frequently cited. A goal is to have a review article in every issue. Overall, VCP ranks 66 out of 141 veterinary journals. K Young asked the membership for suggestions for topics and articles for review and these can be sent to her or Darren Wood (section editor for reviews).

She reported that all of the issues are digitized and available to the membership. She mentioned the author services available to authors and other affiliations including the Australian Society for Pathology, the International Society of Animal Clinical Pathology (ISACP) and a proposal to include the Japanese

Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology. Abstracts from the ISACP will be published in the December issue as well as online. She showed a graph of the types of manuscripts submitted and over half are original research. By different sections, there is a fairly even distribution between the various disciplines (hematology, chemistry, cytology, laboratory management, etc). There were more letters submitted to the editor this year, which reflects the vibrancy of the journal and helps the readership see different opinions and discussions. With regard to manuscripts submitted from different countries, most are from the United States, but many are from South America (Brazil), Europe (Italy) as well as some from Asia and Africa. The time from submission to first decision is about 1 to 1½ months, which is considered a good turn around time. The time from submission to acceptances is, on average 132 days, with a median of 117 days.

She requested that all ASVCP members be an advocate of the journal and encourage colleagues to do so as well. Some things to consider include, asking if your institution's library carries a subscription, encourage colleagues in oncology, internal medicine and other related disciplines to submit manuscripts to the journal, contribute a letter to the editor or a paper for the section, Laboratory Medicine: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow.

K Young acknowledged all the individuals associated with VCP.

Editor-In-Chief: Karen Young                      Associate Editor: Patricia McManus

Section Editors:

Clinical Chemistry: Jean-Pierre Braun  
 Cytology/Surgical Pathology: Maxey Wellman  
 Hematopathology/Immunology: Dorothee Bienzle  
 Laboratory Management: Ilse Schwendewein  
 What Is Your Diagnosis: Dave Fisher  
 Review Articles: Darren Wood  
 Book Reviews: Karen Russell

Immediate Past Editor: Mary Christopher

Editorial Assistant: Ann Casper

Wiley-Blackwell: Kaia Motter, Colleen Myers, Rachel Zawada, Gennifer Davis, Lydia Supple Pollard

ASVCP liaison for corporate advertising: Paula Krimer

She also acknowledged the editorial board who reviewed over 200 articles:

A. Rick Alleman, Robin Allison, Itamar Aroch, Anne Avery, Anne Barger, Andrea Battison, Natali Bauer, Paul Canfield, Guillermo Couto, Gregg Dean, Kristen Friedrichs, Michael Goldschmidt, Valerie Guilpin, Kendal Harr, Mitsumi Inaba, Armando Irizarry-Rovira, Philip Kass, Mads Kjølgaard-Hansen, Bruce LeRoy, Inger Lilliehook, Elspeth Milne, Reinhard Mischke, Peter O'Brien, Sean Owens, Saverio Paltrinieri, Josep Pastor, M. Judith Radin, Shashi Ramaiah, Philip Solter, Severine Tasker, Chester Thomas, Kerstin Thoren-Tolling, Charles Wiedmeyer, and Bo Wiinberg

The last matter she discussed to the membership was her intention to step down as Editor-In-Chief in December 2011. A search has been initiated and a committee has been formed. Mary Christopher is the committee chair and the members include Leslie Sharkey (ASVCP EB Officer), Kristen Friedrichs, Saverio Paltrinieri, and Susan Rees (The Rees Group, Inc.), Kaia Motter and Karen Young will serve as advisors. A position description and advertisement will be posted on the web site and sent out on the list serve. The person has to be an ASVCP member in the United States or Canada, and once selected will choose a co-editor. She encouraged any member who is interested or can recommend someone to contact her.

#### **Announcement: Joanne Messick**

J Messick made an announcement to the membership regarding the need for volunteers to serve on ASVCP committees. There are nine standing committees and she encourages any member to become more involved.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Program: Jan Andrews**

J Andrews informed the membership that if anyone is interested in joining the Program Committee, the annual meeting will be Monday morning, November 1, 2010, at 7:00 am. She recognized and thanked all the committee members. She summarized the main topics for this meeting:

Education Symposium: Comparative Oncology  
 ACVP/ASVCP Joint Plenary Session: Tumor Microenvironment  
 ASVCP Pre-Meeting Workshop: Education (organized by the ASVCP Education Committee)  
 Pre-Meeting Outreach Workshop on Cytology: (organized by an ad hoc committee; Kirstin Barnhart (chair), Jan Andrews, Anne Barger, Reema Patel, Craig Thompson, and Cheryl Swenson)

The 2011 meeting will be in Nashville, TN and the main topics for this meeting will be:

Education Symposium: Coagulation  
 ACVP/ASVCP Joint Plenary Session: Vascular Function and Malfunction  
 ASVCP Pre-Meeting Workshop: To be announced  
 Pre-Meeting Outreach Workshop on Cytology

The last item she announced was that she would be stepping down as committee chair and Jennifer Neel will be incoming chair starting in 2012 through 2015.

### **Veterinary Laboratory Professionals (VLP) Committee: Rich DeFrancisco**

R DeFrancisco summarized the purpose of the VLP: "The Veterinary Laboratory Professionals (VLP), formerly Veterinary Laboratory Managers, is a group of laboratory professionals, including laboratory managers and directors, medical technologists, and laboratory assistants, who share an active listserv and a common interest in the laboratory testing of animal samples. The VLP has met with the ASVCP since 1996. It was granted 'special interest group' status by the ASVCP Executive Board in 2000. As of 2003, the VLP is an official standing committee of the ASVCP. The VLP regularly contributes informative and practical articles for inclusion in the ASVCP Newsletter and coordinates an educational program at the annual ASVCP/ACVP meeting."

He acknowledged and thanked the current members.

Rick DeFrancisco - Chair, Program, Membership, PACE credits  
 Nicole Rosen - Co-chair, Education  
 Dennis Olexson - Ex-Chair  
 Faye Hartman - List serve  
 Lisa Shipp – Newsletter  
 Lynne Shanahan - QC&S  
 Helen Kocmarek - QC&S  
 Linda Vap - Ex.Chair, QC&S, Development  
 Kirstin Barnhart - Liaison to the ASVCP Executive Board  
 Roberta Moorhead - Board Member  
 Jill Arnold - Board Member

He summarized the committee charges for the year, which included 1) planning for the VLP sessions during the meeting, 2) assess the attendance at the VLP sessions to determine impact, 3) provide PACE credits for the annual meeting, 4) contribute to the quarterly newsletter for updates on committee activities, 5) oversee the VLP/laboratory manager listerv, and 6) provide a budget for annual activities. For each of these charges, he provided more details or examples of the committee's activities.

1) Annual meeting sessions:

Sunday, October 31, 2010

12:30pm – 1:00pm	Rick DeFrancisco – Welcome to Attendees and Announcements
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Dr. Anne Barger – Immunocytochemistry: Getting Started
2:00pm – 3:00pm	Dr. Rose Raskin– Immunocytochemistry: Technique and Interpretation of Hematopoietic Conditions
3:00pm – 3:30pm	Refreshment Break – Exhibits/Posters
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Dr. Andrea Battison– Evaluating Hemolymph: Clinical Pathology in the American Lobster
4:30pm – 6:00pm	ASVCP Business Meeting

Monday, November 1, 2010

8:00am – 9:00am	Dr. Tim Tristan – Clinical Pathology: Exotic Animal Case Reports from the field
9:00am – 10:00am	Dr. Harold Tvedten – Myths About Platelets
10:00am – 11:00am	Refreshment Break – Exhibits/Posters
11:00am – 12:00pm	Dr. Mark Rishniw – VIN QC Material Study
12:00pm – 5:00pm	Free Time to Explore Baltimore
Tuesday, November 2, 2010 (To be held at the Baltimore Aquarium)	
7:00am – 8:00am	Planning Session for Nashville, Tennessee 2011
8:10am – 9:00am	Dr. Brent Whitaker – Anatomy and Pathology of the Fish Eye
9:00am – 9:50am	Dr. Catherine (Kat) Hadfield – Elasmobranch Medicine (Sharks, skates, rays)
9:50am – 10:10am	Refreshment Break
10:10am – 11:00am	Dr. Leigh Ann Clayton – Amphibian Clinical Medicine: Anuran Edema
11:00am – 12:00pm	Behind the Scenes Tour of the Baltimore Aquarium

## 2) Attendance and 3) PACE credits

Iron Metabolism and Laboratory Assessment of Iron Status– **86** Attendees.

Introduction to Hematology and Biochemistry of Amphibians – **68** Attendees.

Hematology of Fish – WBC & RBC Morphology – **56** Attendees.

Using Molecular Diagnostics to Advance Marine Mammal Pathology – **72** Attendees.

Raptor Hematology and Biochemistries – **123** Attendees.

**Diseases of Seahorses: Pathologists' Dream & Clinicians' Nightmare – 225 Attendees.**

Improving Business Performance – **32** Attendees.

Comparison of the CellaVision for Canine Differential to the ADVIA 2120, Sysmex and Manual Differential – **31** Attendees.

San Antonio Texas 2008 – 9 PACE Credits

Monterey California 2009 – 9 PACE Credits

Baltimore Maryland 2010 – 9 PACE Credits

5) The VLP/laboratory manager's listserv is hosted by University of Wisconsin with Faye Hartman as the coordinator. There are currently 81 members.

6) This year's budget of \$3,335.00 included expenses for 9 speakers; honorarium, travel, and hotel. A maximum of \$3,500.00 is allowed.

## Quality Assurance and Standards (QAS) Committee: Kristen Friedrichs

K Friedrichs presented the QAS activities for Kendal Harr (chair) and Shannon Pedersen (co-chair), who were not able to attend. The committee is large and very active; this year they held 4 teleconferences.

Members are: Jill Arnold, Kirstin Barnhart, Jen Brazzell, Marion Bushey, Rebecca Davies, Dennis DiNicola, Bente Flatland, Kathy Freeman, Kristen Friedrichs, Ronna Fulton, Rebekah Gun-Christie, Kendal Harr (co-chair), Helen Kocmarek, Scott Moroff, Shannon Pedersen (co-chair), Connie Peterson, Ida Piperisova, Lynne Shanahan, Balazs Szladovits, Matthew Torres, Linda Vap, and Marlyn Whitney, EB Liaison.

She presented a brief description of current and future projects which included:

- General quality control guidelines
- Reference interval guidelines
- Point-of-care instrument quality control guidelines
- Immunocytochemistry guidelines
- Method validation for veterinary species
- Planning the 2012 Pre-Meeting Workshop for the Seattle, WA meeting

The General QC Guidelines underwent major revisions beginning in 2006. The next major revision is scheduled to begin in 2016. The HTML and PDF formats became available in October 2010. They have been translated into Spanish; French, German, and possibly Portuguese and Italian are planned. A special report was published in September issue of VCP (2010:39:264-277) with Bente Flatland as the lead author. Future special reports planned for publication in VCP include chemistry, urinalysis, cytology, RIA, hematology, manual hematology, crossmatch, and hemostasis.

The Reference Interval Guidelines are almost ready for the membership to review and submit comments. She asked that when they come out to please read and submit your comments. The plan is to have these posted on the website in 2011 and publish a special report in VCP.

The Point-of-Care Instrumentation Quality Control Guidelines are directed toward practitioners for bench top analyzers and the main reference for these are the CLSI documents. A draft should be completed by the end of this year. In addition, a letter to AAHA has been drafted that requests mandatory QC for veterinary hospital accreditation. The goal is to establish a dialog with AAHA and use the POC guidelines as an opening.

Other subcommittees that have formed for projects are:

Immunocytochemical staining: This will use the AAVLD document.

Method Validation in veterinary species: This will be written with the Regulatory Affairs Committee.

The QAS Committee is also in the process of planning the 2012 Pre-Meeting Workshop, which will be in Seattle, WA, December 1-5, 2012. Speakers that they are considering are Westgard and Son, S Ehrmeyer, Fraser, and Rickts. Potential topics for the workshop include culture of quality, LEAN/Six Sigma, laboratory management, ISO/certification programs, and round table discussions.

The co-chairs for the committee in the next year will be Shannon Pedersen and Bente Flatland. There will be a breakfast from 7-8 am Monday, November 1, 2010. She encouraged anyone who has an interest to join the committee.

#### **Education Committee: Casey LeBlanc**

C LeBlanc talked about the Pre-Meeting Workshop that was well received. There were 34 attendants. Speakers included Holly Bender, Jon Lorsch, and Jared Danielson. The Education Forum was held Saturday evening (October 30, 2010); J Danielson did a session on question writing. The topic for the Forum has progressed from teaching veterinary technicians (2008) to residency training (2009), and veterinary students (2010). The plan for the 2011 Forum will be focused on technician training.

He also told the membership about the Education Award and that the committee will be asking for nominations next Spring. In addition, an ad hoc subcommittee has formed to develop an educational website for residents to allow them to share case material, slide material, etc. There is also a plan to have a resident subcommittee to become involved in creating a Facebook page or other networking sites.

#### **Outreach Committee: Cheryl Swenson**

C Swenson acknowledged the committee members and was happy to announce that another person had joined the committee. She also announced the new committee co-chair. The members include: Anne Barger, Kirstin Barnhart, Jennifer Brazzell (new), Rick DeFrancisco, Peter Fernandes, Fonzi Quance-Fitch (retiring), Shashi Ramaiah, Balazs Szladovits (possible new co-chairs), and Marlyn Whitney.

She described the committee's ongoing projects.

Student clinical pathology seminars: The student pathology clubs are eligible for \$150 for food, speakers, door prizes, etc to support a speaker who focuses on clinical pathology. Anne Barger is credited for donating her Jeopardy-style game to any path club that requests it.

Hematology atlas: These were developed with the support of Heska

New projects include:

Continuing education for practitioners: This was the first year that the ASVCP held an outreach program for area veterinarians.

SAVMA: There is a SAVMA sponsored talk. The ASVCP booth will be retired and instead the committee will sponsor a clinical pathologist to attend and speak at meetings.

Facebook Page: P Fernandes will start working on a group Facebook page that will be directed back to the website.

C Swenson encouraged the membership to be an advocate for ASVCP, promote the Society by using the ASVCP logo on presentations and handouts and if anyone is interested to please consider joining a committee and become more active in the Society.

M Christopher asked about the number of members this year compared with last year. S Rees gave the following information.

2008	611 members
2009	625 members
2010	607 members

C Swenson asked the membership about the hematology atlas and how are people using it. It was not sent this year but is available for download in a high resolution PDF file from the ASVCP website. Due to costs, Heska could no longer fund this project and to continue it would have cost the Society about \$4,000. J Messick said that most students use a laptop and they can download it themselves.

**Web Editorial Board (WEB): Pete Fernandes**

P Fernandes introduced and described the WEB as a young committee (similar to someone in the teenage years who has not yet met their full potential) and is evolving with the guidance of the EB and TRG. By nature, it is more of an administrative committee. Currently, the committee is working of developing and finalizing a calendar, writing a SOP to cover update for the residence/trainee page, and monitoring the website. He asked that the membership contact him, the committee, or TRG for suggestions for content for the website. Things to consider for putting on the website include awards (Lifetime Achievement Award, Young Investigator Award, any other outside awards given to ASVCP members), historical events and aspects of the Society, and a visual hematology guide. A major project that the committee has undertaken was to work with the QAS Committee to put their guidelines on the website in different/searchable formats. The WEB is also helping them to reformat or make minor edits to their documents. He also asked that if a committee needs information on the website to contact him and he and the WEB will work with the committee. Another project that he is beginning to work on is the chemistry case bank from L Sharkey.

**Regulatory Affairs Committee (RAC): Anne Provencher Bolliger**

A Provencher Bolliger recognized and thanked all the members of the RAC. She will be stepping down as committee chair this year and Lindsay Tomlinson will be the new chair. She also informed the membership that the best practices paper on bone marrow is completed (ASVCP/STP working group). A paper on best practices in clinical pathology for preclinical studies is in progress. The RAC will be organizing the 2011 Pre-Meeting Workshop, and the topic may focus on best practices in clinical pathology for preclinical studies.

**European Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathology (ESVCP) and European College of Veterinary Clinical Pathology (ECVCP): Anne Provencher Bolliger**

A Provencher Bolliger gave a brief update on the ESVCP and the ECVCP. A meeting was held in September in conjunction with the internal medicine college. The ECVCP current has over 70 diplomates. The next meeting will be in Dublin (2011) and the 2012 meeting with the International Society of Animal Clinical Pathology will be in announces at a later time.

**International Activities Committee (IAC): Alexander Biondo**

A Biondo thanked the EB and membership for the opportunity to introduce this new committee. He acknowledged the committee members who include: Joanne Messick (USA, liaison), Zoe Polizopoulou (Greece), Kerstin Thoren-Tolling (Sweden), Dennis DeNicola (USA), Harold Twedten (Sweden), John Harvey (USA), Balas Szladoivits (UK), and Anne Provencher (Canada). He described the make-up of the committee as truly international based on the various locations for the members and said it could be a challenge to hold teleconferences because of all the different time zones. They held their first teleconference using Skype and it went fairly well. He told the membership that a goal for 2011 is to add ASVCP members from Asia and Africa to the committee. He also wants to improve interactions with others and establish travel and IAC grants.

**Share The Future (STF) Committee: J Messick**

J Messick told the membership that this committee still has no committee chair and this position is needed, which will help the committee to become active again. She also told the membership that corporate donations are down.

**ACVP/STP Coalition for Veterinary Pathology Fellows – Gary Cockerell**

G Cockerell presented an update about the Coalition to the membership. He gave a brief history of the Coalition and its purpose. It was formed 6 years ago as a funding mechanism to increase the number of pathology trainees with the idea that training would occur through institutions with funding from industry sponsors. In 2005, 5 positions were offered and in 2010, the number had increased to 26. In 2005, the funding level was 1.1 million dollars and it has steadily increased to 6.2 million dollars in 2010. These facts were well received by the membership present. He told the membership that the funding is leveling off, but this may be a reflection of the current economy.

To date, 13 fellows have completed their fellowship. Their placement was:

CRO (contract research organizations)	4 fellows
Private diagnostic laboratories	1 fellow
Biopharmia	1 fellow
Academia	3 fellows
Additional training (resident to PhD program)	4 fellows

He also presented information about the performance of the fellows on the ACVP examination. Ten out of 12 fellows passed the exam on the first attempt, which is an 83% success rate, compared to the overall performance from last 3 years where 146 out of 312 (47%) candidates passed the exam on the first attempt.

A request for applications (RFA) did not go out in 2010 because of inadequate funds, but he anticipates that an RFA will be issued in 2011. The proposed time line for the 2011 RFA is that it will be issued early June 2011, applications will be due mid July 2011, and awards announced in mid September 2011. Fellows will be expected to begin their program no later than the summer of 2012.

He also informed the membership about the 4<sup>th</sup> Coalition Scientific Conference, which will be held Saturday, December 3, 2011, in conjunction with the ASVCP/ACVP Annual Meeting in Nashville, TN. There will be presentations by the fellow in academia and industry. It will be an open meeting, but registration is required. The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual conference was held in conjunction with the annual STP meeting this past Summer. He suggested that people should visit the Coalition website to see all the fellows and their sponsors. More information is available through the website or by contacting him.

**Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports: Karen Russell**

K Russell reported that D Borjesson could not attend the Business Meeting, but the Society is financially stable and secure. More details about the financial status will available in the next issue of the newsletter. She also reported that there will be new look to the newsletter starting with the December issue.

**Education Award: Casey LeBlanc and Rose Raskin**

C LeBlanc talked about the Education Award and that this year will be the second year that it has been presented. He briefly described the selection process where it begins with a call for nominations. These are received and the Education Committee reviews and scores each. The person who nominated the candidate presents the award at the Business Meeting. This year the presenter will be Rose Raskin.

R Raskin felt it an honor to be able to present this award. The recipient received her DVM from Iowa State University in 1980. She practiced small animal medicine for a period of time before returning to academia to pursue a residency and PhD at the University of Minnesota. She spent 5 years on faculty at the University of Florida where R Raskin interacted with her. She joined the faculty at UC Davis in 1994 and is a professor in the Department of Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology. She has had an illustrious career in teaching and has received teaching awards at the University of Florida and at UC Davis to include the Norden Distinguished Teaching Award, the North American Outstanding Teacher Award from the American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges and, most recently, has received a

Fulbright Scholarship Award to study in Egypt. She has been involved in the training of 22 clinical pathology residents and has taught on most of the continents. She served as Editor-In-Chief for Veterinary Clinical Pathology for 12 years from 1997 to 2009. During her tenure as Editor-In-Chief, she increased the value, impact, and readership of the journal; all of which have continued to have many positive effects on the Society.

R Raskin presented the ASVCP Education Award to Dr. Mary Christopher who received a standing ovation from the audience.

#### **Pre-Meeting Outreach Workshop – Kirstin Barnhart**

K Barnhart informed the membership about a new outreach program for general veterinary practitioners that was held Friday, October 29, 2010. The topic of the workshop was cytology. It was supported by Antech and Olympus donated a microscope and projection system for the day. There were 4 speakers, Drs. Craig Thompson, Jed Overmann, Anne Barger, and Jennifer Brazzell. The workshop was very well received and considered a success. The number of attendants was 20 veterinarians and 8 veterinary technicians. The EB has decided to support this project for 3 years and will then re-evaluate whether or not to continue. One goal for the next year will be to improve marketing strategies. An ad hoc committee was formed to organize this workshop which will become a subcommittee of the Program Committee.

#### **Veterinary Technician's Organizing Committee for an Academy in Clinical Pathology for Veterinary Technicians – Joanne Messick**

J Messick informed the membership about a proposal from veterinary technicians who have formed an organizing committee to establish an academy in clinical pathology for veterinary technicians. This group has requested support from the ASVCP. In concept, the EB are in favor of this and in the process of defining the relationship with the organizing committee. The VLP has been asked to address this matter and report back to the EB. After it has been reviewed and approved by the EB, the document will be available to the general membership for comments/edits and final approval. There was no discussion by the membership at this time.

#### **Awards and Recognition – Melinda Wilkerson and Joanne Messick**

M Wilkerson introduced this year's awardees for the Share The Future Travel Award and Share The Future Research Grant. The following individuals received a travel grant:

- Dr. Erica Behling-Kelly, University of Wisconsin
- Dr. Patricia Crosse, Royal Veterinary College, London England
- Dr. Nora Springer, Cornell University
- Dr. Melanie Spoor, University of Missouri
- Dr. Emily Pieczarka, The Ohio State University

The person who received the Share The Future Research Grant was Dr. Nora Springer, Cornell University.

J Messick acknowledged M Wilkerson for all her work on the EB and as Immediate Past President this last year. M Wilkerson thanked her and all the EB members. J Messick thanks K Russell for her work as Secretary for the last 4 years and presented a plaque to her.

#### **Induction of new members – Joanne Messick**

J Messick asked for a motion to approve the new ASCVP members.

Rose Raskin moved to approve the new members. The motion was seconded by R Allison and passed.

K Barnhart thanked J Messick for her work this year as ASVCP President. The new EB officers are Anne Provencher Bolliger as 1<sup>st</sup> Year Executive Board Member and Robin Allison as Secretary.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m. EST.

Submitted by: Karen Russell, Secretary