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## From the President

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2011 ACVP President



Before being swept into the dustbin of the ACVP, I have one last opportunity to share some thoughts with you. During this past year, there is one main theme that I will leave with. Progress in our organization doesn't happen by luck, by chance, or by decisions made by shady individuals in smoke-filled rooms. Progress happens through the hard work of our members who have served in the past or who currently serve on various committees and task forces. These members are the soul of our College, and they have consistently made wise decisions and initiated programs that have served the College well through the years. This year has been no exception. Many committees, task forces, and Council have been busy with a variety of initiatives for the betterment of our College.

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These include:

- A new 2012-2017 strategic plan;
- A new Certifying Exam Board that will provide strategy and guidance for exam initiatives;
- A new Maintenance of Certification Committee to prepare us for the American Board of Veterinary Specialties-mandated time-dated certification requirement beginning in 2016;
- Committee reorganization to align our committees for greater integration and efficiency;
- Expansion of our student chapter program;
- Plans and proposals to enhance our fund raising and endowments;
- Growth of our journal and expansion to provide a higher digital profile;
- A new Journal Task Force to provide long-term strategy for *Veterinary Pathology*;
- Closer communication with our domestic and international partners in veterinary pathology;
- Convening international veterinary pathologists to start a coalition that will meet annually; and
- A new 5-year contract with The Rees Group to continue to provide us with excellent executive management services.

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## The Secretary/Treasurer's Corner

Michael J. Topper, DVM, PhD



### Certifying Examination: Five-year Review (2007 - 2011)

A candidate who takes all 4 parts of the certifying examination and passes 2 or 3 parts retains credit for parts passed for the next 4 years, during which 2 additional attempts to pass the remaining parts are permitted.

Since 1994, 5-year reviews of candidates' performance on the examination have been used to compare annual pass-rate (for all candidates) with cumulative pass-rate (for those candidates who first took the examination at the beginning of the 5-year period). The annual pass-rate reflects the performance of new candidates, candidates who are repeating only 1 or 2 parts, and candidates who must repeat all 4 parts of the examination (referred to as R4 candidates). The effect of R4 candidates on the pass-rate is shown by including (All Candidates) or excluding (R4's excluded) this group when computing and comparing the annual pass-rate.

### Veterinary Anatomic Pathology Examination

Examination Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Mean
<b>2007 New Candidates, Annual Pass/Total</b>	36/66	12/22	1/7	1/4	2/4	
<b>2007 New Candidates, Cumulative Pass-Rate</b>	55%	73%	74%	76%	79%	
<b>All Candidates, Annual Pass/Total</b>	62/118	57/122	64/144	62/152	79/144	
<b>All Candidates, Annual Pass-Rate</b>	53%	47%	44%	41%	55%	48%
<b>Annual Pass/Total (R4's excluded)</b>	60/98	55/101	62/126	62/133	76/122	
<b>Annual Pass-Rate (R4's excluded)</b>	61%	54%	49%	47%	62%	55%

### Summary:

Of the 66 candidates who began the examination in 2007, 52 (79%) passed by 2011. The annual pass-rate for all candidates varied from 41% to 55% (mean, 48%). If R4 candidates (those required to repeat all parts) are excluded, the annual pass-rate for all candidates varied from 47% to 62% (mean, 55%).

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We also welcomed 104 new members into the College this year, the largest number yet to join in a single year. This is a testament to the high quality of the training programs in veterinary pathology for preparing future pathologists for the rigors of our certifying exam. As in years past, we have also had to say goodbye to some of our friends and colleagues, either through death or circumstances that make them unable to continue their participation in the College. They will be missed.

It has been a privilege and honor to serve as your president this past year. It was an opportunity that I stumbled into. Years ago, I didn't know much about how our College worked and was even somewhat intimidated by it. Regardless, I sent an innocent message to then Secretary/Treasurer Paul Stromberg indicating an interest in volunteering in some capacity. Several months later I received a phone call asking about my interest in the Secretary/Treasurer position. I naively agreed to serve if elected. It was one of the best uninformed decisions I've made. Through volunteering, I've met people I would have never known otherwise, and without a doubt they have been some of the most talented, dedicated, and enjoyable people I've ever worked with. Involvement with the ACVP has personally been an extremely rewarding career experience. I encourage you to volunteer, be patient, and take advantage of opportunities to serve our College.

### The Harold W. Casey Scholarship Award

The Harold W. Casey Scholarship Award is intended to recognize and reward outstanding individuals training in pathology and striving to achieve ACVP certification. To be considered, the candidate should:



1. Possess a DVM or equivalent degree and have completed a minimum of two years in a pathology training position in a North American pathology training program.
2. Have high motivation and academic excellence in undergraduate veterinary and graduate courses.
3. Have as a primary goal the attainment of ACVP Diplomate status.
4. Be committed to leadership, scholarship, and service in the veterinary profession.

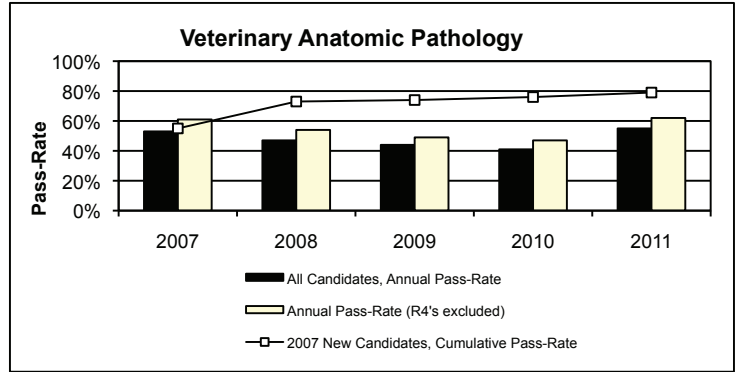
The annual award of \$1,000 may be used for educational training supplies or tuition.

Each year the Resident Training Committee reviews nominees for the Casey Scholarship Award and each year selecting the most deserving resident becomes more difficult. This year was no exception. Dr. Kelly Santangelo did stand out from the other candidates.

Kelly was hired as the Truman Endowment PhD Graduate Research Associate by The Ohio State University in 2004 when she initiated her dissertation research. On a national level, Kelly is the recipient of an NIH National Research Service Award Postdoctoral Fellowship in 2006, first place ACVP/ASVCP Young Investigator Award (natural disease) in 2010, Young Investigator Award at the 2009 Merial-NIH National Veterinary Scholars Symposium, and Scholar Award for Women by the PEO International Foundation.

She was selected by the ACVP-STP Coalition in 2009 to be the GlaxoSmithKline resident. She successfully defended her dissertation in 2011, and according to Dr. Michael Oglesbee, "She has been a stellar resident at all levels – capable, driven, and conscientious." ACVP congratulates Dr. Kelly Santangelo for receiving the Harold W. Casey Scholarship Award.

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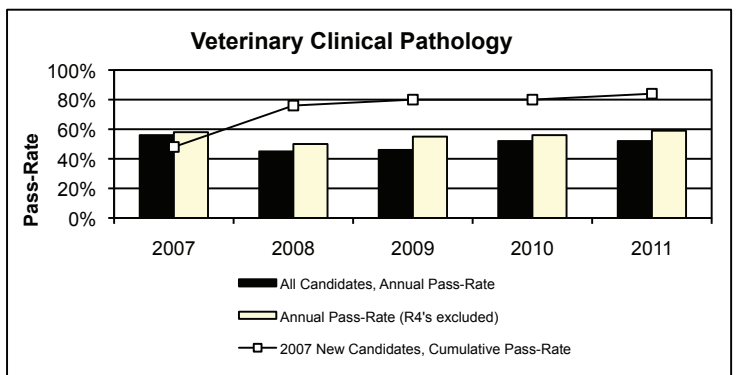


### Veterinary Clinical Pathology Examination

Examination Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Mean
2007 New Candidates, Annual Pass/Total	12/25	7/10	1/3	0/2	1/3	
2007 New Candidates, Cumulative Pass-Rate	48%	76%	80%	80%	84%	
All Candidates, Annual Pass/Total	22/39	19/42	19/41	24/46	25/48	
All Candidates, Annual Pass-Rate	56%	45%	46%	52%	52%	50%
Annual Pass/Total (R4's excluded)	21/36	19/38	17/31	23/41	23/39	
Annual Pass-Rate (R4's excluded)	58%	50%	55%	56%	59%	56%

#### Summary:

Of the 25 candidates who began the examination in 2007, 21 (84%) passed by 2011. The annual pass-rate for all candidates varied from 45% to 56% (mean, 50%). If R4 candidates (those required to repeat all parts) are excluded, the annual pass-rate for all candidates varied from 50% to 59% (mean, 56%).



## New Tools for Accessing *Veterinary Pathology*

The *Veterinary Pathology* (VetPath) journal site is now available in a mobile-optimized format, taking advantage of the HighWire Mobile Web interface. Readers visiting VetPath on their iPhone, Android, or mobile device (smartphone or tablet) will automatically be redirected to the mobile version. The site will feature the essential aspects of the online site, including the full-text content of the current issue, archives, OnlineFirst articles, the simplified search, and sharing tools.

Subscribers/nonmembers can either manually type in [m.vet.sagepub.com](http://m.vet.sagepub.com) or just type in [vet.sagepub.com](http://vet.sagepub.com) and you will automatically be redirected to the VetPath website. Subscribers still must go through the ACVP/ECVP/JCVP site and log in to be able to access a full PDF of any new (less than a year old) article. Please note this is not a mobile application or a web app, just a mobile optimized website so you will need to use your browser to access the content.

## ACVP Scholarship Externships Reports

**By Sareena Enloe**  
University of Florida

I decided to participate in a pathology externship at University of Tennessee because the residents I met at an ACVP conference impressed me with their open enthusiasm and descriptions of the program. I saw the summer opportunity as a chance to delve into my abundant interests in pathology and see what really fit. After externing in Tennessee, the answer to the question of what I want to do post-graduation seemed less murky.

After several necropsy reports, including one regarding a diabetic ketoacidotic intact dachshund with concurrent Cushing's disease, I definitely learned a lot from seeing lesions, explaining possible pathogenesis, and realizing just how many things can be abnormal even in a normal animal. From the relatively normal subcutaneous hemorrhage to the abnormal cirrhotic liver to the rare shistosomos reflexus calf, necropsy can be an explanation, an art, and a fascination. Before this externship, I knew I liked anatomic pathology, but during and post-externship I finally grasped why. That is probably the most valuable part of this externship, because the "why" is what drives us to continue on this extensive adventure in search of explanations.

Fortunately, amid gross necropsies, I attended biopsy discussions between residents and the attending pathologist. For most veterinary students, histology remains an enigma whose surface we only briefly

brush during our studies. Seeing the true diagnostic application of histology brought it to life for me. Through the microscope lens, another world of tissues, cells, interactions, and incredible patterns emerged. From histiocytoma to hemangiosarcoma to mast cell tumors, I learned veterinary medicine through whirls, rowing, and infiltrating cells. Both tumors and benign lesions came alive for me in a way they had not in previous clinical rotations.

In addition, resident rounds reminded me just how much I need to learn. Topics touched on included special species, nematodes on cut section, avian diseases, and intriguing dentistry-associated lesions. Perusing histology slides prior to rounds at once overwhelmed and excited me as an exercise in normal and a crash course in abnormal. Despite feeble attempts at determining what appeared on the slide, hearing explanations solidified information and aided understanding.

Throughout the externship there were multiple opportunities to interact with the residents and learn their backgrounds and thoughts on going through the daunting process of becoming a pathologist. If I had any remaining delusions, they certainly helped dissuade them. I was impressed by the residents' openness and willingness to get to know me as an individual as well as a possible future resident.

**By Susan Fogelson**  
University of Florida

I participated in an externship at Walt Disney's Animal Kingdom, where I was primarily stationed at Disney's Animal Kingdom and Animal Kingdom Lodge, which are nestled right next door to each other. These two facilities are home to more than 1,700 animals from 250 species inhabiting 534 acres. Two days a week I spent the morning at Epcot's The Living Seas, which is a unique aquarium featuring over 200 species of sea life including dolphins, sharks, sea turtles, gliding rays, and tropical fish.

Over the course of my 4-week stay at Disney, I spent approximately one-third of my time learning about zoo and wildlife diseases with several board-certified zoo veterinarians. This clinical portion of my rotation included performing diagnostic procedures, surgical procedures, diagnosing disease and administering treatments to a wide variety of animals ranging from a tarpon to a domestic goat. Some of these procedures were performed in front of guests to enhance their experience and educate them about the veterinary care provided at the facility. The other two-thirds of my time consisted of more anatomic pathology targeted training. Every afternoon my focus was on performing necropsy, reading histological slides (biopsy or necropsy), and writing necropsy reports. If there were no submissions that day,

I spent time learning from special study material put together by Dr. Scott Terrell (Dip ACVP) to strengthen my knowledge of exotic animal diseases and the gross and histopathologic changes associated with those diseases.

As an extern, I was essentially treated as an anatomic pathology resident. As such, I was expected to perform necropsy on any zoo or wildlife case under the supervision of the attending veterinarian, process the tissues collected, read the histological sections, and formulate a final written diagnosis. Several surgical biopsies were also given to me for interpretation.

The primary purpose of the externship was to expose veterinary students to zoo and wildlife anatomic veterinary pathology training. In my case, I believe this goal was accomplished. Dr. Terrell made a concerted effort to tailor this externship specifically to me and my interest in fish/invertebrate pathology. At the culmination of the experience, I was asked to give a short presentation on the current research, which I am performing at the University of Florida. I believe this experience at Animal Kingdom and The Living Seas has been a great step toward my goal of becoming a veterinary anatomic pathologist.

## The ACVP/STP Coalition for Veterinary Pathology Fellows Extends Its Reach

Gary Cockerell, Director of the Coalition

The purpose of this article is to summarize the current status and future plans for the ACVP/STP Coalition for Veterinary Pathology Fellows. Since it began operating in 2005, 29 positions have been established at 16 different North American training institutions, supported by more than \$6.8M in financial contributions from sponsors. Fifteen fellows have completed their fellowships and either entered additional phases of training or accepted positions with biopharmaceutical companies, contract research organizations, private diagnostic laboratories, or academic institutions. Seventy-one percent of fellows (12/17) who have taken the ACVP Certifying Examination have passed, and 92% of those passed all parts on their first attempt. These measures of success reflect the quality of the fellows, the excellence of their training programs, the foresight of sponsors that have provided support, and the need for this unique educational initiative. In an effort to extend its reach, a strategic plan was recently drafted with three primary objectives to define the Coalition's direction over the next five years.

The first objective remains the same as the original purpose of the Coalition – to increase the number of privately funded veterinary pathology training positions. Of particular note this year, the Coalition is managing two positions for the ACVP that were established by the generous donations of the Capen family and Linda Munson to the ACVP. The “Charles and Sharron Capen Fellowship in Veterinary Pathology” and the “Linda Munson Fellowship for Research in Wildlife Pathology Research” were competitively awarded to Dr. Lisa Berman-Booty at The Ohio State University, and Dr. Patricia Gaffney at the University of California, Davis and San Diego, respectively. These two fellowships are unique for several reasons: They are the first to be supported with funds other than from industry, they require specific areas of PhD dissertation research, and they require cost-sharing by the training institution. It is hoped that other ACVP and STP members will consider making similar contributions while efforts continue to secure additional industrial support. The next Request for Applications for newly funded training positions will be issued in early June 2012.

Additionally, and with consideration to the STP Globalization Limited Duration Team Task Force and ACVP Global Impact Committee of the Complementary Resources Task Force, the Coalition plans to implement a program to assist foreign-trained DVMs to competitively apply for

post-DVM veterinary pathology training. North American training institutions frequently receive applications from such candidates, often with funds supplied by their home country, government, or other sources. The objective of the program is to make it easier for foreign students to apply for training and for North American institutions to have broad access to these students.

The second objective is to develop and implement novel industry-academia collaborations and specialized training opportunities to augment pathologists' career development. While sponsors have provided generous support for new positions and training institutions have submitted highly competitive applications, the Coalition has never attempted to identify unique types of positions that sponsors would be particularly interested to fund or that training institutions could offer. Therefore, as an initial step toward this objective, a Request for Concepts is being planned for early 2012 to assess sponsors' specific needs and to categorize training institutions' specific areas of expertise. The outcome should make it possible to better align specific needs of sponsors with capabilities of training institutions, resulting in veterinary pathologists with unique skill sets.

The third objective is to work in collaboration with academic partners to lead relevant initiatives identified by the ACVP Credentialing and Training Committees for North American-based veterinary pathology training programs. Implementation will be dependent on results of on-going work and final output of these committees. However, many existing resources can be applied toward this objective, e.g., the process for evaluating applications for newly funded Coalition training positions, pathology clubs, training coordinators, and the ACVP Examination Committee.

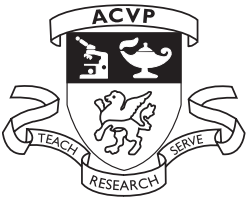
Further information on Coalition activities, including a listing of all sponsors, mentors, and fellows is available on the Coalition web site (<http://www.vetpathcoalition.org/>). On behalf of the members of the Board of Governors, I would like to thank our participating sponsors and training institutions for their continued enthusiastic response to the Coalition. I look forward to working with you in the coming years to implement the new objectives listed in the strategic plan.

### Patrons in Memoriam of Linda Munson

Cory Brayton, DVM, ACLAM  
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### Patron in Memoriam of F.M. Garner

Drury Robb Reavill, DVM



The American College of Veterinary Pathologists

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**Nomination of Candidates for Officers,  
Honorary Members, and Distinguished Members**

The Nominations Committee invites “members in good standing” to submit nominations for candidates to run for the following offices in 2012. Members may submit as many names as they wish for each position; however, only one candidate will be elected for each office. Please provide a brief statement of support for each of your nominations.

**President-Elect 2013**

This OFFICER will serve as PRESIDENT in 2014

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**Councilor (Four-Year Term)**

The term of office is 2013-2016

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The Nominations Committee also seeks member input for suggestions of names for nomination as Distinguished and Honorary Members of the College. Please note that the following must accompany nominations for Distinguished and Honorary Members: (1) A letter of nomination clearly specifying the nominee’s contributions and/or achievements using the criteria specified below; (2) Letters from five members in good standing to second the nomination; (3) The curriculum vitae of the nominee. *To avoid disappointment in the event that a nominee is not selected for this award the first time that s/he is nominated, please do not tell him/her that s/he has been nominated.*

**Distinguished Member 2013**

*A Diplomate of the College who has rendered exceptionally distinguished service to the College or who has contributed in an exemplary manner to veterinary pathology may be selected by majority vote of the Council to be a Distinguished Member.*

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**Honorary Member 2013**

*A person who has contributed in any extraordinary manner to the advancement of veterinary pathology may be elected by majority vote of Council, confirmed by a majority vote of the membership of the College.*

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Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return nomination forms no later than **March 1, 2012**, to:

Dr. Derek Mosier, Chair  
**ACVP Nominations Committee**  
 2424 American Lane, Madison, WI 53704  
 Fax: 608-443-2474  
 Email: info@acvp.org

## Obituaries

**Dr. Maxine Benjamin**

Dr. Benjamin, an honorary member of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists, died October 20, 2011. She began her career as an assistant professor of veterinary clinical pathology at Colorado State University and was a central figure in academic clinical pathology for many years. Her "green book" *Outline of Veterinary Clinical Pathology*, published in 1958, 1961, and 1978 in English, Spanish, and Japanese, became the primary veterinary clinical pathology text for veterinary students and veterinarians around the world.

Dr. Benjamin taught clinical pathology at Colorado State University for 30 years, and her successes as a teacher are legendary. She won every award given for teaching by the college and the university, including a "Top Prof" award in 1966, which named her as the outstanding teacher at Colorado State University, the Oliver Pennock Award for Outstanding Teaching in 1965, and the Norden Distinguished Teacher Award in 1977. Her veterinary and graduate students adored and respected her, and she left her impact on many. She also taught at the University of Nairobi, Kenya, from 1968 to 1969, and at Cornell University in 1967. She came out of retirement in 1987 to teach clinical pathology for one year at Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine at St. Kitts, West Indies.

In 1973 Dr. Benjamin was selected as the "Outstanding Woman Veterinarian," and in 1978 was given honorary membership in the American College of Veterinary Pathologists, the same year that she was named as Colorado Veterinary Medical Association Veterinarian of the Year, American Animal Hospital Association Veterinarian of the Year, and Old Master by Purdue University. She was one of 20 veterinarians featured in the book *Women in Veterinary Medicine*.

**Dr. William Busey**

Dr. Busey, a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists, died on August 6, 2011. He received his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from The Ohio State University in 1958. Upon graduation, Dr. Busey joined a large animal practice in Franklin, Kentucky, from 1958 to 1959. In 1959 he accepted a position located in Raleigh, North Carolina, to run the State Herd Health program. In 1960 he ran a swine research laboratory in Edenton, North Carolina. In 1961 he was awarded a four-year grant from the National Institutes of Health to attend Colorado State University to obtain a Master's Degree and Ph.D. in Veterinary Pathology. He began his Veterinary Pathology career at Hazelton Laboratories, Vienna, Virginia, in 1965.

In 1971 he co-founded Experimental Pathology Laboratories, Inc. (EPL, Inc.) in Herndon, Virginia, with Dr. John Ferrell. It grew from a two-person pathology practice to one of the leading independent pathology companies in the world, celebrating its 40th year in existence earlier this year. Through the years EPL, Inc. has had other sites of operation in several US states and within Europe. Dr. Busey was instrumental in designing and developing pathology peer review procedures and approaches, which continue to be used by the National Toxicology Program and have been adopted by pharmaceutical companies around the world.

Dr. Busey was a true visionary in the field of Veterinary Pathology. In addition to his scientific expertise, Dr. Busey was a pioneer in the

research field who understood the value of properly preserving and maintaining biomaterials and related scientific data. Recognizing this need, he co-founded EPL Pathology Archives, Inc. in 1978, nearly a year before the preservation of research materials was mandated by law by the FDA. The Archives has grown exponentially and today is recognized as an industry leader in providing trusted managed biorepository services and solutions worldwide. Many people consider it the first commercial repository created as a result of the FDA's GLP Regulations.

In 2005 Dr. Busey was awarded The Alumni Recognition Award from The Ohio State University Veterinary Medicine Alumni Society.

**Dr. John Gorham**

Dr. Gorham, an honorary member of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists, died on October 14, 2011. Dr. Gorham received a Bachelor's Degree, and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Washington State University. He also received a Master's degree, the first given at Washington State University in Veterinary Medicine. In 1952 he received a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin.

During WW II he served in the U.S. Army while completing veterinary school. Gorham also served in the U.S. Army Reserve as a major and continued to serve in the U.S. Reserve Veterinary Corp.

Following graduation, he was employed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and was research leader for animal diseases at Pullman. He held this position until 1995, when he retired from the USDA. At the time of his death, he remained a professor in the WSU College of Veterinary Medicine. Gorham was a charter member of the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists and a charter member of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine. He was elected to membership in the National Academies of Practice and was an overseas member of the British Royal Society of Medicine as well as the Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science. He was the author or co-author of more than 700 publications. Two virus strains are named after Gorham: cell-adapted Aleutian Disease virus and a distemper virus. During his lifetime, Gorham traveled to more than 50 countries to advise foreign research programs. He represented the United States as chairman of the Biotechnology Committee of the World Health Organization and was on other international committees. In 1975 he led the first veterinary delegation to the Soviet Union.

Dr. Gorham received many honors during his lifetime including the Gaines Medal and also the International Veterinary Award given by the American Veterinary Medical Association, Veterinarian of the Year Award from the Washington State Veterinary Medical Association, the Washington State University Alumni Achievement Award, Fur Farming Industry's Hall of Fame, and the USDA's Distinguished Scientist of the Year in 1991. He was the first veterinarian inducted into the USDA Agricultural Research Service Hall of Fame and to receive the Regents' Distinguished Alumnus Award, Washington State University's highest alumni honor. He also was named a Legend in Veterinary Medicine, was initiated into the USDA's Hall of Fame, and received the Gold Headed Cane award from the Society for Veterinary Epidemiology. In 2007 after he retired, he received the American Veterinary Medical Association's Lifetime Excellence in Research Award given to one veterinarian in the United States each year.

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He was a world authority on fur animal and canine diseases and contributed significantly to slow virus disease research. His most important contributions included discovery of a new rickettsial disease of dogs, control of nutritional diseases of mink, laboratory tests for dog and mink diseases, and a spray vaccine used for immunization of at least 20 million mink worldwide each year.

### Dr. Charles Helmboldt

Dr. Helmboldt, a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists, died March 9, 2011. He was professor emeritus of animal diseases at the University of Connecticut since 1971. During his tenure at the university, which began in 1946, Dr. Helmboldt served as head of the Department of Animal Diseases for 10 years. Earlier in his career, he owned a practice in Unionville, Michigan, and worked for the Department of Agriculture in tuberculosis eradication.

Dr. Helmboldt focused his research interests on avian pathology. He was a past member of the editorial board of the American Association of Avian Pathologists and served as associate editor of *Diseases of Poultry*. Dr. Helmboldt was a member of the International Academy of Pathology, Poultry Science Association, Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases, Connecticut Public Health Association, and Connecticut VMA. He was the recipient of the Special Research Fellowship of Yale University in 1965 and was honored with the New York Farmers Prize in 1967. In 1968 Dr. Helmboldt received the University of Connecticut's Distinguished Alumnus Award, and in 1972 he was named Special Veterinarian of the Year by the Connecticut VMA. He was an Army veteran of World War II, attaining the rank of major.

### Dr. William Jarrett

Dr. Jarrett died August 27, 2011. Dr. Jarrett, a fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh (1965) and a fellow of the Royal Society (1980) was among the most accomplished veterinary pathologists of his generation. He is probably best known for his discovery in 1964 of the retrovirus that causes leukaemia and lymphoma in domestic cats, but his research covered a remarkable breadth of subjects, principally viral and parasitic diseases, and his findings led to important advances in human and veterinary medicine.

A graduate of Glasgow Veterinary College (1949), his subsequent postgraduate research in pathology, both at the college and with Daniel Cappell, professor of pathology at the University of Glasgow Medical School, provided the basis for his encyclopedic knowledge of animal and human diseases. After the award of his Ph.D. in 1953, he was among a group of young scientists recruited by William Weipers to the new veterinary school, formed in 1949 from the incorporation of the college into the University of Glasgow. There he was part of an interdisciplinary team investigating parasitic bronchitis in calves, then a major problem in southwest Scotland.

The tangible result of their research was Dictol, which remains the only vaccine against a nematode parasite, and is still in use in many countries. The commercial success of Dictol promoted a significant growth of parasitic research at the Glasgow school, which then expanded into Africa. Dr. Jarrett was part of an international team seconded to establish a veterinary school in Nairobi in the 1960s. While there, his novel work on the kinetics of replication of *Theileria parva*, the cause of East Coast fever in cattle, provided the basis for future vaccine developments.

In the early 1960s, Bill's attention was drawn to a cluster of cases of lymphoma in a household of pet cats in Glasgow. His belief that this was caused by an infectious agent was confirmed by reproducing the disease in transmission experiments and finding a retrovirus, now known as feline leukemia virus (FeLV), in the resulting tumors. Subsequent research by his rapidly expanding virology group underpinned the development of diagnostic tests and vaccines.

The discovery of FeLV added to the realization that viruses might be major causes of cancers in humans. Dr. Jarrett's observation that FeLV caused mainly lymphomas of T-cell origin in the cat switched the American biomedical researcher Robert Gallo's virus-hunting activities to T-cell tumors in people, and led to his discovery of the human leukemia virus, HTLV, and subsequently HIV. Dr. Jarrett's association with Gallo resulted in a year working in Washington as a Fogarty scholar in 1985. On his return, he became part of the AIDS programme of the UK Medical Research Council and established a research group that used feline immunodeficiency virus as a model for HIV vaccination.

In 1968 Dr. Jarrett was appointed professor of veterinary pathology at Glasgow, a post he held for 22 years. In the late 1970s, investigating the reasons for the high incidence of alimentary tract cancer in cattle in some parts of Scotland, he discovered that a papillomavirus causes the disease in association with the consumption of bracken, which contains carcinogens. His discovery was the definitive proof that this family of viruses is implicated in cancer development. Yet another research group was set up and, following a thorough study of the biology of the virus, he and his colleagues developed a vaccine that was the forerunner of the vaccine for cervical cancer in women.

Dr. Jarrett's remarkable contribution to comparative medicine was recognized with the award of honorary degrees and lifetime achievement awards from many universities and scientific societies throughout Europe and North America. He was charismatic and hugely entertaining, which won him many friends and research collaborators. His legacy to science in Glasgow has been the recruitment of a new generation of scientists who have established the veterinary school as the largest research institute of comparative medicine in the UK, with a particular focus on virology and oncology.

### Dr. Robert Lewis

Dr. Lewis, a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists, died August 18, 2011. He received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 1961 from Washington State University. He was a member of the Department of Pathology, Angell Memorial Animal Hospital in Boston, and worked at Tufts-New England Medical Center. He left Boston in 1975 to join the faculty of the New York State College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, where he served as Chairman of the college's Pathology Department until 1986. He retired as Professor Emeritus in 2000. Dr. Lewis was a teacher and scientist at heart, and a mentor to countless veterinary students and young professionals.

### Dr. James Mills

Dr. Mills, a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists, died May 8, 2011. He was Professor Emeritus of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan.

## Obituaries

**Dr. Joseph Molello**

Dr. Molello, a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists, died October 17, 2011. After graduation from Colorado State University, Dr. Molello served in the Army Veterinary Corps. Following the war he entered private practice in New Jersey, later moving to take over a practice in Holdrege, Nebraska. Dr. Molello returned to teach at CSU from 1957 to 1963 and earned his MS and Ph.D. In 1963 he began a research career with then Pitman-Moore, later Dow Pharmaceutical, in Indianapolis. Dr. Molello finished his career as a Senior Research Scientist with Dow. He authored or coauthored numerous reports and publications, and served Dow in Milan, Italy, for 2 years. He retired from Dow in 1986.

**Dr. Philip Snoy**

Dr. Snoy, a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists, died August 15, 2011. He attended Colorado State University and received his DVM from the University of Illinois Veterinary School. Dr. Snoy was the Director of the Division of Veterinary Services at the Food and Drug Administration.

**Dr. Ernest Stair**

Dr. Stair, a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists, died August 15, 2011.

In 1960 he earned a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from the Oklahoma State University School of Veterinary Science. Following graduation he accepted a March of Dimes Fellowship at the University of Nebraska, where he conducted viral

infection research on pregnant swine. He became an instructor in the Veterinary Department from 1960–1964. He participated in research to develop Disease Free Pigs and earned a Master of Science degree in Veterinary Science.

In 1968 he earned a Ph.D. in Veterinary Pathology from Texas A&M University. His research thesis subject was titled: "The Pathogenesis of Bluetongue in Sheep." His special techniques were Immunofluorescent procedures, Electron microscopy procedures, and artificial cultivation of Mycoplasma. As an Assistant Professor and later an Associate Professor, he taught veterinary students necropsy techniques and basic pathology. His students gave him "A Good Stick Award." Dr. Stair returned to the University of Nebraska as an Associate Professor from 1968-1975. He served as an instructor, chaired the Selection Committee for pre-veterinary students, advised master of science candidates, and served on the Planning Committee for the new Veterinary Science building. In June 1975, six months before the lab opened, Dr. Stair became the Assistant Director and Chief Pathologist and Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma. He held this position until retirement in 1997. In retirement he continued to read slides and perform research.

**Dr. Adolf Watrach**

Dr. Watrach, a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists, died August 7, 2011.

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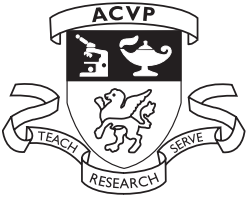
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