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NEWSLETTER **Winter 2009**

News from the President

Message from the President:

The ACVM Board of Governors met in Chicago at the Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases meeting in December 2008. It was a very productive meeting and we were able to address and resolve many important issues of the College. Please see the Minutes of the Meeting which are posted on our website.

We have made considerable progress in the last 4-5 years in many aspects of the College. The visibility and significance of our College are improving and as a result we have seen the number of applications for certification go up in all three areas of the College. These application increases are a good indicator that our College is on solid footing and on the right path for a better future. I believe this future depends, not only on certifying more diplomates, but also engaging the current diplomates in the activities of the College. It is imperative that we make every effort to sustain the current growth and development of the College. Therefore, I urge you to be an active member and participate in College activities on a regular basis.

We have recently begun the administrative process to approve Veterinary Parasitology as a subspecialty within the ACVM. This process is moving forward smoothly. Dr. Chris Hayhow, our Secretary-Treasurer and ACVM Representative to the ABVS, will be assisting the parasitology group in the

process. We will keep you informed of any new developments regarding this process.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the Diplomates who volunteered to serve on various committees and other related activities of the College during this past year. Special thanks to Dr. Chris Hayhow for his outstanding service to the College as our Secretary-Treasurer.

Happy New Year!

M.M. Chengappa

News

New Diplomates

We had another successful year certifying new diplomates. The four (4) new diplomates for 2008 are Dr. April Johnson, Dr. Won-Il Kim, Dr. Orhan Sahin and Dr. David White. In addition, Dr. Rebecca Wilkes was certified in an additional subspecialty. Please join me in welcoming our newest ACVM Diplomates!

Dr. X.J. Meng was introduced as a new ACVM Honorary Diplomat in December at the ACVM banquet in Chicago. Dr. Meng is a Professor at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia. During his distinguished career he determined the sequence of the first U.S. isolate of porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus when he was still a graduate

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student. In addition, Dr. Meng was instrumental in the invention of the first USDA fully-licensed vaccine (Suvaxyn® PCV2 One Dose™) against porcine circovirus and its associated diseases (“PCVAD”). He discovered swine hepatitis E virus from pigs in the United States, and established a pig model for the study of human hepatitis E. Dr. Meng also discovered avian hepatitis E virus in chickens and established a chicken model to study human hepatitis E virus. The discoveries of swine HEV in pigs and avian HEV in chickens has allowed Dr. Meng to develop two unique animal model systems (chickens and pigs) to study various aspects of HEV replication and pathogenesis, and conduct HEV vaccine trial studies in chickens and pigs. Please welcome Dr. Meng as our newest ACVM Honorary Diplomat!



Pictured in photo from left to right are Drs. April Johnson, Won-II Kim, Subhashinie Kariyawasam and Carmencita Yason



Dr. X.J. Meng receiving award from ACVM President Dr. M.M. Chengappa



Pictured in photo from left to right are Dr. Carlton Gyles, M.M. Chengappa and James Roth

ACVM board meeting in Chicago, Illinois

The ACVM held a meeting on December 7, 2008 in conjunction with the CRWAD meeting in Chicago, Illinois. Following is a brief summary of some of the meeting discussions. Chris Hayhow reported that we have renewed our non-profit status with the State of Illinois and our change of agent with the AVMA and State of Illinois was approved. On December 31, 2007, we had a balance of \$33,138.24 in our checking account and \$16,011.60 in CD's, for a total of \$49,149.84. On November 1, 2008, we had a balance of \$33,747.56 in our checking account and \$16,380.13 in CD's, for a total of \$50,127.69. A detailed itemized report of our income and expenses for the last year was reviewed. The proposed

budget for 2009 was reviewed. Hollis Utah Cox (LSU) and Pedro Villegas (UGA) were approved for ACVM Emeritus status. Congratulations gentlemen on this well deserved award! It was also reported that Richard L. Walker (UC Davis) had recently passed away. Dr. Amelia Woolums, Chair of the ACVM Examinations Committee reported that during 2008 the committee held three workshops to update the examinations. All of the Part II examinations have been updated and the Part I examinations continue to be reviewed and revised as needed. This year we had eight (8) candidates sit for the general exam with three (3) achieving a passing score (3/8 or 37.5%). Six (6) candidates sat for the virology examination and three (3) passed (3/6 or 50%). Six (6) candidates sat for the immunology examination and one (1) passed (1/6 or 16.7%). Nine (9) candidates sat for the bacteriology/mycology examination and three (3) passed (3/9 or 33.3%). There were seven (7) passing scores for the 21 specialty examinations administered (7/21 or 33.3%). The net result was four (4) new diplomates were certified and one (1) diplomate added an additional subspecialty. The new diplomates for 2008, which were certified in virology are April Johnson, Won-Il Kim, and David White. Dr. Orhan Sahin is a new diplomate certified in Bacteriology / Mycology, and Dr. Rebecca Wilkes was certified in the additional subspecialty of Bacteriology / Mycology. There was an excellent ACVM symposium held, which was entitled "Stress and Innate Immunity." Our college can be very proud of the quality of these annual symposia. Fund raising efforts are under way to support the ACVM activities at the 2009 CRWAD meeting. All financial support is appreciated. If you have any information concerning potential contributors please contact Scott McVey. At the 2008 CRWAD meeting we bestowed the third "Distinguished Veterinary Microbiologist" award to Dr. Carlton L. Gyles. Congratulations Carton on receipt of this prestigious award. If you are aware of a potential candidate for this award please contact the ACVM Nominating Committee for more details. In 2009, we will elect three new ACVM Board of Governors' members. If you are interested in running for the ACVM Board please contact Sanjeev Narayanan, Chair of the ACVM Nominating Committee for more details. Steven Olsen, Chair of the ACVM Graduate Students Award Committee reported that 9 posters and 20 papers were evaluated. The winners are reported elsewhere in this newsletter. President M.M. Chengappa reported that we are continuing to

make progress on potentially adding a new subspecialty to our college. A group of parasitologists submitted a petition to AVMA and we submitted a letter in support of their request to be added to our college. These documents will be reviewed by AVMA and the American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS). The approval process for this new subspecialty will take some time as we work through the AVMA / ABVS requirements. It is anticipated that comments will be solicited from the AVMA membership and in the meantime guidelines for the new subspecialty jointly developed. We will keep everyone updated on the activities and progress.

ACVM banquet

At the ACVM banquet on Monday December 8, 2008 several diplomates were recognized. Dr. Jim Roth was recognized for serving as ACVM president for the last four years. Jim did a tremendous job leading us as President from 2004-2008. Dr. Mary DeBey was also recognized as the outgoing ACVM Vice President for 2006-2008. Thank you both for your tremendous service to the college!



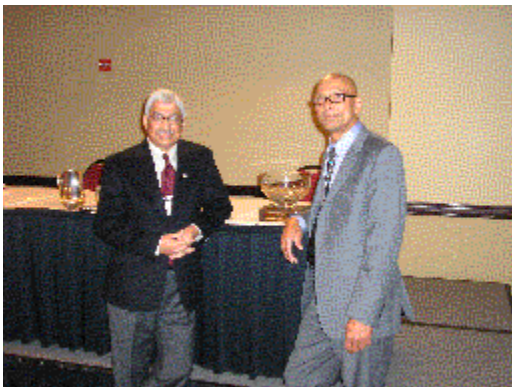
Dr. J.A. Roth receiving award for outstanding service from ACVM President Dr. M.M. Chengappa.



Dr. M.C. DeBey receiving award for outstanding service from ACVM President Dr. M.M. Chengappa.



Pictured in photo from left to right are standing Chris Hayhow and Dean Donald Reynolds, sitting Dr. Mo Saif and Dr. Linda Saif.



Dr. Carlton L. Gyles was recognized as the ACVM Distinguished Veterinary Microbiologist for 2008.

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2009 Board Meeting at AVMA in Seattle, WA

All ACVM Diplomates are invited to attend the ACVM Board of Governors' meeting to be held in conjunction with the AVMA meeting in Seattle, Washington. Please plan on attending the ACVM Annual and Board of Governors' Meeting. The agenda and location of the meeting will be placed on the ACVM web site as soon as it is confirmed and available.

ACVM Award Winners at CRWAD

Don Kahn Award (\$400 and plaque)
Presentation #180: "Reproductive effects of PCV2 in semen when used for artificial insemination." By D.M. Madson et al., Iowa State University, Department of Veterinary Diagnostic and Production Animal Medicine, Iowa State University

Best *in vivo* oral presentation (\$200 and plaque)
Presentation #163: "Prevalence of Malignant Catarrhal Fever virus-White Tailed Deer variant in Tennessee hunter harvested deer." By Robin L. Cissell et al., University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine, Comparative and Experimental Medicine Graduate Program, Department of Comparative Medicine, Knoxville, Tennessee

Best *in vitro* oral presentation (\$200 and plaque)
Presentation #9: "Fibronectin-binding activity on a surface exposed domain within the C-terminal variable region of *Leptospira interrogans* LigB protein." By Y.P. Lin et al., College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University, Department of Population Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences, Ithaca, New York

Best molecular oral presentation (\$200 and plaque)
Presentation #3: "Mycobacterium avium subspecies paratuberculosis transcriptionally regulates apoptotic genes in the bovine macrophage." By E. Kabara et al., Department of Biochemistry and Center for Animal functional Genomics, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

Best poster (\$200 and plaque)
Poster # 3: "Suppression of bovine mammary epithelial cell immune responses by intracellular

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Staphylococcus aureus." By R.J. Ortiz-Marty et al., Department of Dairy Science, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia

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New Directions

Currently the Board of Governors is considering changes that will affect continuing education and the professional recognition of ACVM. If any diplomates have any suggestions or comments please contact one of the ACVM Board of Governors members or one of the ACVM officers.

ACVM on the Internet

Please note the ACVM website address is www.acvm.us/. The site contains meeting minutes, the history, goals, directory, Constitution, By-laws, instructions for potential candidates and an application form. All members should review the updated website. Any suggestions for changes are welcome.

Dues Status

Dues are \$80 per year. They are due by July each year. If you have not paid your dues for 2009 or for any past year(s) please submit payment to my attention as soon as possible. Please make remittances payable to ACVM by check drawn on a US bank or by international money order and mail directly to me. *Emeritus or honorary diplomates do not need to pay dues* (donations are always welcome). Emeritus diplomates can vote, but not honorary diplomates. Please note that dues are \$80 per year.

Send Suggestions To Improve ACVM

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Obituary of Richard L. Walker

A memorial service was held for Richard Walker, ACVM Diplomate, who died Dec. 1 in Bodega Bay, Calif., at age 56. Authorities are investigating his death as a probable suicide.

Walker was one of the founding faculty members in the California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory, a veterinary diagnostic lab operated by the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine for the State of California. At the lab, he diagnosed and studied infectious diseases that affect animals, especially livestock and poultry.

"Dr. Walker is greatly missed, not only as a colleague and friend, but also as one of the leading clinical diagnostic bacteriologists in the country," said Hailu Kinde, interim director of the California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory. "He was a perfectionist and a person of high integrity, who performed his job with great commitment and pride," Kinde said. "He made tremendous contributions to our laboratory's bacteriology program from its infancy and as it grew to become a highly acclaimed laboratory."

Alex Ardans, a UC Davis veterinary professor and director emeritus of the diagnostic laboratory, said that Walker was nationally regarded as the ultimate authority in his area. "He brought unique talents that guided the scholarly development of the lab's bacteriology section into one whose results are respected and trusted by producers and veterinarians, as well as animal health and public health officials," Ardans said. "His keen intellect was especially evident in the section where he constantly sought approaches to ensure definitive results," Ardans said. "Rich quietly implemented modern molecular biology into daily use, allowing for rapid results and the discovery of new pathogens previously undetectable by conventional methods. His innovative approaches helped shape quality assurance programs throughout the nation's animal health diagnostic laboratories."

Bennie Osburn, dean of the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, noted that, although Walker

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was a distinguished, nationally recognized bacteriologist, "he was always available to sit down at a microscope to solve the difficult individual case, where routine tests failed. "However aside from his professional acumen, he was a wonderful human being, a true gentleman, a good friend to his colleagues and staff, and it is these personal attributes that truly distinguished him," Osburn said.

to Habitat for Humanity.



Walker was born April 22, 1952, in San Francisco and lived most of his early years in the Bay Area, where he graduated from Junipero Serra High School in San Mateo, California. He received a bachelor's degree in microbiology from Colorado State University, Fort Collins, in 1974. At UC Davis, he earned his doctor of veterinary medicine degree in 1980, a master of preventive veterinary medicine degree in 1984, and a Ph.D. in comparative pathology in 1985, all from the School of Veterinary Medicine.

In 1971, Walker met DeeDee Hanna when they were undergraduates at Colorado State. The couple married in 1980 and established their first home in Atascadero, Calif. Their daughter, Mary, was born in 1991.

Walker was a member of the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists and the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians. He also was a member of the American Society for Microbiologists, American College of Veterinary Microbiologists, Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases and American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians.

His family noted that in addition to his professional interests, he enjoyed spending time with his family and rarely missed one of his daughter's many sports events. He loved all types of home construction projects and spent many happy hours roaming the aisles of Home Depot. When time permitted, he loved walking the beaches of Northern California and playing golf.

In addition to his wife and daughter, both of Davis, Walker is survived by his father, Richard Walker Sr. of Aptos; sister, Kathy Hurley of La Selva Beach; brother, Andrew Walker of Carmel; and sister, Mary Smaby of Atascadero. He also leaves many cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family prefers that memorial donations be sent

Dues Owed for 2008

Ali, Akbar
Allen, Gary K.
Angulo, Arthur B.
Archambault, Marie
Besser, Thomas E.
Bowersock, Terry L.
Brodie, Scott J.
Bulgin, Marie S.
Carlson, Jack H.
Castro, Anthony E.
Cho, Yung
Collins, Michael T.
Corapi, Wayne V.
Dee, Scott A.
Eleraky, Nasser
Ellis, John A.
Ellsworth, Steven R.
Eriks, Inge S.
Fenwick, Brad W.
Fisch, Harvey
Garmendia, Antonio E.
Givens, Maurice Daniel
Griffith, Ronald W.
Grooms, Daniel L.
Guy, James S.
Hennessy, Kristina J.
Hodgson, Jennifer
Hong, Chou C.
Isaacson, Jeffrey A.
Issel, Charles J.
Kapil, Sanjay
Kleiboeker, Steven B.
Kowalski, Joseph J.
Labrecque, Olivia
Lalonde, Guy
Lester, Thomas L.
Loan, Raymond W.
Messier, Serge
Morton, Rebecca J.
Naqi, Syed A.
Narayanan, Sanjeev K.
Newbound, Garret C.
Nusbaum, Kenneth E.
Odemuyiwa, Solomon O.
Panigrahy, Brundaban
Pearson, Leonard D.
Plavsic, Z. Mark
Potgieter, Leon N.D.
Pugh Jr., George W.
Rajeev, Sreekumari
Reddy, Chilekampalli A.

Reddy, P. Gopal
Reggiardo, Carlos
Rice, Robert M.
Ross, Richard F.
Saliki, Jeremiah T.
Scanlan, Charles M.
Schlater, Linda Kelley
Simmons, Donald G.
Simpson, Russell B.
Sriranganathan, Nammalwar
Srivastava, Kunwar K.
Stephenson, Edward H.
Subbiah, Elankumaran
Swinford (White), Amy K.
Tewari, Deepanker
Thompson, James P.
Toth, Thomas E.
Tresnan, Dina Barbis
Tudoriu, Constantin D.
Velayudhan, Binu T.
Wilcox, Graham E.
Williams, Robert Dee
Wooley, Richard E.
Zhang, Yan J.

Dues Owed for 2007

Ali, Akbar
Allen, Gary K.
Angulo, Arthur B.
Archambault, Marie
Brodie, Scott J.
Bulgin, Marie S.
Carlson, Jack H.
Cho, Yung
Corapi, Wayne V.
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Fisch, Harvey
Garmendia, Antonio E.
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Grooms, Daniel L.
Hennessy, Kristina J.
Hong, Chou C.
Isaacson, Jeffrey A.
Issel, Charles J.
Kleiboeker, Steven B.
Kowalski, Joseph J.
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Lester, Thomas L.

Loan, Raymond W.
Morton, Rebecca J.
Naqi, Syed A.
Narayanan, Sanjeev K.
Newbound, Garret C.
Nusbaum, Kenneth E.
Odemuyiwa, Solomon O.
Panigrahy, Brundaban
Pearson, Leonard D.
Potgieter, Leon N.D.
Pugh Jr., George W.
Reddy, Chilekampalli A.
Reggiardo, Carlos
Rice, Robert M.
Ross, Richard F.
Saliki, Jeremiah T.
Scanlan, Charles M.
Simpson, Russell B.
Stephenson, Edward H.
Tewari, Deepanker
Toth, Thomas E.
Tresnan, Dina Barbis
Tudoriu, Constantin D.
Velayudhan, Binu T.
Williams, Robert Dee
Wooley, Richard E.
Zhang, Yan J.

Dues Owed for 2006

Ali, Akbar
Angulo, Arthur B.
Brodie, Scott J.
Carlson, Jack H.
Cho, Yung
Corapi, Wayne V.
Dee, Scott A.
Eleraky, Nasser
Ellis, John A.
Eriks, Inge S.
Fisch, Harvey
Garmendia, Antonio E.
Grooms, Daniel L.
Hong, Chou C.
Isaacson, Jeffrey A.
Issel, Charles J.
Kowalski, Joseph J.
Lalonde, Guy
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Nusbaum, Kenneth E.
Pearson, Leonard D.
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Reddy, Chilekampalli A.
Stephenson, Edward H.
Toth, Thomas E.
Tresnan, Dina Barbis
Tudoriu, Constantin D.
Williams, Robert Dee
Wooley, Richard E.

Dues Owed for 2005

Ali, Akbar
Angulo, Arthur B.
Brodie, Scott J.
Carlson, Jack H.
Cho, Yung
Corapi, Wayne V.
Dee, Scott A.
Eleraky, Nasser
Eriks, Inge S.
Fisch, Harvey
Garmendia, Antonio E.
Hong, Chou C.
Issel, Charles J.
Kowalski, Joseph J.
Lalonde, Guy
Lester, Thomas L.
Loan, Raymond W.
Naqi, Syed A.
Nusbaum, Kenneth E.
Tudoriu, Constantin D.
Williams, Robert Dee
Wooley, Richard E.

Dues Owed for 2004

Ali, Akbar
Angulo, Arthur B.
Carlson, Jack H.
Cho, Yung
Corapi, Wayne V.
Eleraky, Nasser
Eriks, Inge S.
Fisch, Harvey
Garmendia, Antonio E.
Issel, Charles J.
Kowalski, Joseph J.
Lalonde, Guy
Lester, Thomas L.
Loan, Raymond W.

Naqi, Syed A.
Tudoriu, Constantin D.
Williams, Robert Dee
Wooley, Richard E.

Dues Owed for 2003

Ali, Akbar
Angulo, Arthur B.
Carlson, Jack H.
Eleraky, Nasser
Eriks, Inge S.
Fisch, Harvey
Frank, Glynn H.
Garmendia, Antonio E.
Issel, Charles J.
Kowalski, Joseph J.
Lester, Thomas L.
Williams, Robert Dee

Dues Owed for 2002

Ali, Akbar
Carlson, Jack H.
Eleraky, Nasser
Eriks, Inge S.
Issel, Charles J.
Kowalski, Joseph J.
Lester, Thomas L.
Williams, Robert Dee

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Kowalski, Joseph J.
Last paid 6/94

Issel, Charles
Last paid 6/97

Carlson, Jack H.
Last paid 6/98

Lester, Thomas L.
Last paid 6/98