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The Secretary/Treasurer's Corner

What Is "ABVS"?

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In February, the American Board of Veterinary Specialties, the arm of the AVMA that regulates veterinary specialty organizations, voted to accept the Five-Year In-Depth Report of the College and recommended full recognition of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists for another five years. Why should we care?

Continued recognition of the ACVP by the AVMA is desirable and valuable to support our high standards and integrity.

On February 10, 1950, the ACVP submitted an application to the AVMA for formal recognition as a veterinary medical specialty. In 1951, the AVMA House of Delegates approved recognition, making the ACVP the first veterinary specialty. In 1959, the Council on Education and House of Delegates established the Advisory Board on Veterinary Specialties, and by February 20, 1961 the Board had developed two documents entitled *Procedures for Establishment of Veterinary Specialty Organizations and Rules for Organization and Operation of the Advisory Board on Veterinary Specialties*. The rules, criteria, and procedures have been revised and updated several times, and the Board was renamed the **American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS)** in 1992.

The ABVS is composed of one voting member and one alternate from each member Recognized Veterinary Specialty Organization (RVSO) plus liaisons to the AVMA and veterinary colleges. There are about two dozen specialties depending upon how you count them. The mission statement of the ABVS in part reads that it:

"...recognizes and encourages the development of recognized veterinary specialty organizations promoting advanced levels of competency in well-defined areas of study or practice categories to provide the public with exceptional veterinary service. The Policies and Procedures

are designed to improve communication and understanding between the AVMA, AVMA members, recognized veterinary specialty organizations, and the public."

In promoting specialty medicine, ABVS provides assistance in the development of new specialties, reviews petitions from new groups, as well as the annual reports from the established RVSOs, reviews procedures for credentialing, examination and appeals for fairness, functions as a mediator in disputes, makes recommendations to AVMA, and generally tries to ensure some uniformity in the policies and procedures of all RVSOs. Although none of us ever likes the feeling of someone "looking over our shoulder", the veterinary specialties need a group to ensure that we have appropriate rules and procedures and we are operating with sufficient transparency so that we maintain the confidence of the public. Continued recognition of the ACVP by the AVMA is desirable and valuable to support our high standards and integrity.

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Biographies of candidates for Vice President/President-elect, Secretary/Treasurer-elect and Councilor follow on page 2. Please complete and return the enclosed ballot in the pre-addressed envelope to the ACVP Executive Office, **postmarked no later than June 30, 2003**. Election results will be announced at the Annual Business Meeting.

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Vice President/President-Elect (2004)

Vice President/President-elect (2004) automatically becoming President in 2005.

R. Keith Harris

Education: DVM, Texas A&M University, 1976; Residency in Veterinary Pathology, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, 1980-1983; Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Pathologists, 1984.

Professional Positions: Assistant Vice President, Pathology and Bioresources, Wyeth Research, 2002-present; Senior Director, Global Pathology Sciences and Laboratory Animal Medicine and Science, Pharmacia Corporation, 2001-2002; Director/Senior Director, Toxicology Operations and Pathology Sciences, Metabolism and Safety Evaluation, G.D. Searle (Monsanto), 1998-2001; Associate Director, Pathology Operations, Product Safety Assessment, G.D. Searle (Monsanto), 1997-1998; Chair, Department of Veterinary Pathology, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP), 1992-1996; Chief, Division of Veterinary Pathology, AFIP, 1987-1992; Chief, Anatomical Pathology, USAF School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks, AFB, 1983-1987; Base Veterinarian, United States Air Force (USAF), 1976-1980.

Scientific Interests and Experience: Toxicologic pathology and diagnostic pathology. Society of Toxicologic Pathology liaison to ACVP, 2001-present; Member, Board of Directors, C.L. Davis, DVM Foundation, 2002-present; Registrar of the Registries of Veterinary, Comparative, and Toxicologic Pathology for Animals, American Registry of Pathology (ARP), AFIP, 1992-1996; Associate Corps Chief for Veterinary Science, USAF Biomedical Sciences Corps, 1996-1997; Military Consultant to the USAF Surgeon General, 1993-1997; President of Registrar's Forum, ARP, 1996-1997; AVMA Steering Committee for Veterinary Representation to the National Museum of Health and Medicine, 1995-1996; Society of Toxicologic Pathologists' Standardized System of Nomenclature and Diagnostic Criteria Coordinating Committee, 1993-1995.

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Wanda Haschek-Hock

Education: BVSc (Honors), University of Sydney, 1973; PhD, Cornell University, 1977; Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Pathologists, 1977.

Professional Positions: Staff member and Group Leader, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Tennessee, 1978-1982; Associate Professor, Professor, Department Head (1995-2001) and Director, Graduate Training Program in Toxicologic Pathology, Department of Veterinary Pathobiology and Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Illinois, 1982-present.

Scientific Interests and Experience: Diplomate, American Board of Toxicology, 1980; Certificate of Business Administration, 2001; over 100 scientific publications in the fields of pathology and toxicology; senior editor of the *Handbook of Toxicologic Pathology*, 1991, 2002, and *Fundamentals of Toxicologic Pathology*, 1998; Associate Editor for *Toxicological Sciences*, 1995-1999; Editorial Board for *Fundamental and Applied Toxicology*, 1984-1990, and *Toxicologic Pathology*, 1992-1995; Board of Directors, American Board of Toxicology, 1994-1998; Councillor and Chair, Executive Committee, Society of Toxicologic Pathology, 1992-1996. Recently completed terms as President, Society of Toxicology's Comparative and Veterinary Specialty Section; FDA Veterinary Medicine Advisory Committee; and Board of Directors, Charles Louis Davis DVM Foundation. Currently, Secretary/Treasurer, Society of Toxicologic Pathology (2002-2005), and Director, Biannual Continuing Education Course in Industrial Toxicology and Pathology.

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Vice President/President-Elect (2004)**Mary Anna Thrall**

Education: BA, University of Evansville, 1966; DVM, Purdue University, 1970; MS, Colorado State University, 1977; Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Pathologists, 1977.



Professional Positions: Private practice, 1970-1974; Assistant, Associate, and Full Professor, Department of Pathology, Colorado State University, 1978-present. Section Chief, Clinical Pathology, 2002-present.

Scientific Interests and Experience: Pathogenesis and experimental therapy of animal models of lysosomal storage disorders, supported by NIH, 1986-present; Pathogenesis and experimental therapy of ethylene glycol toxicosis; Diagnostic cytology, hematology, and clinical chemistry; Professional, graduate, and continuing veterinary education in clinical pathology; Author/co-author of over 100 scientific publications and 70 abstracts; Co-mentor for 31 clinical pathology trainees; Member, Executive Board, American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology (ASVCP), 1981 to 1986; President, ASVCP, 1985; Member, American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology Animal Leukemia Study Group 1985-1991; Member, Comparative Medicine Review Committee (CMRC), National Center for Research Resources, National Institutes of Health, 1995-1999; Member, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) Scientific Advisory Panel, 1994-present; Member and Co-chair, Scientific Advisory Panel, The Institute of Environmental and Human Health, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, 2000-present; Member, Board of Scientific Counselors, National Toxicology Program, NIEHS, 2000-present.

ACVP Activities: Proctor, Examination Committee, 1990; Member, Examination committee 1991-1994 (Chair, Clinical Pathology, 1994); Member, Ad-Hoc Committee on Opportunities in Veterinary Pathology, 1997-1998; Councilor, 1999-present; Served as Council liaison to American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology, Standing Education Committee, Recruitment Committee, and Public Relations Committee. ■

Councilor (2004-2007)**Claire Andreasen**

Education: DVM, Texas A&M, 1982; Residency, MS, 1987, and PhD, 1990, University of Georgia Department of Veterinary Pathology; Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (clinical pathology), 1994.



Professional Positions: Associate veterinarian small animal practice, 1982-1985; Residency and graduate student, clinical and surgical pathology, University of Georgia, 1985-1990; Instructor and Assistant professor, Oregon State University College of Veterinary Medicine, 1990-1991 and 1991-1996. Assistant Professor, 1996-1999, Associate Professor, 1999-2003, and Professor, 2003, Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine; Clinical Pathology Laboratory Director, 2000-present; Department Chair, 2001-present, Department of Veterinary Pathology, Iowa State University (ISU).

Scientific Interests and Experience: Comparative clinical pathology; Granulocyte function and use of immunomodulators during bacterial diseases, including poultry staphylococcal and salmonella infections with and without stress; Investigations of endothelial, platelet, and coagulation during infectious diseases resulting in thromboembolic disease or coagulopathies; Pathogenic mechanisms of host cellular interactions and infectious agents, including leptospirosis; Educational and diagnostic learning and teaching methods. Author/co-author 45 peer-reviewed journal articles, 53 abstracts/proceedings, 18 book chapters, section editor for two textbooks, Board of Scientific Reviewers for the *American Journal of Veterinary Research*, 1993-1996; Editorial Board of *Veterinary Pathology*, 1997-1999 and *Comparative Clinical Pathology*, 2002-present; Immunobiology Interdepartmental Graduate Program Supervisory Committee, Iowa State University, 2000-present. SmithKline Beecham (now Pfizer) Award for Research Excellence, 1994; Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association Clinical Sciences Teaching Award, 2001. Executive Board of the American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology, 1996-2001; Executive Board Officer, 1996-1998; President-Elect, 1999; President, 2000; Past-president, 2001.

ACVP activities: Pilot ACVP participant for development activities, 1994-1999; ACVP examination grader, 2001; ACVP/ASVCP Chair for keynote speaker 1999 ACVP meeting; ACVP Training representative for ISU clinical pathology, 2001-present; Specialty Session Co-chair for 2003 ACVP meeting; ACVP Credentials Committee, 2002-present. ■

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Councilor (2004-2007)

Denise Bounous

Education: BA, University of the South, 1974; DVM, Oklahoma State University, 1986; Residency in clinical pathology and PhD, Louisiana State University, 1986-1990; Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Pathologists, 1992.



Professional Positions: Assistant Professor, 1990-1995, Associate Professor, 1995-2000, Professor, 2000, Dept of Veterinary Pathology, University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine; Principal Research Scientist, DuPont Pharmaceuticals, 2000-2001; Clinical Pathologist, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, 2001-2002, Director of Clinical Pathology, DSE, Bristol Myers-Squibb Co., 2002-present.

Scientific Interests and Experience: Biomarkers of pharmacologic efficacy and toxicity; mechanisms of bone marrow toxicity; Laboratory animal clinical pathology; Diagnostic clinical pathology; Immunomodulation in viral diseases; Professional and graduate education of biomedical scientists in diagnostic and experimental pathology; Author/co-author of over 60 scientific publications and abstracts.

ACVP Activities: Proctor, Examination Committee, 1997; Member, Examination Committee, 1998-2001; Chair, Clinical Pathology Examination, 2000, 2001, General Chair, 2001; Ad-Hoc Committee on Technology and the Examination, 2000-2001. ■

Bob Hall

Education: DVM, Ohio State University (1977); PhD, Colorado State University (1985); Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Pathologists (Clinical Pathology), 1982.



Professional Positions: Private practice, Purcellville, VA (1977-1978); Clinical Pathology Resident and Pathology Graduate Student (1979-1985); Clinical Pathologist, Covance Laboratories, 1985-present; Adjunct Assistant Professor, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1986-present; Associate Director, Clinical Pathology, Covance Laboratories, 1991-present.

Scientific Interests and Experience: Laboratory animal clinical pathology; Preclinical toxicologic pathology; Effects of study design and preanalytical variables on data interpretation; Education of toxicologists in clinical pathology; Author/co-author of over 50 scientific publications and abstracts; Chair of ASVCP Regulatory Affairs Committee, 1992-2002; Editorial Board, *Toxicologic Pathology*, 1998-2002; member of ASVCP STP, and AACC.

ACVP Activities: Proctor, Examination Committee, 1987; Member, Examination Committee, 1988-1991; General and Clinical Pathology Chair, Examination Committee, 1992; Nomination Committee, 2002. ■

Keith Harris (continued from page 2)

ACVP Activities: Councilor, 2000-2003; Council liaison to World Wide Web Committee, Public Relations/Marketing Committee, Development Committee (Endowment and Corporate Partners Subcommittees), and to Editorial Office, Veterinary Pathology, 2001-2003; Examination Committee, 1991, 1994-1997; Editorial Board, Veterinary Pathology, 1995-1998; Vice-Chairperson, Toxicologic Pathology Specialty Group, 1999. ■

Wanda Haschek-Hock (continued from page 2)

ACVP Activities: Editorial Board, Veterinary Pathology, 1983-1986; Proctor, Examination Committee, 1991-1992; Councillor, 1997-2001 and Council Liaison to Recruiting Committee. Currently, Member, Recruiting Committee (Demographic Subcommittee, Chair) and Subspecialty in Toxicologic Pathology (Continuing Competency Committee, Chair). ■

Certification Examinations

The 2003 certifying examinations will be held September 24-25, 2003, in Ames, Iowa.

All certifying examinations in the immediate future will be held at the Scheman Building, Iowa State Center, Iowa State University, Ames, IA.

- 2004: September 29-30
- 2005: September 14-15
- 2006: September 20-21
- 2007: September 26-27

Secretary/Treasurer-elect (2004)

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Derek Mosier

Education: DVM, Kansas State University, 1978; MS and PhD, Oklahoma State University, 1982 and 1985; Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Pathologists, 1986.

Professional Experience: Mixed Animal Practitioner, 1978-1980; Resident and Graduate Student, Oklahoma State University, 1980-1985; Assistant and Associate Professor, Department of Veterinary Pathology, Oklahoma State University, 1986-1990; Associate Professor and Professor, Department of Diagnostic Medicine/Pathobiology, Kansas State University, 1990-present.

Scientific Interests and Experience: Infectious diseases of cattle (particularly bovine respiratory disease/pneumonic pasteurellosis); Professional education in general and systemic pathology; Advisor, Student Chapter AVMA, 1992-present; Co-advisor, Student Chapter ACVP, 2002-present; Editorial Board, *American Journal of Veterinary Research*, 1990-1992, 2000-2002; Author/co-author of over 70 scientific publications, 90 abstracts, and six book chapters.

ACVP Activities: Education Specialty Group, Vice-Chair, 1988, Chair, 1989; 1995 Annual Program Committee, member. ■



Mike Topper

Education: DVM, University of Georgia, 1980; Residency in anatomic pathology, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP) 1985-1988; Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Pathologists, 1988; Residency in clinical pathology, University of Georgia, 1990-1993; PhD, University of Georgia, 1997.



Professional Positions: U.S. Army Veterinary Corps, 1980-2002: Lab animal veterinarian, U.S. Army Environmental Hygiene Agency (USAEHA), Aberdeen Proving Grounds, MD, 1980-1982; Executive Officer and Commander, 72nd Medical Detachment (VS), Nuremberg, Germany, 1982-1985; Resident, AFIP, Washington, DC, 1985-1988; Staff Pathologist, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID), Ft. Detrick, MD, 1988-1990; Resident and graduate student, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, 1990-1993; Chief, Clinical Pathology Laboratory and Chief, Department of Ultrastructural Pathology, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR), Washington, DC, 1993-1995; Chief, Department of Comparative Pathology, WRAIR, 1995-1997; Deputy Director, Division of Pathology, WRAIR, 1997-1999; Chair, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, and Director, Division of Pathology, WRAIR, 1999-2002. Director of Pathology, at TherImmune, a Gene Logic Company, Gaithersburg, MD, 2002-present.

Scientific Interests and Experience: Hemostasis; Laboratory animal clinical pathology; Disaster preparedness; Foreign animal, exotic, and emerging diseases; Organized veterinary medicine; Mentoring; Author/co-author of ~50 scientific publications and abstracts; President, District of Columbia Veterinary Medical Association (DCVMA), 1996; Operations Officer, Veterinary Medical Assistance Team (VMAT)-2, 1999-present; Delegate, American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) House of Delegates, representing the DCVMA, 200-present; Member, AVMA Member Services Committee, representing Board-certified specialists, 2000-present.

ACVP Activities: Member, Recruiting Committee, 2000-present; Chair, Student Chapter Subcommittee, 2001-present; Newsletter Editor, 2001-present. ■



Vote Today!

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2003 Preliminary Program Outline for Joint ACVP and ASVCP Annual Meeting

Saturday, November 15, 2003

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
ASVCP Pre-Meeting Workshop
(available for an additional fee)

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
C.L. Davis Foundation Pre-Meeting Workshop
(available for an additional fee)

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
ILSI Pre-Meeting Workshop
(available for an additional fee)

2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
ACVP Standing Education Committee

4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Registration Opens

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
ASVCP: Teaching Clinical Pathology

6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
ACVP Exam Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Opening Reception in the Exhibit Area

Sunday, November 16, 2003

7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Registration

7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m.
Continental Breakfast

7:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
**Exhibits Open
Poster Session
Career Fair**

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
ASVCP Education Symposium

8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon
**Natural Disease Specialty Group Session Platform
Presentations**

12:00 noon-1:30 p.m.
ASVCP Trainee/Speaker Reception
(by invitation only)

1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
**ASVCP Veterinary Laboratory Professionals
Meeting**

1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
**ASVCP Clinical Pathology Specialty Group
Session Platform Presentations**

1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
**Experimental Disease Specialty Group Session
Platform Presentations**

1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
**Natural Disease Specialty Group Session Platform
Presentations**

1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
**Toxicologic Pathology Specialty Group Session
Platform Presentations**

4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
ASVCP Business Meeting
(open to members only)

6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
ACVP Town Meeting

7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
**Mystery Slide Review and Neuropathology Case
Presentations**

Monday, November 17, 2003

7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Registration

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
**ASVCP Veterinary Laboratory Professionals
Meeting**

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
**ACVP/ASVCP Joint Plenary Session
Pathobiology of Aging**
• *Aging and the Impact of Aging on
Interpretation of Pathologic Data*
• *Interplay of Genetics, Diet and Environment*
• *Stem Cell Research*

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
**Exhibits Open
Poster Session
Career Fair**

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.
ACVP Clinical Pathology Examination Slide Review

1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
**Free Afternoon for ACVP Attendees/Optional
Events**

1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
**ASVCP Veterinary Laboratory Professionals
Meeting**

November
15-19
Banff
Alberta
Canada

Banff is located in the Banff National Park, Canada's first national park and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The park is a year-round protected wilderness area offering rugged alpine beauty, first-class amenities and the best powder skiing in the world. Banff and Lake Louise offer vacation possibilities as diverse as the Canadian Rocky Mountain landscape.

Banff / Lake Louise
Tourism Bureau

1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
**ASVCP Clinical Pathology Specialty Group
 Session Platform Presentations**

5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
ASVCP Reception
 (open to members only)

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Ocular Slide Seminar

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Renal Slide Seminar

7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
ACVP Training Coordinators Meeting

Tuesday, November 18, 2003

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Registration

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
**ASVCP Veterinary Laboratory Professionals
 Meeting**

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
**ACVP/ASVCP Concurrent Session I
 Emerging Diseases**

- Homeland Security Concerns
- West Nile Virus, Chronic Wasting Diseases
- New Emerging Disease Centers

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
**ACVP/ASVCP Concurrent Session II
 Oxidative Stress and Tissue Injury**

- Overview of Current Understanding
- Reperfusion Injury/Lipid Oxidation in Others
- Biochemical Assays for Oxidative Stress

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
**Mini-Symposium
 Pathology of Toxic Plants**

- Pathophysiology and Diagnosis
- Plant Effects on Reproduction

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
**Exhibits Open
 Poster Session
 Career Fair**

12:00 noon-1:00 p.m.
**ACVP Gross and Microscopic Examination Slide
 Review**

1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
ACVP Congress
 (by invitation)

1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
ASVCP Clinical Cases Session

1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
**Education Specialty Group Session Platform
 Presentations**

1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
**Experimental Disease Specialty Group Session
 Platform Presentations**

1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
**Toxicologic Pathology Specialty Group Session
 Platform Presentations**

5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
ACVP Business Meeting

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
ACVP Presidential Reception
 (open to all registrants)

Wednesday, November 19, 2003

8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Registration

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
**ACVP/ASVCP Concurrent Session III
 Renal Pathology**

- Infectious and Spontaneous Diseases
- Updates on Renal Physiology
- Structure/Function and Animal Models of Human Disease

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
**ACVP/ASVCP Concurrent Session IV
 Lipids and Lipid Metabolism**

- Metabolism of Lipids
- Species Differences/Clinical Pathology Techniques
- Bile Acid Transport/Nuclear Receptors

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
**Mini-Symposium
 Pathology Informatics**

- Diagnostic Pathologist as Informatician, Bioinformatics in Pathology Research
- Broad Concepts and Vision for the Future

1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
ACVP/ASVCP Post-Meeting Workshop I
 (available for an additional fee)

Digital Imaging for Teaching and Research

- Image Management

1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
ACVP/ASVCP Post-Meeting Workshop II
 (available for an additional fee)

Ultrastructural Pathology

- Update on Techniques and Fixation
- Images from Renal Cases/Research

Today, Banff National Park (6,641 square km /2,564 square miles) is one of four adjoining mountain parks comprising more than 20,235 square km /7,813 square miles of spectacular Canadian Rocky Mountain landscape. For current visitors, bathing in these same hot springs is but one of many activities offered in Canada's foremost National Park.

Banff / Lake Louise
 Tourism Bureau

Student Chapters of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists Update

Pathology “clubs” that presently exist in other veterinary schools and colleges are strongly encouraged to endorse the formation of Student Chapters of the ACVP.

The ACVP welcomes Michigan State University (MSU) as its newest Student Chapter of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. MSU joins previously approved Student Chapters at Colorado State University, University of Illinois-Urbana, University of Tennessee, University of California-Davis, North Carolina State University, Tufts University, University of Missouri-Columbia, University of Georgia, Kansas State University, and Ohio State University.

A new “Student Chapters of the ACVP” webpage (<http://www.acvp.org/student/>) has been established on the ACVP website. This webpage gives a listing of the ACVP Student Chapters and their faculty advisors, the benefits of establishing a chapter, a copy of the model constitution and by-laws, and a listing of Student Chapter Subcommittee members who are charged with oversight of the ACVP Student Chapters.

Pathology “clubs” that presently exist in other veterinary schools and colleges are strongly encouraged to endorse the formation of Student Chapters of the ACVP.

*University of Georgia Student Chapter of the ACVP Associates
Desiree Seibt (top), Helen Gosnell (bottom),
and Shelly Logan (not pictured) staffed the
ACVP booth at the 2003 SAVMA Symposium
held at the University of Georgia.*



AVMA and State Licensure

Paul C. Stromberg, Secretary/Treasurer

Last year members in California brought to Council's attention a dilemma concerning whether or not state licensure should be required of diagnostic pathologists working privately or in commercial laboratories. Council discussed this issue and determined that the answer turned around whether or not individual states considered the activities of veterinary pathologists to constitute the practice of veterinary medicine. Unlicensed pathologists were concerned that if they approached their state veterinary boards, they may be required to sit for a clinical competency examination. Council drafted a position statement germane to this and approved it at the Annual Meeting in New Orleans in December 2002. The statement was printed in the March 2003 Newsletter. Although each state retains the right to interpret this issue as they wish, Council's position is that for those states requiring licensure for practicing veterinary pathologists, successful completion of the ACVP certification examination should qualify a veterinarian to practice veterinary pathology and that subjecting pathologists to a clinical competency examination was not relevant.

I raised this issue in February at the American Board of Veterinary Specialties meeting requesting that the AVMA take a position on state licensure for all veterinary specialists. I learned that the AVMA Practice Act Task Force just drafted a revision of the Model Practice Act in December 2002 that contains a Section 11 – Licensure By Endorsement clause stating that “The Board may, in its sole discretion, issue a limited licensure by endorsement to a qualified applicant who furnishes satisfactory proof that he is a graduate of an accredited college of veterinary medicine or holds an ECFVG certificate. The applicant must also show that he is a person of good moral character, currently holds a license to practice in at least one state, **is an active diplomate in an AVMA-recognized veterinary specialty organization, and will limit his practice to his certified specialty.**”

The AVMA House of Delegates resolved that the AVMA should include in the Model Practice Act a provision that applicants for licensure who have been granted diplomate status should be permitted to practice that specialty without further examination when all other requirements for licensure have been fulfilled. The AVMA encourages state licensing boards to

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Should state licensure be required of pathologists working privately or in commercial laboratories?

What is "ABVS"? (continued from page 1)

Certainly, of the many activities I perform for the College, my interactions with ABVS have been among the most challenging. However, our ABVS representative, **Jim Render**, who has performed this duty for almost 10 years, does the real "heavy lifting". Although I write all the reports, communications, and supporting documents to ABVS, Jim is actually at the table actively advocating our positions and interests. He reports to Council annually, and his report can be read in the Annual Business Meeting Agenda Book. We communicate throughout the year as potential problems and issues arise and we work through solutions. He has been at the forefront of the "discussions" over recognition of clinical pathology, development of toxicologic pathology as a subspecialty, recertification, continuing education, and credentialing and the pass rate on the examination. Each year he guides us through the annual review, and in 2003, the Five-Year In-Depth Review process. He is a skilled, diplomatic, and respected member of the ABVS who understands how it works. As I articulate Council's positions, Jim presents this to ABVS, and manages the debate. Often he has translated my exasperation and impatience into more effective statements of belief. Concerns, recommendations, and questions return through us to Council for discussion and action. A sort of "good cop, bad cop" approach, it's been a system that has worked very well for us largely due to his dedication and hard work. Jim will be stepping down this year, and our current alternate representative, **Lisa Miller**, will be assuming his duties. **Mark Evans** will become our new alternate representative.

The College has fared very well at the ABVS. Being the oldest and still the largest veterinary specialty, we have earned a good deal of respect from the others. Our operating procedures, examination practices, and integrity have served as a standard commonly emulated by others. We have assumed leadership in developing specialties and subspecialties. However, leadership brings with it responsibility. That responsibility includes acting appropriately and "playing ball" with ABVS; to do the right things that help to promote specialty medicine. Jim tells me that ACVP has always demonstrated willingness to participate in the debate, answer questions, and be responsive to policy concerns.

I have accompanied Jim to the Annual ABVS Meeting each year I have been in office. It's been enlightening. Several impressions stand out. One, specialty medicine needs continual oversight, and the ABVS is the appropriate agency. Two, compared with many other RVSOs we do the right things (a hallmark of good leadership) most of the time or make the attempt to and we are always responsive to ABVS's concerns. Three, we are respected by most of the representatives of the other specialties. Jim has received frequent and favorable comments about what we do and the way we do it.

Four, we are using our "political capital" appropriately and judiciously to support the things of most importance to us. This was clearly extant at AVMA headquarters this February when **President Harold Davis**, Jim, Lisa, and I represented the ACVP at the Five-Year In-Depth Review before the ABVS. Five years ago, the ABVS threatened probation over the issue of the perceived low pass rate on the ACVP certification examination unless we corrected it. In 2003, we presented a cogent argument rebutting this criticism, explaining the unique issues around our examination and outlined the College's activities under the strategic plan to enhance College membership and improve the examination success without lowering the high standards of the examination. As a result, the ABVS decided that setting minimum pass rates was not an appropriate activity for the ABVS, and that low pass rates should not be an issue in future annual and five-year reviews of the ACVP.

The ABVS is changing as older members retire and are replaced by the "new guard" with new perspectives, perhaps focusing their activity on more important global issues. It is my intention that the ACVP will continue to demonstrate "leadership" in the ABVS by responding to concerns, engaging in dialogue, meeting reporting deadlines, and serving as a role model for how an RVSO should operate. We should care about ABVS recognition because its part of our responsibility to continue the tradition of leadership begun by our Founders and continued by the long line of past officers who by their actions have contributed to the development and shaping of veterinary medicine. All of you can be proud of the College's past and current history in this regard. For now, we owe our gratitude to Jim Render for his part in this effort, and to Lisa Miller for her willingness to continue it. ■

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consider specialty licensure through a provision for board-certifying systems and permit discipline specialists to practice their specialty across state lines without requiring additional licensing examinations and the Judicial Council was instructed to modify the Model Practice Act to include such provisions.

It is uncertain when, if, and how many states will accept these recommendations or how aggressively AVMA will advance these positions. However, it is clear that there are advantages for veterinary pathologists to maintain an active license in some state. For many of us, the original license obtained in our first state of residence when we graduated from veterinary college will suffice. For our younger members, it might be wise to maintain such licenses and for older members to reacquire one. Here also is a tangible benefit accruing to ACVP's continued recognition by AVMA as a veterinary specialty organization. Lastly, Section 11 clearly

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Certainly of the many activities I perform for the College, my interactions with ABVS have been among the most "challenging".

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Obituaries

Dr. Donald R. Cordy, founding member of the Pathology Department in the School of Veterinary Medicine at UC Davis, and a charter member of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists, passed away January 23, 2003 in Redlands, California. "Cordy", as he was fondly called by friends and colleagues, was born February 17, 1913 in Wisconsin, but his family migrated to California in 1925. In 1934, he graduated from UCLA with a degree in zoology, then went to Iowa State University where he was able to obtain his DVM in 3 years (1937). Influenced by one of his professors, he decided to pursue advanced training in pathology at the New York State Veterinary College at Cornell under Dr. Peter Olafson. There was a slight glitch in his plans as there were no pathology positions open, but he made good use of the delay by obtaining an MS (1938) in pathologic bacteriology at Cornell. His PhD (1940) was on "old dog encephalitis" and from Dr. Olafson he gained his life-long passion for neuropathology. He went on to become recognized internationally as the preeminent veterinary neuropathologist in the United States.

Completion of his PhD led to his first faculty job, at Washington State University, where he taught pathology, directed the necropsy service and also put his microbiology degree to work. He had enlisted in the reserve corps as a 1st lieutenant after vet school graduation, and was called up in 1942. He served as Chief of the Veterinary Laboratory Section, Medical Laboratory & Theater Epidemiologist, China-Burma-India Theater, in which capacity he was called upon to investigate disease outbreaks among the 100 military dogs, 15,000 mules and "a few" horses deployed in the area. The end of the war found him back at Washington State University where he resumed teaching, service, and research, which included identification of the agent and epidemiology of salmon poisoning in dogs.

Hearing about the new veterinary school being opened in California, he convinced Dean George Hart that a pathologist was needed. He joined the faculty in 1950 and was a "one man show" until Drs. Peter Kennedy and Jack Moulton came to Davis in 1953. He was chair of the Department of Pathology from its inception in 1960 until 1969, when he went on sabbatical to the University of Hawaii. From the earliest days of the pathology program at UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, Cordy stressed the importance of a balanced approach to pathologic investigations and the essential importance of keeping in mind the whole animal and the disease epidemiology while investigating the tissues, cellular, and molecular aspects of pathogenesis. The post DVM combined residency and PhD program begun by Cordy is ongoing, and, thanks to his foresight, nearly 15% of the Diplomates of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists have their roots in Davis. He was also a favorite professor of second year veterinary students, who awarded him the Outstanding Teacher Award.

He had an insatiable curiosity about the pathogenesis of many different diseases. However, his passion was neuropathology. He described and investigated many disorders including yellow star thistle poisoning, pug dog encephalitis, canine granulomatous meningoencephalomyelitis, caprine encephalomyelomalacia, and neuroaxonal dystrophy and other hereditary neurologic syndromes in cattle. He pursued his interest in these diseases at UC Davis, and while on sabbaticals at Cambridge University in England and Massey University in New Zealand. Although he retired from the faculty in 1983, he continued to publish for many years and remained interested and engaged in veterinary pathology until his death.

Those wishing to continue the legacy of Dr. Cordy may do so by contributing to the endowment for the Cordy Prize. Memorial gifts should be made payable to the UC Regents, and directed to: Cordy Prize in Veterinary Pathology, Development Office, School of Veterinary Medicine, UC Davis, One Shields Ave., Davis, CA 95616.

Dr. Raymond E. Reed, passed away on October 23, 2002. He was a veteran of World War II when he flew P-38 fighters in the Aleutian Theater. He received his DVM from Washington State University in 1951, and then went into general veterinary practice. He then accepted a position in the Department of Veterinary Sciences at the University of Arizona, and was noted for his continued study of Coccidiomycosis. A Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists, he was instrumental in establishing the Arizona Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at Tucson. While on sabbatical leave at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, he assisted in the establishment of, and served as the first Director of the Registry of Comparative Pathology. Memorials may be made to the Ray and Verley Reed Pathology Graduate Student Award, Washington State University, College of Veterinary Medicine, Pullman, WA, 99164-7040.

Dr. Reginald Thomson, passed away December 14, 2002. An emeritus Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists, he also served on the Examination Committee. He published *Thomson's General Veterinary Pathology*, and edited *Special Veterinary Pathology*. He was founding Dean and Professor of Pathology at the Atlantic Veterinary College in Charlottetown, P. E. I., Canada. Earlier in his career, he chaired the Department of Pathology at the University of Guelph, was planning coordinator for Atlantic Veterinary College for three years, and served at the University of Saskatchewan. His research interests included pneumonia in cattle, particularly shipping fever, and he was editor of the *Canadian Journal of Comparative Medicine* for 12 years. He is survived by his wife, Helen, and four daughters.

Upcoming Events

Society of Toxicologic Pathology Annual Meeting

The 22nd Annual Meeting of the Society of Toxicologic Pathology (STP), "The Human Genome: Implications for Toxicologic Pathology and Carcinogenesis," will be held in Savannah, Georgia, June 15-19. For further meeting information, please check the meeting website (<http://eshow2000.com/STP/home.cfm>). For general information, visit the STP website (www.toxpath.org).

International Veterinary Vaccines and Diagnostics Conference

The 3rd International Veterinary Vaccines and Diagnostics Conference will be held at the University of Guelph from July 13-18, 2003. On-line registration and a detailed program for the meeting are now available at <http://www.IVVDC.org>. The deadline for Abstracts was April 30, and the early registration deadline is May 30.

Division of Animal Clinical Chemistry Edutrak Meeting at AACC Annual Meeting

The Division of Animal Clinical Chemistry (DACC) will host a full-day Edutrak on Wednesday, July 23 at the AACC annual meeting in Philadelphia, PA. The topic will be "Endocrine Disruptors: Public Health Concerns and Controversies." All are invited to attend. For registration info, see www.aacc.org/meetings.

7th Current Laboratory Animal Science Seminar (CLASS)

This seminar will be held August 3-4, 2003 at the Doubletree Hotel, Rockville, MD. The Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, the American Registry of Pathology and the C.L. Davis DVM Foundation jointly sponsor this seminar. This intensive 2-day seminar provides a comprehensive review of selected topics in laboratory animal science and medicine. It is intended to serve the needs of veterinarians across a broad spectrum: entry-level laboratory animal medicine, clinical veterinarians, researchers, residents, training program directors, and facility directors. The seminar includes lectures on animal models, research methods, medicine and surgery, emerging diseases, occupational health issues, regulations, laws and guidelines, alternatives to laboratory animals, and facility management. For more information contact Course Coordinator Mr. Ricky Giles, Department of Medical Education, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, DC 20306-6000. Tel: (202) 782-2637, Toll Free: (800) 577-3749, E-mail: came@afip.osd.mil. Visit our Website and register: <http://www.afip.org/edu>.

48th Pathology of Laboratory Animals (POLA)

This course will be held August 5-8, 2003 at the Doubletree Hotel, Rockville, MD. The Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, the American Registry of Pathology, and the C.L. Davis Foundation jointly sponsor this course. The course is designed primarily for veterinarians and other allied scientists who are responsible for the recognition and interpretation of lesions in laboratory animals. It is intended to help attendees interpret spontaneous diseases which might affect experimental results, or alter the health of laboratory animals. Pathology will receive major emphasis in the course, but other features of diseases such as etiology, diagnosis, and control will also be given attention. The course will encompass a wide range of diseases including infectious, neoplastic, iatrogenic, nutritional and metabolic conditions in a variety of laboratory animal species. For more information contact Course Coordinator Mr. Ricky Giles, Department of Medical Education, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, DC 20306-6000. Tel: (202) 782-2637, Toll Free: (800) 577-3749, E-mail: came@afip.osd.mil. Visit our Website and register: <http://www.afip.org/edu>.

European College of Veterinary Pathologists/ European Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology Annual Conference

The ECVP and ESVCP will hold its continuing education days September 2-4, 2003 at the Swedish University of Agricultural Science, Uppsala, Sweden, in conjunction with the ECVIM-CA Congress. For information and registration forms, visit the website at http://www.ecvim-ca.org/ecvim-ca_congress.htm.

European Society of Veterinary Pathology Annual Meeting

The 21st Annual Meeting of the European Society of Veterinary Pathology will be held jointly with the British Society of Toxicological Pathologists at the Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, from September 10-13, 2003. For further information, please visit the conference website at www.esvp2003.com.

European School for Advanced Veterinary Studies Course in Veterinary Neuropathology

The European School for Advanced Veterinary Studies (ESAVS) will hold a new intensive course in Veterinary Neuropathology (www.esavs.net/program03/neurop.html). This course will be held in Bern (CH) from September 20-24, 2003. For further information contact the ESAVS at Schadtengasse 2, D-55765 Birkenfeld, Germany, Phone: +49-6782-2329, <http://www.esavs.net/>.

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Announcements

Wisconsin Ocular Pathology Teaching Set

A set of 100 microscopic slides selected to illustrate the spectrum of diseases of the eyes of dogs and cats, and a teaching text by Dr. Richard Dubielzig is available for purchase for \$700. Checks can be made out to the University of Wisconsin Foundation, and orders sent to Kate Lieber, School of Veterinary Medicine, 2015 Linden Drive, Madison, WI 53706. For further information, please contact Kate Lieber at (608) 263-4958.

Position Announcements

Employers can post a position announcement for \$100 on the ACVP website's Career Center at http://www.acvp.org/career/career_fair1.php. The 2002 Employment Survey can be viewed at <http://www.acvp.org/career/employsurv.pdf>. Professional classified advertisements published in *Veterinary Pathology* can also be viewed at <http://www.acvp.org/career/PCA.htm>.

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American College of Toxicology

The 24th Annual Meeting of the American College of Toxicology (ACT) will be held at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, DC from November 2-5, 2003. This year's meeting will feature a series of symposia that reflects upon the relationship between toxicology and genomic research. For further information, please contact the ACT at (301) 571-1840, or visit their website at www.actox.org. ■

Submission of Articles and Information for the ACVP Newsletter

Articles and information to be published in the ACVP Newsletter should be submitted to the Newsletter Editor, Mike Topper. The preferred method is electronically via email at mtopper@genelogic.com. Alternately, they can be faxed to (240) 631-1317. The Newsletter is currently published quarterly in March, June, September, and December. In order to meet deadlines for printing and mailing of the Newsletter in hardcopy, submitted materials must be received by January 15 for the March issue, April 15 for the June issue, July 15 for the September issue, and October 15 for the December issue. In the future, if the Newsletter is primarily sent out electronically, then these deadlines will be adjusted accordingly.

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states that specialty status is recognized only for active diplomats in the specialty; another reason to keep your dues current. ACVP enjoys an extremely high retention rate of its members for a variety of reasons, I am sure. Once you pass the examination, you become a member; but **active membership requires annual dues**. An additional benefit of active ACVP membership now appears to be AVMA recognition of your status as a veterinary specialist with potential implications for licensure and employment opportunities. ■



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