

Points of Interest

in Biomedical Sciences

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Awards

At the 6th International Symposium on Canine and Feline Reproduction, held at the University of Veterinary Medicine in Vienna, Austria, Cornell faculty took home a few awards and recognitions.

- Vicki Meyers-Wallen was recognized for Excellence in Research, Senior Investigator Award.
- Pat Concannon was recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award in Basic Research.



Vicki Meyers-Wallen

Publications

Wang, Y., Fortin, J., Lamba, P., Bonomi, M., Persani, L., Roberson, M., Bernard, D.J., *AP-1 and Smad proteins synergistically regulate human follicle-stimulating hormone {beta} promoter activity*. *Endocrinology*, 2008.

Xie, J., Allen, K.H., Marguet, A., Berghorn, K.A., Bliss, S.P., Navratil, A.M., Guan, J.L., Roberson, M.S., *Analysis of the calcium-dependent regulation of proline-rich tyrosine kinase 2 by gonadotropin-releasing hormone*. *Mol Endocrinol*, 2008.

Yang, M.Y. and J.E. Fortune, *The capacity of primordial follicles in fetal bovine ovaries to initiate growth in vitro develops during mid-gestation and is associated with meiotic arrest of oocytes*. *Biol Reprod*, 2008. **78**(6): p. 1153-61.

Quotables:

And what, Socrates, is the food of the soul? Surely, I said, knowledge is the food of the soul.

Plato

Welcome to Our New Anatomic Pathology Residents!!



Laura L. Coffee, DVM



Anh N. Diep, DVM



Michelle Louise Lepherd, BVSc, PhD

Notables

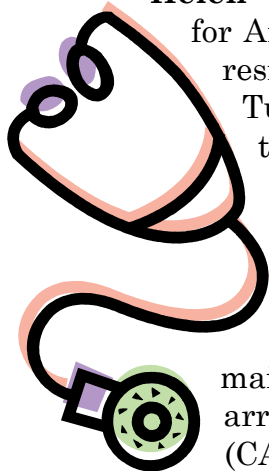
Shankar Mondal, a postdoc in Dr. Buckles lab, just received board certification from the American College of Poultry Veterinarians (ACPV). The exam was held on July 19th during the AVMA 2008 meeting in New Orleans, LA. Dr. Mondal received his DVM and MS (Microbiology) from Bangladesh Agricultural University, and a PhD in Comparative Pathology from the University of California, Davis.



Asli Mete, DVM, PhD, has secured an Associate Professorship as a faculty member at the University of California at Davis, as a diagnostic pathologist. The area in which she will be is the California Animal Health and Food Safety (CAHFS) Laboratory System at Davis.



Helen Valentine, DVM- Dr. Valentine joined the Cornell Center for Animal Resources and Education (CARE) on July 1st as a resident in Laboratory Animal Medicine. She joins third year resident Danielle Turner, and second year residents Markeya Williams and Erin Daugherty in this program, which resides in the Department of Biomedical Sciences. Helen has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology and Psychology from New York University, and attended Ross University and Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, receiving her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in May 2008. Prior to entering veterinary medicine, Helen worked for four years as a research assistant at Rockefeller University, where she maintained multiple mouse colonies. While attending veterinary school, Helen arranged clinical rotations at Southwestern Medical Center in Texas, Cornell (CARE), and Rockefeller University. Besides laboratory animal medicine, she also maintains interests in surgery, exotic/zoo medicine, and international veterinary medicine.



Events

BBS 2008 Symposium

Friday, August 22, 2008

Featuring Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Michael Welsh

Hosted by the G.R.A.P.E.S.

Department of Biomedical Sciences

Summer Picnic & Service Award Recognition Ceremony

Wednesday, August 13th

in the Courtyard by the Diagnostic Lab

Lunch: 12:30pm Awards: 1:00pm

Safety Training

Federal and state laws and the Cornell University Health & Safety Policy requires all employees (including paid graduate assistants) who may be exposed to hazardous materials to attend safety training and be informed of the potential health and safety risks that may be present in their workplace. The following training classes meet compliance requirements of applicable OSHA, DOT and/or EPA regulations.

Bloodborne Pathogens Training

- Friday, Aug. 22 - 10:30 am (140 East Hill Office Building)
- Wednesday, Aug. 6, 1:30 pm, *Refresher* (140 East Hill Office Building)

Hazard Communication

- Thursday, Aug. 7 - 9:30 am (114 East Hill Office Building)

Laboratory Safety

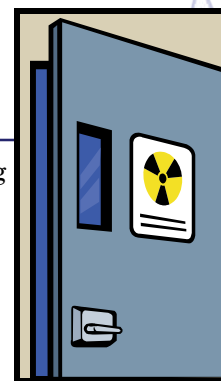
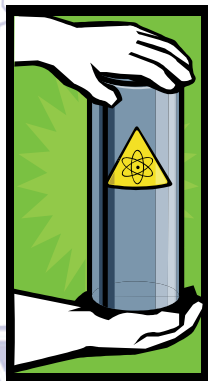
- Wednesday, Aug. 6 - 9:00 am (140 East Hill Office Building)
- Thursday, Aug. 21 - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm (A106 Corson Hall)
- Friday, Aug. 22 - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm (A106 Corson Hall)
- Wednesday, Sept. 3 - 9:00 am (140 East Hill Office Building)

Radiation Safety for Users of Radioactive Material - Day 1 & Day 2

- Day 1: Monday, Aug. 11 - 1:00 pm (140 East Hill Office Building)
- Day 2: Wednesday, Aug. ** 13** - 1:00 am (140 East Hill Office Building)
- Day 1: Tuesday, Aug. 19 - 9:00 am (140 East Hill Office Building)
- Day 2: Thursday, Aug. ** 21** - 9:00 am (140 East Hill Office Building)

Respiratory Protection Training

- Tuesday, Aug. 5 - 3:00 pm (140 East Hill Office Building)



Staff, faculty and graduate students are strongly encouraged to attend these training programs (required by some colleges and departments).

Advanced Record keeper Training (ART) Class for Inventory

- Wednesday, Aug. 6 - 2:15 pm (243 East Hill Office Building)

Advanced Record keeper Training (ART) Class for Surveys

- Wednesday, **Aug. 6** - 1:00 pm (243 East Hill Office Building)

Chemical Waste Disposal

- Wednesday, **Aug. 6** - 11:15 am (140 East Hill Office Building)

Laser Safety Training

- Wednesday, Aug. 27 - 9:00 am (140 East Hill Office Building)

Pre-registration is requested for all classes due to limited seating capacity.

Register for classes on-line in Safetybase at: <http://dataworks.fcs.cornell.edu/sb/>. You will need a valid Cornell NetID to use Safetybase. Just click on "Sign yourself up for a class", select the class and click on the [enroll] button. If you can't access Safetybase or have a problem enrolling, send an email to: <safetybase@cornell.edu>.

**Questions or Suggestions
regarding this Newsletter?**

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Seminars

NOTE: CHANGE OF DAY/TIME

Monday, **August 11, 2008**, 12:00PM - 1:00PM
Lecture Hall III, Veterinary Research Tower

DR. IAN MILLS

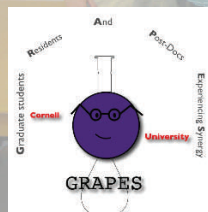
Associate Scientist
CRUK Uro-Oncology Research Group
Cambridge Cancer Research Institute
Cambridge, UK

"Transcriptional contributions to prostate cancer"



GRAPES

- Have you been to a GRAPES event yet? Come and join the crowd! Have some munchies! and make some new friends! Keep an eye out for flyers for August!



GRAPES has a new website!!!!

<http://www.vet.cornell.edu/biosci/grapes>



Undergrads Making Their Mark

The Students are coming! The Students are coming!

*A joyful welcome to our new and returning students
arriving this month!*

We're all looking forward to a fantastic new year!

Let the learning and discovery begin!