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### Important Dates

June 9-12, 2010	2010 ACVIM Forum, Anaheim, CA
July 25-29, 2010	XIV <sup>th</sup> Biannual Congress of the International Society for Animal Clinical Pathology, Corvallis, OR
Sept 28,29,30, 2010	ACVP Board Examination, Ames, IO
Nov 11-17, 2010	Annual AAVLD/USAHA Meeting, Minneapolis, MN
Oct 30-Nov 3, 2010	Annual ASVCP/ACVP Meeting, Baltimore, MD
October 31, 2010	ASVCP Annual Business Meeting, Baltimore, MD

## President's Message

January 2010

Through the hard work and dedication of our leadership, committees, and management group, the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the ASVCP in Monterey, CA was well attended and had an excellent scientific program. I'd like to recognize a few of the people in the leadership who have contributed to this success. First, Dr. Melinda Wilkerson will be missed as President of the ASVCP. She will, however, continue to provide needed guidance in her new role on the Executive Board as Immediate Past President. Dr. Holly Jordan will be rotating off the executive board this year, and we owe her a huge thank you for all she has done and given to the Society. Thankfully, Dr. Karen Russell will continue as Secretary of the Society and gentle-nudger to keep the leadership and committee chairs submitting timely articles for our newsletter; also Dr. Dori Borjesson will continue as Treasurer of the Society and is chief in terms of providing an investment portfolio that is helping to ensure that the Society's financial status remains strong and grows. It's a great pleasure to have Dr. Marlyn Whitney back on the Executive Board; remember, she previously served 4 years as Secretary of the Society, leaving us in 2006 – thanks for coming back!

Committees, the “backbone” of our society, have been active and accomplished a huge amount this year. The Share-the-Future Committee was able to fund 4 travel awards of \$500.00 each, (Katie Boes, Michelle Cora, Amir Kol, and Serego Ogasawana) to the meeting in Monterey, CA; they also awarded 1 Research Grant (Amir Kol) in the amount of \$2,500. The Education Committee continues to be diligent and creative in its planning of the session – ASVCP Teaching Clinical Pathology - and this year, the first ever “Education Award” was given Dr. David J. Honor for his excellence in clinical pathology education. We are looking forward to working with Dr. Casey LeBlanc, the new chair of the Education Committee, and supporting his efforts to organize an exciting Pre-Meeting Workshop for Baltimore, MD that will focus on “New Frontiers for Clinical Pathology Education.” In addition to organizing a hugely successful educational program for the Veterinary Laboratory Professional's group this year, Rick DeFrancisco coordinated the Pre-meeting workshop – The Examination of Fish: Viewed by Pathology and Clinical Pathology. With a backdrop of the Monterey Bay Aquarium, the program was well attended with interesting speakers as well as a “hands on” educational component. Thanks to the VLP Committee for a great idea, for following through and getting a great turn out, despite a less than robust economy. Through the combined efforts of the Web Editorial Board (WEB) and its chair, Dr. Mark Johnson, and our Management Group, we have a newly designed and invigorated ASVCP Web page. Dr. Pete Fernandes - the new chair and WEB committee members will continue to build and develop this site in the coming year. The plate of our Quality Assurance and Standards Committee is full with newly formatted and revised ASVCP Quality Control Guidelines, including coagulation sampling, and plans this year for characterizing in-clinic instrument performance capabilities. It is hoped the latter will lead to specific recommendations/guidelines for QA and QC for in-practice laboratories. Finally, I want to recognize all the hard work that Dr. Jan Andrews has done to provide us with quality

scientific content and excellent speakers in the Education Symposium – Clinical Pathology of Marine Animals and acknowledge her efforts in finding a complementary speaker for our Clinical Pathology Scientific Session.

To a great extent the future of the ASVCP will be what we make it. I am confident of the direction of our Society and that it will continue to grow and serve its members in both the short and long term. I'm comfortable saying this because we have a Strategic Plan (thanks to Dr. Christine Olver and others, this was accomplished in 2007) in place – one that examines the various elements affecting our profession and provides a road map to guide our progress. However, it still requires the efforts of our members for this plan to become a reality. The people who serve on our Executive Board, the chairs and members of the 8 standing committees, (Share-the-Future Committee, Education Committee, Web Editorial Board, Outreach Committee, Program Committee, Quality Assurance and Standards Committee, Regulatory Affairs Committee, and Veterinary Laboratory Professionals Committee), and those who attend the annual meeting, are all integral to the success of our annual meeting and to the sustainability of our Society. And in the finally tally, it's our Management Group - The Rees Group, - who keep us organized and on-task at the meeting and throughout the year. **I thank you all!**

Among my goals for this year is to ensure that the ASVCP continues and expands its global activities in the field of veterinary clinical pathology. In an effort to achieve this goal, I am working to establish a new standing committee of the ASVCP, the International Activities Committee. The purpose of this committee will be to 1) ensure that the ASVCP effectively serves its international membership and the broader international veterinary clinical pathology community; 2) establish collaborative relationships with international societies and organizations; 3) foster access to clinical pathology knowledge worldwide; 4) investigate grant opportunities to support global endeavors; and 5) develop programs that address issues of global concern.

In our Strategic Plan, there was a specific directive given to “identify an existing committee or establish a new committee to develop and implement the ASVCP's Advocacy Plan.” The Regulatory Affairs Committee (RAC) has already begun to assume this role. RAC recently recognized and brought to the attention of the ASVCP leadership a glaring omission of Clinical Pathologists in ongoing discussions about “global recognition of qualified toxicologic pathologists.” In a letter written to the International Federation of Societies of Toxicologic Pathologists (IFSTP) and its member societies, the extensive roles that clinical pathologists play at all levels of preclinical safety were explained. As efforts to formalize best practices for training and qualifying toxicologic pathologists continue to evolve, the ASVCP strongly encouraged STP and IFSTP to include veterinary clinical pathology as a unique and valued specialty and to involve veterinary clinical pathologists in this process.

Thus, my second goal this year is to extend the activities of our RAC to include Advocacy and provide charges specific for this new role – my charge to RAC is to explore avenues for furthering the interests of the ASVCP. In this new role, RAC is responsible for scholarly review of important legislative or advocacy issues that might

shape the direction of ASVCP and development of an “Advocacy Plan” including agenda and priorities that will enhance the Society’s leadership position. The product of these scholarly deliberations and Advocacy Plan would be presented to the Executive Board as reports, which would subsequently be published in VCP Journal. I recognize this is a huge new responsibility for RAC and in time, it may be necessary that a separate committee take on its advocacy role.

I am honored to be your President and look forward to working with you to reach these and other goals in the coming year!

Joanne B. Messick, President

## State of the Society

January 2010

Dear ASVCP Members:

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and great start to the New Year! The state of our Society is strong, vibrant, forward thinking, and fiscally healthy despite a challenging economic year! We can attribute this fortune to the conscientious innovative efforts of the ASVCP committee members, the Executive board members, and the Executive Director. Although corporate sponsorship is down, our investments are showing growth in the market and our membership steadily grows as does the interest in Case Review Slide sets. Attendance at the Annual Meeting and Pre-Meeting Workshop on “*The Examination of Fish: Viewed by Pathology and Clinical Pathology*” was excellent and the sessions were well received. The venue at Monterey, California was one of the best sites we have had!

The Web Editorial Board revealed the new ASVCP website design at the ASVCP Business Meeting in Monterey. We greatly appreciate efforts of the Web Editorial Board committee members led by Mark Johnson and the technical expertise of The Rees Group to create a modern more informative site. One of the many highlights include the posting of the Quality Assurance Guidelines created by the QAS committee <http://www.asvcp.org/pubs/qas/index.cfm> and posting of opportunities and information for students and residents interested in clinical pathology. We look forward to the evolution of this site as it provides increased value to our membership and exposure of the Society to the public.

The Share the Future campaign continues to grow and directly benefit our membership. ASVCP funded three travel awards and continues to support residents involved in research.

This year the first Educational Award was given, the recipient was David Honor, who has contributed to teaching and education in the field of clinical pathology both in academia and in an industry setting. I encourage the membership to nominate other members to be considered for this award in the future.

Mary Christopher was recognized for serving as the Editor-in-Chief of Veterinary Clinical Pathology since 1997. I would like to personally thank Mary Christopher for her leadership and invaluable contributions to our Society's journal Veterinary Clinical Pathology as her efforts have been pivotal in increasing the value, impact, and readership of the journal.

I would like to extend my personal congratulations to our Lifetime Achievement Award winner, Dr. Tim Lumdsen. His teaching, research, and service contributions to veterinary clinical pathology over his 30 year career have been outstanding and have made a large impact on the development of veterinary clinical pathology.

It has been a great joy to work with the Executive Board, The Rees Group, and talented members to see the organization grow and prosper. I look forward to continuing these efforts as immediate past president and am confident that the leadership under Joanne Messick and Kirstin Barnhart will provide a sound future for this organization. I recommend that each of you become involved in the Society for it can only be as strong as its volunteers and we have many talented, bright, creative people working behind the scenes to keep ASVCP dynamic and growing.

Mindy

Mindy Wilkerson. Immediate Past President

## 2010 ASVCP Officers and Executive Board Members

New officers were inducted at the conclusion of the ASVCP Annual Business Meeting on December 6, 2009 in Monterey, California. The ASVCP officers and Executive Board members for the upcoming year are:

**President**

Joanne Messick

**Secretary**

Karen Russell

**President-Elect**

Kirstin Barnhart

**Treasurer**

Dori Borjesson

**Second Year Executive Board Member**

Leslie Sharkey

**Immediate Past-President**

Melinda Wilkerson

**First Year Executive Board Member**

Marlyn Whitney

**ACVP Council Representative**

Maxey Wellman

**Executive Director**

Susan Rees

## Membership Report

Since the 2008 Executive Board and Annual Business Meetings, 45 new members have been accepted into the ASVCP. Our total membership now stands at 625, compared to 611 at the time of last year's Annual Conference in 2008. Electronic membership renewal is available. The 45 new members who were approved for membership within the last year (from the 2008 Executive Board Meeting through the 2009 Executive Board Meeting) are listed below. Welcome to all!

### New ASVCP Members December 1, 2008 - December 5, 2009

Melanie Ammersbach	Shelia Macri
Thelda Atkin	Helen Michael
Kaikhushroo Banajee	Derek Morrow
S.A. Beetson	Lynda Nolan
Erica Behling-Kelly	Elizabeth O'Neil
Katie Boes	Marielle Odin
Laura Brandt	Salvador Padilla-Arellanes
Marion Bushey	Kate Pennick
Laura Clausen Cregar	Matina Piviani
Lois Colgin	Nicolas Pouletty
Sarah Colledge	Johanna Rigas
Nicole Crainick	Tracie Romsland
Patricia Crosse	Kris Ruppelius
Keren Dittmer	Pam Schendel
Emily Graff	Amy Schnelle
Russell Graydon	Jean Sparks
Aradhana Gupta	Nora Springer
Rebekah Heinz	Mika Tanabe
Jessica Hokamp	Rebeccah Urbiztondo
Charlotte Hollinger	Kathryn Wycislo
Amir Kol	Stephen Yeomans
Heather Kridel	Shawn Zimmerman
Bonnie Lappin	

## 2009 ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award

### Dr. Tim Lumsden



The ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award, established in 2004, recognizes members of the ASVCP who have contributed to the advancement of the field of veterinary clinical pathology through their research and teaching, and through their work on behalf of the ASVCP. The Immediate Past President chairs a nomination committee consisting of at least four additional members of the ASVCP that do not currently sit on the Executive Board. This

committee reviews nominations made by the members of the ASVCP, and the committee's recommendation is presented to the Executive Board for approval by majority vote. The ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award is presented at the Annual Meeting. The 2009 recipient of the ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award recipient is Dr. Tim Lumsden. He was presented the award on December 7 in Monterey, California during the ASVCP Reception at the Annual Meeting.

As shown in the image, Dr. Holly Jordan presented the award to Dr. Lumsden after being introduced by 2008-09 ASVCP President Dr. Melinda Wilkerson. Following the introduction, Dr. Dorothee Bienzle gave a wonderful presentation that summarized many of his accomplishments and contributions to the field of clinical pathology.

The following is a synopsis of Dr. Lumsden's illustrious service.

Dr. John H. (Tim) Lumsden was born in Smiths Falls, Ontario, Canada in 1937. He graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Toronto in 1960. He was a partner in a busy mixed practice until 1969. During this time he and his wife Marilyn had three children. He returned to the Ontario Veterinary College, now within the University of Guelph, to update diagnostic and prognostic abilities using the newly designed Diploma program in Clinical Pathology (1970). Encouraged by Drs. Bern McSherry and Ted Valli, he pursued an MSc. A travel scholarship in 1972 allowed him to visit several institutions in the UK and Europe including Karolinska in Stockholm and Dr. Soderstrom in Lund, Sweden where he investigated clinical applications of fine-needle aspiration cytology. An associate professorship provided the opportunity to prepare for ACVP Diplomate status (Clinical Pathology, 1974). Rapid developments in laboratory instrumentation and methodologies required continuous efforts to validate tests within

the laboratory and update reference values. Development of computer software enhanced abilities to monitor quality control, assessment of methodology and application of evolving epidemiological principle with the constant desire to validate tests for clinical applications. He is the co-author of over 100 scientific papers. With Dr. Rebecca Baker, they published the text, *Fine-Needle Cytology in the Dog and Cat*. Diagnostic cytology validation in conjunction with histopathology and clinical outcomes, as for most other laboratory tests, remained an elusive goal when he retired in 2002. His current interests are varied and include reading history, helping Marilyn with gardening, genealogy, and some traveling and golfing.

Dr. Lumsden is a truly gifted, giving, and talented individual that the ASVCP is honored to have a member and leader. Congratulations, Tim!!

## 2009 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. The recognition that contributions to education vary greatly on many different levels 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.

Congratulations to Dr. David Honor, the first recipient of the ASCVP Education Award. Dr. Honor's accomplishments include playing a primary role in the development of the clinical pathology curriculum at the University of Prince Edward Island, where he received an award for excellence in teaching. After Dr. Honor left academia, he continued to support the educational mission of the ASVCP by serving on the ACVP Exam Committee, by repeatedly supporting residency training programs at several institutions by informally mentoring residents and educating trainees about careers in industry, and by mentoring junior pathologists in the early stages of their careers in industry. Dr. Honor exemplifies some of the numerous ways in which ASVCP members can contribute to the educational process. The Education Committee and the Executive Board of the ASCVP wish to thank Dr. Honor for his service to our professional community.

## 2009 ASVCP Young Investigator Award

Each year, the Society presents a cash award to the resident or graduate student whose oral platform presentation is judged best among the competing presentations given during the scientific sessions at the annual meeting. Eligibility requirements include a degree in veterinary medicine and enrollment in a residency or graduate program in pathology/clinical pathology or a related discipline. The oral presentation must describe original work of the competitor involving clinical or experimental research that relates to clinical pathology. This year, there were nine individuals who gave excellent presentations during the scientific sessions. These individuals were Drs. Amir Kol (University of California, Davis), Joanne Hodges (University of California, Davis), Karen V. Jackson (University of Pennsylvania), Carrie L. Flint (Michigan State University), Melinda S. Camus (University of Georgia), Carolina Escobar (North Carolina State University), Katie M. Boes (Purdue University), Seigo Ogasawara (Cornell University), and Tzuyin Lin (The Ohio State University).

Award selection is 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. Marlyn Whitney (University of Missouri), Dr. Lisa Pohlman (Kansas State University), and Dr. Karen Russell (Texas A&M University) During the Annual Case Review session President Melinda Wilkerson presented a check for \$500 to the winner, Dr. Tzuyin Lin, for her presentation entitled, "Characterization and Modulation of Canine mast Cell Derived Eicosanoids".

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 have 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 2010. Please consider giving to this important cause.

## **2009 ASVCP Share the Future Travel Grant and Research 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 third year that travel grants were awarded to help support trainees presenting at the Annual Meeting in Monterey. There were 5 applicants, three of whom were awarded grants of \$500 each. The grant recipients were:

Katie Boes, Purdue University  
Michelle Cora, North Carolina State University  
Serego Ogasawana, Cornell University

Congratulations to the awardees!!!

Starting in 2008, the ASVCP was able to offer its first Research Grant Award from the Share the Future program. This year, a second trainee was the recipient of the Share the Future Research Grant Award. We congratulate Dr. Amir Kol from the University of California, Davis, who received an award for \$2,500 for his research in "Investigation of hypercoaguability and thrombosis in dogs with multicentric lymphoma."  
Congratulations Amir!

## **2009 Pre-Meeting Workshop**

### **The Examination of Fish: Viewed by Pathology and Clinical Pathology**

The ASVCP pre-meeting workshop for the 2009 ACVP/ASVCP Concurrent Session in Monterey, California was another great success. The venue, the Monterey Aquarium was a perfect setting.

There were 92 participants for the workshop entitled " The Examination of Fish: Viewed by Pathology and Clinical Pathology." The morning sessions included presentations by Jill Arnold, MT MS (Hematology of Fish: WBC and RBC Morphology), Jill Spangenberg, DVM PhD (Interpretation of Clinical Pathology Data in Fish), Scott Weber VMD, MSc (Honors) (Diagnostic Approaches in Fish and Diagnostic Imaging with Case Examples), and Denise Imai, DVM (Fish Pathology and Necropsy Techniques). In the afternoon, workshop participants had hands-on sessions that included fish anesthesia, phelobotmy, and skin scraping and gill clippings. Stations were set up for blood smear evaluation and hemacytometers were available to practice cell counting. There was also a gross necropsy demonstration that also showed methods for tissue collection for histopathology, biopsies, and microbiology. All in all, the workshop was well received.

Many thanks to the Veterinary Laboratory Professionals Committee, Rick DeFrancisco, and everyone else to all who helped make this another interesting and informative pre-meeting workshop.

## 2009 Education Forum Highlights

The 2009 Education Forum for Discussion topic was collaborative strategies to support residency training and was moderated by Drs. Leslie Sharkey, Laura Snyder, and Helen Michael. Approximately 40 participants began the session with a review of current collaborative methods, including regional mock board examinations, informal case distribution, shared journal club and article summaries, phone conferences, the AFIP General Pathology preparatory course, and collaborations between anatomic and clinical pathologists within institutions. Excellent participation by a variety of trainees from standard academic programs and some individuals studying while working in industry or in non-traditional residencies suggested that improving communication across programs would be very helpful. This might include a meticulously current list of trainees with accurate contact information that is maintained by The Rees Group through a self-reporting/registration process and a trainee specific list-serve. The potential for sponsored teleconferences between residents was also explored, as this has reportedly been used with success by dermatology trainees. There was interest in the ability to share case material, particularly chemistry cases with lesser emphasis on images, prioritizing infectious agents and uncommon species (exotics and laboratory animals) that may be challenging for some residents to access. A representative from Europe was enthusiastic about supporting a bank of scanned slides (eg Aperio), however many residents in attendance indicated that cases and still images would be higher priority for them, and there was concern about the cost of creating and storing scanned slides. Options for ensuring the quality of shared training materials were evaluated. Formal peer review was considered to be an impediment to posting adequate material in a timely and cost effective manner, but the combination of a disclaimer, a requirement for posting of author contact information, a user-rating system, and group blogging about cases would provide a sufficient framework for evaluating quality. Cases older than 3-5 years or cases with consistently poor ratings would be removed. Access to posted material would be restricted to ASVCP members and could be used for any educational purpose, but ideally mentors would oversee the use of the material by trainees.

The following specific recommendations were made:

1. Work with The Rees Group to establish the trainee contact list and resident list-serve
2. Begin the process of posting member-only access chemistry and hematology case material with a rating process and blogging capability.
3. After a 12 month trial period, a survey will be distributed on the perceived value and efficacy of these initiatives, and to obtain suggestions for improvement. At this time, it will be determined if the goals of improved communication among trainees and access to valuable training materials have been met to justify the resources necessary to support these activities.

## Veterinary Clinical Pathology In appreciation



With the final issue of Volume 38, the editorial staff says good-bye to Mary Christopher, who became Editor-in-Chief of *Veterinary Clinical Pathology* in 1997 after serving as its Section Editor for Clinical Chemistry. Under Mary's guidance, the Journal achieved worldwide distribution through MEDLINE indexing by the National Library of Medicine; moved to full-service publication with Wiley-Blackwell with e-publishing ahead of print (Early View), full-text online availability of all articles published in the Journal since its inception in 1972, and an online peer review system through Manuscript Central; forged important relationships with other societies so that VCP is now the official journal of the American and European Societies for Veterinary Clinical Pathology and in 2009 became an affiliate journal of the Australian Society of Veterinary Pathology; and experienced an increasing impact factor that has risen from 0.183 in 1999 to 0.917 in 2008. As Immediate Past Editor, Mary will continue to work with the Journal in the next year in a variety of ways. As she now moves on to apply her golden touch in other venues, we thank her for many invaluable contributions to *Veterinary Clinical Pathology*.

## 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.

Education Committee: The 2009 Education Forum was another success. The focus of this year's was residency training. Highlights of the Education Forum can be found on page 11. The first Education Award was given this year. We congratulate Dr. David Honor (see page 8)!!!. The Education committee is making plans for the Pre-Meeting Workshop for 2010, which will focus on didactic teaching of professional students. Tentatively, workshop topics will include the theoretical basis on how people learn, how to be more interactive in the classroom, how to write good test questions, and how to integrate case based material in the traditional lecture format, ending with a panel discussion on how to keep veterinary students interested and enthusiastic.

Program Committee: Working with the VLP Committee, the Pre-Meeting Workshop was another success with close to full capacity participants. The Program Committee is already working on next year's annual meeting that will be in Baltimore, MD, from October 30 to November 3, 2010. Themes will include comparative oncology and cytogenetics.

Outreach Committee: The committee is encouraging pathology clubs to create a new poster for ASVCP. The winner will receive \$250. The committee is also willing to help pathology clubs bring in clinical pathology speakers and will contribute \$300. Anne Barger has made her Pathology Jeopardy game available to any pathology club.

Quality Assurance and Standards Committee: A major project by the QAS Committee that started in 2006, the revision of the ASVCP Quality Control Guidelines, is now complete. These can be found under the Members Only section of the web site. As a follow-up, these guidelines will be translated into Spanish, German, French, Hungarian, and Portuguese. The committee has also started working on laboratory bulletins that can be used by laboratories for their clients. The second major project, Reference Interval Guidelines, is almost finished and will be available to the membership for review and comments early next year. For 2010, a new project that the committee is gearing up for is a Point of Care Guidelines.

Regulatory Affairs Committee: The committee has had several projects this year. Best Practices for Evaluation of Bone Marrow in Pre-Clinical Studies is in the final draft and the goal is to have it published this year. The next project along this line will be a best practice paper on Clinical Pathology in Pre-Clinical Studies. The committee has also begun to look at industry and education and write guidelines for externships for residents and the training facility. The purpose of these guidelines would be to help both the resident and the institution make the most of an externship.

Share the Future Committee (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 third annual Travel Grants and the second Research Award Grant, funded by Share the Future fund, were awarded this year. This committee needs a chair so if you are interested please contact any member of the Executive Board.

Veterinary Laboratory Professionals Committee: The highlight this year was the Pre-Meeting Workshop, and the VLP is to be congratulated on an excellent and successful program. Rick DeFrancisco will continue to be the committee chair and Nicole Rosen is stepping into the role of co-chair. In addition to the Pre-Meeting Workshop the VLP also organized several presentations on iron metabolism and laboratory assessment of iron status, hematology and biochemistry of amphibians, hematology of fish, molecular diagnostics to advance marine mammal pathology and medicine, raptor hematology and biochemistry, diseases of seahorses, Six Sigma, and comparison with the

CellaVision, ADVIA 2120 for canine differentials. Up to 9 PACE credits were available for those attending the VLP sessions.

Web Editorial Board: The major accomplishment this year was re-designing the ASVCP web site. The Web Editorial Board worked closely with John Hoffman at The Rees Group to come up with the new look. It was launched December 4, 2009 in conjunction with the annual meeting. There are still some links that are not yet active and areas on the web site that need more content. The Web Editorial Board will continue to oversee this and encourages any member to submit suggestions. Mark Johnson is stepping down as chair, and Pete Fernandes has agreed to take on this position in the upcoming year. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Pete (petefernandes@idess.com) or any member of the Executive Board.

## Special Announcement

**It is not too early to start thinking about next year's meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, October 30 to November 31, 2010.**

## Executive Board News

This year, the EB welcomes Marlyn Whitney as the incoming First Year EB member and Kirstin Barnhart as the President-Elect. We sadly say goodbye to and sincerely thank Holly Jordan for all of her enthusiasm, hard work and wisdom during her service with ASVCP. We hope she will not be a stranger! 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.

One of the most exciting achievements this year is the new look of our web site. Mark Johnson, the Web Editorial Board (Sharon Dial, Pete Fernandes, Kendal Harr, Norm Lowes, Elizabeth Spangler, Jennifer Thomas, and Darren Wood) along with The Rees Group put in a lot of effort and did a wonderful job. As you peruse through the pages, you will notice that there are still some links that are not yet active or do not have content yet. This is a continuous process and the site will be updated frequently. However, if there is something you would like to see on the web site or have suggestions, please let us know. You can contact Karen Russell ([krussell@cvm.tamu.edu](mailto:krussell@cvm.tamu.edu)), Susan Rees at The Rees Group, Inc. ([srees@reesgroupinc.com](mailto:srees@reesgroupinc.com)), or Pete Fernandes, chair of the Web Editorial Board ([petefernandes@idexx.com](mailto:petefernandes@idexx.com)).

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 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 2010.

**2009 Annual Business Meeting Minutes  
American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology  
44th Annual Business Meeting Minutes  
Monterey, California  
December 6, 2009**

**Proposed Meeting Agenda**

- Call to order - Melissa Wilkerson
- Approval of the minutes
- 2010 Conference in Baltimore, October 30-November 3
- Committee Reports
  - Quality Assurance and Standards - Kendal Harr
  - Program - Jan Andrews
  - Regulatory Affairs - Ann Provencher-Bolliger
  - Outreach - Cheryl Swenson
  - Veterinary Laboratory Professionals - Rick DeFrancisco
  - Web Editorial Board - Mark Johnson
- ACVP/STP Coalition for Veterinary Pathology Fellows - Gary Cockerell
- Secretary's Report - Karen Russell
- Treasurer's Report - Dori Borjesson
- Education Committee - Leslie Sharkey and Casey LeBlanc
- Veterinary Clinical Pathology Journal - Karen Young
- Induction of new members
- Awards and Recognition
- Induction of Officers
- Adjournment

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Melinda Wilkerson at 4:45 pm EST.

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

There were approximately 54 attendees plus members of the Executive Board present at the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Jeannie George moved that the minutes of the 2008 Annual Business Meeting be approved. Holly Jordan seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**Announcement: 2010 Conference in Baltimore, October 30-November 3**

The 2010 annual meeting will be held in Baltimore, Maryland from October 30-November 3, 2010. Because of the early meeting, all deadlines (abstracts, awards, nominations, etc) will be moved up

**Committee Reports:****Quality Assurance and Standards: Kendal Harr**

K Harr reported that the quality control guidelines project that began in 2006 is now complete. There have been many revisions from comments received from the editorial subcommittee, the ASVCP Executive Board, ASVCP members, and QAS committee members. It will be revised in 10 years (2016). The guidelines are based on minimum standards. The guidelines will be translated into French, Spanish, German, Hungarian, and Portuguese. The committee has started writing laboratory information bulletins that can be used by laboratories to send to clients. This will help veterinarians collect and submit better samples to the laboratories.

The on-site committee meeting for QAS will be held Monday, December 7, 2009 at 7:00 a.m. in the Bonsai Ballroom I, Portola Plaza. K Harr encouraged anyone interested in serving on the committee to attend. The committee needs more volunteers and would like to liaison with VLP, AAVLD and AHAA.

K Harr also reported about the VIN course given by Kathy Freeman on quality control. K Harr recommended that anyone interested in quality control sign up for the course and mentioned that it is especially good for residents.

K Harr informed the membership about a project VIN is doing where it sends constructed samples to various laboratories with the goal of improving quality of diagnostics and targeting veterinarians to teach them about quality control and precision. This is totally supported by VIN, and VIN did not inform reference laboratories about this project.

The next project that will be completed soon is the Reference Interval Guidelines. Kristen Friedrichs is in charge of this project. It will be submitted to the ASVCP Executive Board within the next 2 months for review and afterward will be available to ASVCP members for review. It is based on CLIA standards and addresses the issue of smaller sample sizes.

A new project that will be headed by Bente Flatland is a Point of Care guidelines. There is also a request to begin guidelines on validation and a consensus statement for total allowable error.

The QAS Committee has a new co-chair, Shannon Pedersen.

#### **Program Committee: Jan Andrews**

J Andrews informed the members that there will be a committee meeting tomorrow to finalize next year's meeting. The themes for next year's meeting will be Comparative Oncology and Cytogenetics. The Pre-Meeting Workshop will be organized by the Education Committee, and Casey LeBlanc will be the session chair.

There will be an outreach program for veterinarians in the Washington D.C and Baltimore areas held in conjunction with the annual meeting in 2010. If anyone is interested in helping this program or is willing to speak, please contact J Andrews.

#### **Regulatory Affairs Committee: Anne Provencher Bolliger**

A Bolliger thanked all the committee members for their hard work this year and indicated that there are several new, enthusiastic members.

An ad hoc committee was formed to write guidelines on Clinical Pathology in Pre-Clinical Safety Studies.

A paper on the Best Practices for Evaluation of Bone Marrow in Pre-Clinical Studies is in the final stages. It was presented at the European meeting and will be published in the Best Practices section of the Society of Toxicologic Pathologists (STP) Journal. It may be written as a review paper as well.

This year, the committee will focus on how clinical pathologists in industry can help train residents. A subcommittee will liaise with the Education Committee to draft recommendations for residents who do externships in an industrial setting and make recommendations for clinical pathologists who will be interacting with these residents. A Bolliger thanked the Education Committee for their help on this project.

On the regulatory side, there has been discussion with colleagues in the STP about a statement made by the International Federation of Societies of Toxicologic Pathologists (IFSTP) and leaving out the specialty of clinical pathology as being important in toxicologic studies. The Committee has drafted a response to this.

Next year the committee will move forward with more Best Practices papers, the first being Clinical Pathology in Pre-Clinical Studies.

The RA committee does not have to organize the Pre-Meeting Workshop next year and is thankful that more committees are involved with this.

A Bolliger gave an update on the European college and society of clinical pathology. Both the ECVCP and the ESVCP are growing. The meeting was held in Greece this year. The European counterparts would like to do a joint activity with ASVCP in the near future. Next year, the ECVIM will be held in Toulouse France, September 7-10, 2010 and more information can be obtained from their website. Balazs Szladovits is looking into the possibility of getting a discount for those attending both meetings.

**Outreach Committee: Cheryl Swenson**

C Swenson reported that the Outreach Committee would like to expand the ASVCP presence internationally. They are considering a Facebook page.

Activities this year included:

\$300 grant for path clubs to bring in clinical pathology speakers

Anne Barger donated her jeopardy game, but only one club took advantage of it.

A contest to encourage path clubs to create a new poster for ASVCP, the winner will receive \$250

New member recognition ribbon

**Veterinary Laboratory Professionals: Rick DeFrancisco**

R DeFrancisco gave a brief history of this committee, which started in 1996 as a special interest group and became a standing committee of the ASVCP in 2003. He acknowledged the committee members and recognized Nicole Rosen as the co-chair for next year.

A standing charge of the committee is to plan the VLP sessions for the meeting. The first session was held today, December 6, and there was excellent attendance. He outlined the upcoming sessions for the audience.

This year the VLP also planned the Pre-Meeting Workshop in conjunction with the Program Committee.

PACE credits are received for those attending the sessions. The goal is to offer a minimum of 7 PACE credits; this year 9 credits could be earned.

VLP also submitted three articles to the newsletter and maintains the laboratory manager's list serve.

This year's budget for the VLP sessions was \$2592, which was under the maximum of \$3500.

**Web Editorial Board: Mark Johnson**

M Johnson reported that the newly designed website is up and running as of Friday evening (December 4, 2009). He acknowledged that the committee worked closely with The Rees Group on this project. He also mentioned that it is still a work in progress, and there are still some links that are not yet active. He gave a short demonstration of the site to the audience.

M Johnson requested that members submit suggestions for the site and content. He also mentioned that if you are in charge of training at your institution to update your training site.

He acknowledged the committee members, including new members, and made a plea for more people to consider joining the committee.

M Johnson also summarized a few highlights of the previous evening's Education Forum and some of the new ideas that came from discussions at the Forum. He indicated that some of these ideas may be incorporated into the newly designed website.

M Wilkerson thanked all the committees for their hard work and efforts this year. She also informed the audience that the name for the Development Committee has been changed to Share the Future Committee, and they need enthusiastic and new members.

**The ACVP/STP Coalition for Veterinary Fellows: Gary Cockerell**

G Cockerell thanked M Wilkerson for allowing a short update on the activities of the Coalition. He summarized the year's activities of the Coalition. The program was started 5 years ago, and its purpose is to obtain funds for new training positions to address the current and continued shortage of veterinary anatomic and clinical pathologists.

The current Board of Governors are:

ACVP	STP
Denise Bounous	Susan Elmore
Bruce Horner	Denzil Frost
Linda Johnson	Keith harris
Judy Radin	Anne Ryan
Chris Zink	Pierre Teller

Drs. Bounous, Horner and Harris are rotating off and will be replaced by Holly Jordan and Dan Rudman.

In 2005, there were 5 positions with over \$1,000,000 donated. In 2009, there were 25 positions with over \$6,000,000 of support. The demand for well-trained veterinary pathologists remains high. The most recent RFA for 25 positions, brought in 106 applications. In 2009, the first 8 fellows completed their programs with 7 anatomic pathology residents and 1 PhD. Three individuals are now with contract research organizations (CRO), 1 is in academia, 1 is with a private laboratory, and 3 are now pursuing additional training at the PhD level. All 8 are new ACVP diplomates.

Another RFA is anticipated for next summer, but will depend on the availability of funding. The request will go out in June, be due by mid July, and successful institutions will be notified in September.

The 3rd Coalition conference will be held in 2010 in conjunction with STP in Chicago and is opening up to all who register (note: registration is required).

Contact information for the Coalition include: Susan Rees (Coalition Administrative office), Gary Cockerell (Coalition Director), and Keith Harris (Coalition Board of Governors). The information is available on their web site: <http://www.vetpathcoalition.org>.

#### **Secretary's Report: Karen Russell (by M Wilkerson)**

M Wilkerson announced that the next directory (for 2010) will be paperless but there will be an option to print it if desired.

#### **Treasurer's Report: Dori Borjesson**

D Borjesson summarized the current financial status of the Society. The income for this year was \$133,000, and expenses were \$123,000.

Income		Expenses	
membership	\$21,000	2008 meeting	\$19,000
sponsors	\$16,000	journal	\$56,000
STF	\$6,000	administration	\$39,000
workshop	\$22,000	total	\$123,000
journal	\$52,000		
slide set	\$8,000		
total	\$133,000		

The net income for last year: ~ 9,300.

The breakdown of the Society's assets are:

Operating funds	\$25,000
Money Market funds	\$95,000
CD's (10 and 30 month)	\$90,000
Mutual funds	
Vanguard Growth	\$39,000
PAX World Fund	\$53,000
Total	\$302,000

Plans for the upcoming year include evaluation of the money market funds and the money invested in the CDs to look at other investment strategies. The Treasurer will also work with the Share the Future Committee to look at ways to spend money to support and promote the Society. As a result of an audit conducted earlier this year, the Audit and Finance Committee was formed. Sonja Shelly, Steve Gaunt, and Marlyn Whitney are the committee members.

Tracy Stokol suggested looking into hiring a professional fund raiser. There was discussion about needing a committee chair for Share the Future Committee. T Stokol had a person in mind and will send and will pass on that recommendation.

#### **Education Committee Report: Leslie Sharkey and Casey LeBlanc**

L Sharkey reported that the training guidelines for cytology/surgical pathology have been published. She recognized and thanked IDEXX for sponsoring the resident reception.

This is the first year that the Education Award was given. This award was established to recognize an individual who has contributed to teaching and education in the field of clinical pathology. L Sharkey encouraged members to nominate people for the award in the future.

L Sharkey reported that the previous evening's Education Forum was a success and that residents who attended and participated were very enthusiastic. Briefly, some of the topics that came up were as follows. The residents expressed great interest in having their own list serve for their own networking. They also wanted to have a way to post interesting case material to share with each other. There were about 40 individuals who attended the Forum, and if there is additional feedback or suggestions, please contact L Sharkey.

C LeBlanc gave an update on next year's Pre-Meeting Workshop, which will focus on didactic teaching of veterinary students (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year). He has already contacted two individuals, Drs. Jared Danielson and Holly Bender, who have agreed to speak at the workshop. He is also looking into contacting local individuals, possibly from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He anticipates having presentations and wrapping it up with a panel discussion on how to keep veterinary students interested and enthusiastic. Some of the topics for the workshop will include: the theoretical basis on how people learn, how to be more interactive in the classroom, how to write good test questions, and how to integrate case based material in the traditional lecture format.

#### **Veterinary Clinical Pathology Journal Report: Karen Young**

K Young reported that the submission rate for the journal has increased, the acceptance rate has decreased, and the rejection rate has increased. More original research publications were received. The impact factor has risen from 0.6 to 0.9, which is quite good for a journal that targets a specific specialty. She also reported that all articles from the journal since 1972 are digitized and are now on-line and searchable for ASVCP members. Authors' whose papers have been accepted can request free access to the journal for 10 colleagues. Willey-Blackwell offers a 25% discount for all Wiley book titles to ASVCP members. This year, the journal began affiliation with the Australian Society for Veterinary Pathology, and members with this organization will receive a subscription discount.

K Young summarized this year's (October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009) journal statistics: There were 188 total submissions. Submitted manuscripts from North America were slightly lower and manuscripts from Europe, Asia, South America, Asia, Pacific, Middle East, and Africa were increased. Submitted manuscripts by sections (hematology, clinical chemistry, laboratory management, etc) remain fairly steady or are increased. The acceptance rate (~25%) is decreased but standards have not changed, and there have been no changes in the review process. There are more submitted papers (probably a result of ManuscriptCentral), but many are outside the scope of the journal. The average turn around time from submission to publication is 195 days, which does not include time spent at the authors. The time needed for a paper to be published on line is 103 days. K Young suggested if authors follow guidelines for submission, this will help and quicken the process. She asked members to submit their best papers, be an advocate of the journal, check their institution's library to make sure they have a subscription, and encourage colleagues in internal medical, critical care, oncology and other fields to consider submitting papers to the journal.

K Young acknowledged the section editors:

Jean-Pierre Braun, Clinical Chemistry  
Maxey Wellman, Cytology and Surgical Pathology  
Patricia McManus, Hematology and Immunology  
Ilse Schwendenwein, Laboratory Management  
Dave Fisher, What Is Your Diagnosis  
R Darren Wood, Review Articles  
Karen Russell, Book Reviews

She also acknowledged Sharon O'Neill for her exceptional service as the editorial assistant, Paula Krimer as the liaison for corporate advertising, and the more than 150 reviewers.

Lastly, she informed the members that Mary Christopher is stepping down as Editor-In-Chief. She served in this position from 1997 to 2009. K Young, who has been working with her as Co-Editor-In-Chief will be the new Editor-In-Chief, effective November 2009. M Christopher will remain active as Immediate Past Editor. Patricia McManus will be the Associate Editor, and Dorothee Bienzle will be the new section editor for Hematology and Immunology. Two biostatisticians have been added to the editorial staff.

M Wilkerson presented a plaque and a gift for Mary Christopher (accepted by K Young) for all her years of hard work and dedication to the journal.

#### **Induction of New Members**

A motion made by H Jordan to induct the new members into the Society was made and seconded by Jeannie George. The motion passed.

#### **Awards and Recognition**

Joanne Messick recognized the 3 individuals who received an ASVCP Share the Future Travel Award. These were: Katie Boes (Purdue University), Michelle Cora (North Carolina State University), and Serego Ogasawana (Cornell University).

She also recognized Dr. Amir Kol, who received the ASVCP Share the Future Travel Grant for his project, "Investigation of hypercoagulability and thrombosis in dogs with multicentric lymphoma."

L Sharkey presented the first Education Award. This award was conceived by the Education Committee of the ASVCP to recognize an individual who has been active in the broad education and mentoring of veterinary students, residents, veterinary practitioners, and laboratory personnel. This year's Education Award was presented to Dr. David Honor.

A drawing was held for door prizes for those attending the Business Meeting and were given to the following: Andrea Battison, Cary Flint, Joanne Hodges, and Shannon Zabolotzky.

#### **Induction of Officers**

M Wilkerson introduced the incoming officers for 2010.

Joanne Messick: 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

She also acknowledged Dori Borjesson, Treasurer, and Karen Russell, Secretary. She recognized and thanked H Jordan as Immediate Past President for all her hard work to the Society and presented a small token of appreciation to her. Lastly, she thanked Susan Rees and The Rees Group for all their help with throughout the year.

J Messick called the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. PST.

Submitted by: Karen Russell, Secretary

## Call for Nominations ASVCP Education Award 2010

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 member, Leslie Sharkey; electronic documents are preferred ([shark009@umn.edu](mailto:shark009@umn.edu)). Hard copies of letters of nomination can also be sent to the Leslie at the address below. Please feel free to contact Leslie Sharkey by e-mail or phone (617-624-6171) if additional information is needed.

Veterinary Clinical Sciences Department  
C339 VMC  
1352 Boyd Ave.  
St. Paul, MN 55108.

Letters of nomination will be accepted through May 1, 2010. Ten 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, 2010 and the Education Committee Chair will announce the Awardee at the 2010 business meeting in Baltimore, MD. 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.

## First Call

# Annual ASVCP Cytology and Hematology Case Review Session Submissions

## Submissions Due June 15, 2010

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

### **Type of Material Requested**

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

### **Case Submission: Materials Needed**

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

### **Electronic Submission and Printed Materials**

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

- 1) The first file is the Case History to be distributed with data prior to the meeting and should include contributors, signalment, concise history and clinical findings. Please only include pertinent laboratory data and summarize this if possible. Reference intervals for the laboratory data must be provided. The submitter is encouraged to also provide questions to be answered at the case review session. It is hoped that these questions will inspire participants to review and investigate the data before the meeting.

2) The second file is the Case Summary, which has information to be distributed at the meeting and should include the information on the first file, plus diagnosis, discussion (including answers to the questions that were provided) with images and references.

### **Digital Images**

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

### **Digital Slides**

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

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

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

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

Inquires and Case submission should be sent to:

Dr. Marlyn Whitney

Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory

University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine

900 East Campus Drive

Columbia, MO 65211

573-884-7805

[whitneym@missouri.edu](mailto:whitneym@missouri.edu)

**First Call**  
**4th Annual ASVCP Clinical Chemistry Review Session**  
**Submissions**  
Submissions Due June 15, 2010

**Type of Materials Requested**

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

**Case Submission**

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

**When and Where to Submit**

The deadline for submission of cases is Tuesday, June 15, 2010. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SUBMISSION DATE IS EARLIER THAN USUAL THIS YEAR, DUE TO AN EARLIER CONFERENCE DATE. Submitters will be notified of the results of the selection process by August 1, 2010. It is anticipated that 2-4 cases will be selected for presentation, depending on the complexity of the cases. Be sure to include your E-mail address with your submission.

**Inquires and Case submission should be sent to**

Dr. Marlyn Whitney  
Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory  
University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine  
900 East Campus Drive  
Columbia, MO 65211  
573-884-7805  
[whitneym@missouri.edu](mailto:whitneym@missouri.edu)

## Announcements

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

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

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

## General Information

**ASVCP NATIONAL OFFICE:** Members can contact the ASVCP National Office at 2810 Crossroads Drive, Suite 3800, Madison, WI 53718; Phone: 608-443-2479; Fax: 608-443-2474 or 608-443-2478; E-mail: [info@asvcp.org](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, Karen Russell, [krussell@cvm.tamu.edu](mailto:krussell@cvm.tamu.edu). Members who do not have an e-mail access will receive paper copies.

**Change of Address:** Please send any changes in mailing address or electronic mail address to the ASVCP National Office at 2810 Crossroads Drive, Suite 3800, Madison, WI 53718; E-mail: [info@asvcp.org](mailto:info@asvcp.org), Fax: 608-443-2474 or 608-443-2478. You can also update your information on the website, under the Members Only Section.

**ASVCP Newsletter and/or Website Submissions:** If you have material of interest to post in the newsletter or on the ASVCP website ([www.asvcp.org](http://www.asvcp.org)), please contact the ASVCP Secretary, Karen Russell, Dept. of Veterinary Pathobiology, Mail Stop 4467, College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-4467; [krussell@cvm.tamu.edu](mailto:krussell@cvm.tamu.edu), or contact the ASVCP National Office at 2810 Crossroads Drive, Suite 3800, Madison, WI 53718; E-mail: [info@asvcp.org](mailto:info@asvcp.org).

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## Upcoming Meetings

### January

**North American Veterinary Conference**, January 16-20, 2010, Orlando, Florida. For more information, go to <http://www.tnavc.org>.

### March

**Veterinary Cancer Society Conference**, March 7-10, 2010 Las Vegas, Nevada. For information go to <http://www.vetcancersociety.org>

**Society of Toxicology, 49th Annual Meeting and ToxExpo**, March 7-11, 2010, Salt Lake City, Utah. For information, see <http://www.toxicology.org>.

### June

**ACVIM Forum**, June 7-12, 2010, Anaheim, California. For more information, go to [www.acvim.org](http://www.acvim.org).

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

### July

**The XIVth Congress of the International Society for Animal Clinical Pathology**, July 25-29, 2010, Corvallis, Oregon, USA. For information, go to [www.isacp.org](http://www.isacp.org).

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

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

**147<sup>th</sup> AVMA Annual Convention**, July 31-August 3, 2010, Atlanta, Georgia. For more information, go to [www.avmaconvention.org](http://www.avmaconvention.org).

### September

**The 20<sup>th</sup> Congress of the European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine - Companion Animal**, September 9-11, 2010, Toulouse, France. For more information, go to [www.ecvimcongress.org](http://www.ecvimcongress.org).

### October

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

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

### November

**53rd Annual AAVLD/USAHA Meeting**, November 11-17, 2010 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. For more information, go to [www.aavld.org](http://www.aavld.org).

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

## Job Opportunities

### **Clinical Instructor in Veterinary Clinical Pathology**

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

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

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