President’s Message

By Anne Provencher Bolliger, ASVCP President

Dear fellow ASVCP members

Hard to believe, but it is now my turn to write the President’s message and it is with excitement, admixed with a “mild degree of anxiety”, that I now embrace this new responsibility, hoping to live up to the high standards set by all the past presidents of our Society.

Another busy year for the Society has passed, and thanks to the leadership and hard work of our past president, Marlyn Whitney, the Executive Board, our management group, the committees and all the members, the year was filled with many exciting projects and accomplishments.

As described in Marlyn Whitney’s “State of the Society”, we continue to do well. The congress in Montreal was well attended, and I would like to thank all organizers and speakers for providing great educational opportunities for the membership. We are already preparing for Atlanta in 2014 and are looking ahead to 2015, where the Society will celebrate its 50th anniversary.

In 2014, discussions with ACVP council will continue about issues important to the membership, including credentialing of individuals seeking undertaking a 2nd specialty, re-certification of diplomates, training programs, etc...

Our specialty being still relatively “young” in comparison to others, we are facing many challenges as our areas of expertise extend into several scientific and medical disciplines, and we need to evolve with the rapidly changing discipline of laboratory medicine, whether working in academia, diagnostics or industry.

The Society will continue to reach out and build relationships with other professional groups sharing our interests, including our European colleagues from the ESVCP/ECVCP and the NAVTA, via our active Facebook page, our website and different initiatives/papers prepared by our committees that provide us with more visibility. - continued on page 3

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The ASVCP is a nonprofit scientific organization dedicated to the promotion of scientific advancement, education, and standards in veterinary laboratory medicine. Our members include veterinary clinical pathologists and trainees, medical technologists, specialty veterinarians, and diagnosticians in veterinary and medical schools, biomedical and pharmaceutical companies, diagnostic and government laboratories, and private veterinary practices throughout the United States and in over 20 countries worldwide.

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Our membership remains our greater strength and the participation of everyone is needed to keep the Society “alive and kicking”. As you have heard from many of the EB and/or committee members around you: “volunteer and join in the fun!”. No contribution is too small and everyone can bring something. Whether you are trainee, early in your career or a more experienced individual, being involved with the Society provides many rewards, including networking, mentoring, the possibility to learn and benefit from others’ experiences and perspective, and mostly friends for life! Active members are essential also to ensure succession within committees and the EB. Please think about it and never hesitate to contact any of the EB members if you are not sure or would like to have more information about volunteering.

It will be my pleasure and honor to serve the ASVCP in 2014 and I am looking forward to working with you all; I hope you and all your loved ones have a great year ahead and wish you all the very best for 2014!

Happy Holidays!
Anne

President’s Message - continued

Marlyn Whitney

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Though we are in relatively good financial standing considering our slow national economic recovery, financial constraints still delay or prevent us from developing or expanding some of the educational resources we want to make available to you. We are exploring the possibility of partnering with ACVP to develop shared infrastructure for educational resource development and maintenance. Chuck Wiedmeyer has enthusiastically volunteered to serve as the new Chair of our Share the Future Committee. A strong STF committee will help our efforts by increasing donations from both individuals and corporations.

Again, I thank all of you who contributed to the success of the Society during the past year and before. I feel honored to have served as your President. I encourage all of you to consider supporting our Society in the future by participating in committees, running for an office, helping review abstracts or manuscripts, nominating individuals for awards, and/or by making any size monetary contribution you can to Share the Future.

State of the Society

By Marlyn Whitney, Immediate Past President

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ASVCP Officers Update

New officers were inducted at the conclusion of the ASVCP Annual Business Meeting on November 17, 2013, in Montreal, Canada. Leslie Sharkey, 2013 Immediate Past President, retired from the Executive Board. Thanks to Leslie for all her hard work on behalf of ASVCP over the past five years!

The ASVCP officers and Executive Board members for the upcoming year are:

- President: Anne Provencher Bolliger
- President Elect: Jeffrey McCartney
- 2013-2015 Executive Board member: Linda Vap
- 2014-2016 Executive Board member: Tracy Stokol
- Secretary: Robin Allison
- Treasurer: Jennifer Johns
- Immediate Past President: Marlyn Whitney
- ACVP Council Representative: Anne Barger
- Executive Director: Susan Rees

Membership Report

Fifty one new members were welcomed into the ASVCP at the 2013 Annual Business Meeting in Montreal. Our total membership stands at 632. Electronic membership renewal is available at http://www.asvcp.org on the Member’s Only page. Our new members are listed below. Welcome to all!

- James Belanger
- Catherine Benson
- Jennifer Brazell
- Caitlyn Carter
- Lauren Celano
- Caroline Cluzel
- Annie Dechamps
- Allison Dusick
- Jade Fisher
- Luca Giori
- Jospeph Hampel
- Sally Henderson
- Kendall Houlihan
- Eloise Jillings
- So Ra Lee
- Linda Luther
- Brian Meyer
- Paola Monti
- Kristin Nunez
- Chirag Patel
- Mayu Uchihashi
- Kellie Whipple
- Laura Wilding
- Amber Wolfe
- Jason Wright
- Gloria Daniel-Igwe
- Jorge Garcia
- Marja Astrid Oscos Snowball
- Lisa Viesselmann
- Jessica Waffle
- Midori Asakawa
- Nora Berghoff
- Marigold Ernst
- Jennifer Hedrick
- Daniel Heinrich
- Diana Hoffman
- Emma Hooijberg
- Lisa Kelly
- Nicole Kohart
- Holly Minard
- Saverio Paltrinieri
- Aline Baumann Rocha
- Nancy Treadwell
- Nina Zitzer
- Eric Fish
- Sunao Fujita
- Bridget Lewis
- Tracy Lindquist
- Shana Michael
- Adi Wasserkrug Naor
- Rina Nabeta

2013 ACVP Clinical Pathology Diplomates

Congratulations to all these new diplomates!

Certified in Clinical Pathology:

- Regan Rene Walker Bell
- Paola Cazzini
- Jennifer R. Cook
- Karen Eubank Dorsey
- Josely Ferreira Figueiredo
- Jordan Michael Fromstein
- Erika Gruber
- Matthew P. Harris
- Katy Jacocks
- Unity Jeffery
- Paola Monti
- Elizabeth Jane O’Neil
- Jelena Palic
- Julia Kathryn Ryseff
- Andrea Siegel
- Nora L. Springer
- Nicole Indra Stacy
- Devorah Ann Marks Stowe
- Koranda A. Wallace
- Emily M. Pieczarka
- Kathryn Lee Wycislo
- Shawn Marie Zimmerman

Previously certified in Anatomic Pathology:

- Yanina Costecalde
- Jennifer Stewart

Career Opportunities

To view recent classified ads, visit the ASVCP Career Opportunities Page (www.asvcp.org/career/index.cfm). To place a classified ad, please contact the ASVCP at info@asvcp.org for more information.

- Veterinary Clinical Pathologist - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, Assistant or Associate Professor, Clinical Pathology, Iowa State University
- Clinical Pathologist-AVRL
- Term Clinical Associate Position in Veterinary Clinical Pathology - University of Saskatchewan
- Veterinary Clinical Pathology Residency - University of Florida
- Veterinary Clinical Pathologist - AbbVie
- Assistant or Associate Professor of Veterinary Medicine - Ross University
- Veterinary Clinical Pathologist - Gribbles Veterinary
- Doctor of Veterinary Science (DVSc) in - Clinical Pathology - University of Guelph
- Residency in Clinical Pathology - University of Wisconsin-Madison
Dr. Jeanne George, the 2013 recipient of the ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award, was recognized at a ceremony held on November 18 in Montreal at the society’s annual meeting. Dr. Dori Borjesson, former trainee and colleague of Dr. George, described many fascinating details of Jeanne’s professional journey. She was the only woman in the Cornell School of Veterinary Medicine, Class of 1971, and completed both a clinical pathology residency and internship in large animal surgery at Cornell. Her partnership with husband and large animal clinician Lisle George resulted in numerous contributions to the literature on topics such as red maple leaf poisoning and hypophosphatemia in goats with urolithiasis. Her journey included stops at Louisiana State University and University of Georgia, before arriving at her final home at University of California-Davis, where she is now Professor Emeritus. She has been a courageous teacher and gifted mentor to many young clinical pathologists, demonstrating professional competence and expertise in all she has touched.

Congratulations to Dr. George on this well-deserved recognition! Please click here (http://www.asvcp.org/awards/la/2013jg.cfm) to read more about why she was deserving of the ASVCP’s highest honor. The award recognizes members of the ASVCP who have contributed to the advancement of the field of veterinary clinical pathology through their research and teaching, and through their work on behalf of the American Society for Clinical Pathology.

The ASVCP Education Committee is pleased to announce that Dr. Bridget Garner is the recipient of the 2013 ASVCP Educator Award. The award was presented to Dr. Garner at the ACVP/ASVCP conference in Montreal. Dr. Garner has been an assistant professor of pathology at the University of Georgia since 2010 and has already established herself as an outstanding educator through excellence in teaching and mentoring of veterinary students, clinical pathology residents, graduate students, and laboratory professionals. Please visit the ASVCP website (http://www.asvcp.org/awards/educator/2013bg.cfm) to learn more about Dr. Garner’s accomplishments and contributions as an educator. Congratulations Dr. Garner!

The topic for this year’s Education Forum was continuing education (CE) for practicing veterinarians and was entitled “Perceived Needs for Continuing Education in Clinical Pathology: A Survey of Practicing Veterinarians and Clinical Pathologists”. Earlier this year, a survey was sent to both veterinarians and clinical pathologist to determine the perceived need/interest for CE in various topics from the perspective of each group. The survey was completed by 765 veterinarians and 110 clinical pathologists. Results of the survey were presented and discussed at the forum highlighting differences and similarities between the two groups. A VIN rounds moderated by Dr. Jennifer Brazzell is scheduled for mid-January 2014 where she will also review the results of the survey with VIN members. Following this online rounds session, survey results and a summary of discussion points/feedback from the VIN rounds will be made available.
2013 ASVCP Young Investigator Awards

The ASVCP presented two $500 awards to the resident or graduate student whose platform presentation were judged best among the competing presentations in the categories of 1) basic and translational research and 2) applied clinical research. These oral presentations described original work of the competitor that provided new knowledge to the field of veterinary clinical pathology. The award selection was based on the scientific content, abstract composition, clarity of presentation and ability to answer questions. The winners of the Young Investigator awards for 2013 were:

- Jessica Hokamp, Texas A&M – Evaluation of NGAL and RBP as tubular damage biomarkers in naturally occurring canine chronic kidney disease
- Andrew Burton, UC Davis – Comparison of flow cytometry and canine glycophorin A ELISA for detection of microparticles in stored canine blood

Congratulations to both winners for excellent presentations!

2013 Share the Future Travel Awards

Share the Future travel grants are made possible through the support of ASVCP members and corporate sponsors. These grants are intended to help offset travel costs for clinical pathology residents or graduate students who give talks or poster presentations at the annual meeting. Grant recipients were selected from the applicant pool based on specific criteria. For the Montreal meeting, six travel grants of $500 were awarded to the following individuals:

- Sally Henderson, The Ohio State University
- Sakurako Neo, Azabu University, Japan
- William Gow, University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada
- Laureen Peters, Royal Veterinary College, United Kingdom
- Charlotte Hollinger, Michigan State University
- Natalie Hoepp, University of Missouri

Congratulations to all the winners!

2013 Share the Future Research Grant

Share the Future research grants are also made possible through the support of ASVCP members and corporate sponsors. This grant is intended to help support research by clinical pathology residents and graduate students. In general, proposals are focused on an aspect of clinical pathology, be clearly articulated, and show potential for contributing to the knowledge base in veterinary clinical pathology. Grant selection criteria included scoring of significance, quality of writing, investigators, approach, and environment. This year a $2,500 research grant was awarded to Amy Weeden from the University of Florida (advisor – Heather Wamsley) for her proposal entitled “Prevalence of Bartonella in Canine Effusions”. We look forward to hearing about her completed research at an ASVCP annual meeting in the future.
In Memorium: Kent A. Gossett

By Marilyn Whitney

Kent A. Gossett passed away June 8, 2013 at the age of 60, surrounded by his family, after a long battle with lung cancer. He was born in Greenfield Indiana on June 1, 1953, the son of Marilyn Walter Gossett and the late Frank O. Gossett, DVM. Kent received MS and DVM degrees from Purdue University, completed a residency program and received a PhD degree in veterinary clinical pathology from Louisiana State University, and later received an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He was a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists and a member and past President of the ASVCP. He was also a member of the Division of Animal Clinical Chemistry of the American Association for Clinical Chemistry. He served as Assistant and Associate Professor of Veterinary Clinical Pathology at Louisiana State University from 1982-1989. He was Assistant Research Director of Clinical Pathology at Sterling Winthrop Pharmaceuticals from 1989-1992. He held positions in Clinical Pathology and Safety Pharmacology at SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals and GlaxoSmithKline from 1993-1999. He served as Director of Asset Screening at GSK Ventures from 1999-2003. Beginning in 2003, he worked as a Partner at SR One in Conshohocken PA, the corporate venture capital arm of GlaxoSmithKline. Over the past few years he sat on boards of more than nine companies, contributing to the success of those organizations as they pushed their biotechnical innovations through clinical trials. He is survived by his wife Diane H. Gossett; their children Christopher (fiancée Amber Spielman) of Wallingford, PA and Katherine and Anna of New York NY; and his grandson Christian. In addition to his wife, children and grandson, he is survived by his mother and by two sisters and two brothers and their families.

In his final weeks he spent many happy days with his wife, children, grandson and puppies watching movies and LSU games. Should anyone wish to do so, his family invites donations in his name to Abramson Cancer Center, an organization dedicated to changing the paradigm of discovery, innovation, and cancer care for specific types of cancer, including lung cancer. Kent benefited from the work of this organization. Abramson Cancer Center, Development Office: 3535 Market Street, Suite 750, Philadelphia, PA 19104 Attn: Lung Cancer TCE

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2013 ASVCP Pre-Meeting Workshop: Writing for Publication in Veterinary Medicine: Keys to Success

By Barbara von Beust, Editor-in-Chief, Veterinary Clinical Pathology

This workshop, compiled and presented by Mary Christopher and Karen Young, both former Editors-in-Chief of the journal *Veterinary Clinical Pathology*, was well attended and a full success in its own right. In a structured and interactive approach the course participants were guided through the entire process of scientific publication, starting with the initial organization of a research project (What is your hypothesis, what would you like to demonstrate?), followed by the choice of a suitable journal (Who is your preferred audience?), and completed by the actual peer review process.

The main topic of the course was scientific writing. In order to raise awareness about common areas that can be improved in many scientific manuscripts, a mock manuscript (*Establishment of reference intervals for biochemical parameters in werewolf cubs aged 0 to 8 weeks*) was analyzed, edited and then discussed by the entire group of participants. After lunch the attendants worked in teams of two on their own manuscripts or on a manuscript provided by the course organizers. Not only was the time flying - all of a sudden, the missing text structure in the Introduction section, the missing information in the Materials and Methods section, the misplacement of discussion paragraphs in the Results section and redundant information in the Discussion section, among many other weaknesses, became suddenly obvious. For many participants this was probably a very revealing and informative exercise, as it allowed them to experience the process of peer review from both, the side of the reviewers, and the side of the authors who may find themselves confronted with unexpected but maybe justified critique.

This was an excellent and well-presented course, characterized by a very constructive and friendly atmosphere. It is hoped that this was not the last opportunity to attend this most useful course, not only for colleagues early in their careers, but also for experienced peers. It was very inspiring for anyone involved in the different stages of the process of scientific writing and editing.

Thanks to 2013 Share the Future Campaign Contributors

Your contributions make a difference for trainees by providing travel and research grants and supporting clinical pathology speakers for SAVMA and pathology clubs. Be part of the future of clinical pathology!

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Quality Assurance and Laboratory Standards Committee, Chair Melinda Camus

Submitted by Bente Flatland and Shannon Pedersen

It has been a pleasure and a privilege working together to lead QALS these last three years. It’s time for us to step down, but we look forward to continued work with the QALS Committee as general members! Many thanks to everyone who had made the last year so productive! The Montreal meeting was a success! Preliminary TEa recommendations for hematology and coagulation testing were presented in poster form at the meeting (thanks to Mary Nabity for putting the poster together and to Melinda Camus for presenting it). Guideline writing is in progress, and a draft guideline document should be available for ASVCP member review in early 2014. Please give any input about hematology/coagulation TEa recommendations directly to Dr. Mary Nabity at mnbity@cvm.tamu.edu.

Look for two Special Reports in the December 2013 issue of Veterinary Clinical Pathology derived from ASVCP QALS guidelines concerning quality assurance guidelines for point-of-care testing in veterinary medicine and allowable total error (TEa) recommendations for biochemistry analytes.

Beginning in January 2014, QALS welcomes our new Chair Melinda Camus (University of Georgia, Athens GA) and our new Secretary Kathrin Burke (Texas A&M University, College Station, TX). QALS projects for 2014 include: finalizing TEa recommendations for hematology and coagulation testing, finalizing immunocytochemistry recommendations, finalizing guidelines for external quality assurance/proficiency testing (EQA/PT), finalizing quality assurance recommendations for glucometer use, continuing quality assurance requirements for ammonia meter use, and beginning TEa recommendations for endocrinology analytes. Additionally, we will be developing “compliance checklists” for each QALS guideline, in order to facilitate their practical application.

Interested in quality management? Consider joining the QALS committee! Criteria for active membership include

- Attend at least 3 of 4 QALS teleconferences (QALS holds 4 teleconferences per year)
- Participate in QALS email votes
- Participate in review of QALS documents (typically conducted via email)
- If applicable, attend QALS subcommittee teleconferences (e.g., if a subcommittee member)
- If possible, attend the QALS breakfast meeting at the ASVCP/ACVP annual meeting

If you are able to meet these membership criteria and are interested in joining QALS, please contact Melinda Camus (mscamus@uga.edu) or Kathrin Burke (Kburke@cvm.tamu.edu).

Outreach Committee, Chair Laura Lane

Veterinary Student Clinical Pathology Seminar Stipends: Eligible Schools!

- Student pathology clubs at the universities listed below are still eligible to receive a $150 stipend toward food/prizes for clinical pathology seminars led by an ACVP board certified clinical pathologist during the 2013/2014 academic year. Be the first!
  - Cornell University
  - Michigan State University
  - Mississippi State University
  - North Carolina State University
  - The Ohio State University
  - Oklahoma State University
  - Oregon State University
  - Tufts University
  - University of Minnesota
  - University of Missouri-Columbia

- A fun, interactive Jeopardy style game is available thanks to Dr. Anne Barger. Please contact her at abarger@illinois.edu if interested.

- Find application details and future year eligibility on the ASVCP website under the students/residents section.

Sponsored Speakers

We look forward to sponsoring speakers for the following events:

Students of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (SCVMA) Symposium:
  - January 9-11, 2014 at St. Hyacinthe, Quebec; Dr. Christian Bedard will be leading a wet lab on hematology and cytology

Students of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA) Symposium:
  - March 20-22, 2014 at Colorado State University; Dr. Paul Avery to speak about flow cytometry and PARR

Find us on Facebook

- It’s easy to find us! New links to both Facebook pages are up on http://www.asvcp.org.

‘American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology’ Public Page

- Thanks to all our fans! Our page is continuing to grow! 1,279+ “likes” and counting.

‘ASVCP’ Closed Group

- Almost 140 ASVCP members have joined our closed - Members Only - group! Share your pictures and join the discussion; you may be the one with the answer to the latest question!

Coming Soon

- “What is the American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology?” and the updated “What is a Clinical Pathologist” PowerPoint presentations will be on the ASVCP website soon.

ACVP/ASVCP Annual Meeting Montreal

- The Outreach Committee did not meet this year; see you all in Atlanta next year!
Regulatory Affairs Committee (RAC)
By Lila Ramaiah (incoming chair) and Lindsay Tomlinson (outgoing chair)

The Regulatory Affairs Committee, comprised of 17 members representing industry as well as academia, has had a busy and productive year. We are pleased to announce that our best practice manuscript was submitted and accepted for publication in Veterinary Clinical Pathology (Tomlinson, L. et al., 2013. Best practices for veterinary toxicologic clinical pathology, with emphasis on the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries. Vet Clin Pathol, 42(3), pp.252–269). In addition, we have obtained approval for an ASVCP Project Grant that will provide scholarship funding for Clinical Pathology Resident Externship Training in Toxicologic Clinical Pathology. This scholarship will support two externships in 2014 to fund housing and travel for clinical pathology residents interested in short-term externships in selected companies or research hospitals.

New and ongoing projects/manuscripts we have been working on this year include 1) recommendations for clinical pathology in recovery arms of toxicology studies, 2) clinical pathology endpoints in DART/juvenile toxicology studies, 3) ‘fit for purpose’ validation in industry, and 4) best practices for clinical pathology in veterinary drug development. Most of these projects will be prepared in collaboration with other groups including the Clinical Pathology Interest Group (CPIG) and Scientific and Regulatory Policy Committee (SRPC) of the Society of Toxicologic Pathology (STP) and the ASVCP Quality Assurance and Laboratory Standards Committee (QALSC). Additional discussions on more preliminary topics are ongoing.

The RAC has also been involved in reviewing recent publications with clinical pathology components.

We would like to thank Linda Vap for her role as liaison to the Executive Board for 2013 and welcome Tracy Stokol as Linda’s replacement and new liaison for 2014. We would also like to thank our strong-serving outgoing member, Laura Boone and welcome Tarja Juopperi to the committee for 2014. Lila Ramaiah will succeed Lindsay Tomlinson as the RAC chair in 2014. If you are interested in any of the topics discussed or in developing new initiatives for toxicologic pathology and driving change within ASVCP, make sure that you submit your name to volunteer for the RAC!

Veterinary Laboratory Professionals Committee, Chair Nicole Rosen, Co-chair Lynne Shanahan

The VLP sessions at the 2013 Montreal AVCP/ASVCP conference were very well attended. We presented a wide variety of topics which included cytologic preparations, reticulocyte evaluation and interpretation, automated hematology run screen interpretations, performing fish nucleated cell counts using a formalin fixative, blood typing and Coombs testing, and an overview of PCR and flow cytometry testing. We had a total of 580 attendees over our three half-day sessions, with the largest audience occurring on the final Tuesday.

The VLP will be hosting the pre-meeting workshop for the 2014 conference, and the theme will be urinalysis. We plan on having a variety of topics for the conference sessions which should attract many residents.

Program Committee, Chair Jennifer Neel

The 2013 meeting was a great success, and the ASVCP Pre-meeting workshop and Education Symposium session were no exceptions. This year’s workshop entitled ‘Writing for Publication in Veterinary Medicine: Keys to Success’ was presented by Mary M. Christopher and Karen M. Young and went well with good attendance. The Education Symposium entitled “It’s Elementary: Evidence Based Cytology” was also well attended and began with Dr. Carlo Masserdotti, DVM, Dipl ECVCP, of the Laboratorio Veterinario San Marco, Padua, Italy, who presented an excellent overview of his own experiences in defining and practicing evidence based cytology. Next, Dr. Gordon Yu, MD, Associate Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, spoke on using evidence as the driver to implementing and assessing changes in routine diagnostic service and resident training. Then Dr. Dina Mody, MD, Director of the Cytopathology Laboratory and Fellowship program at Houston Methodist Hospital, and Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at Weill Medical College of Cornell University, gave an in depth look at the good, the bad, and the ugly that have resulted from the implementation of rules and regulations governing laboratory medicine. Rounding out the session, Dr. Rose Raskin, DVM, PhD, Professor of Clinical Pathology at Purdue University, provided a historical overview of evidence based cytology in veterinary medicine. Stay tuned for updates on the 2014 meeting in Atlanta!
1. **Editorial Staff:** Effective January 1st 2013 Barbara von Beust, Independent Consultant, Winterthur, Switzerland, has been Editor-in-Chief. She is assisted by Managing Editor Laura Brashear, and the following Section Editors:
   a. Dorothée Bienzle, University of Guelph, Section Editor for Hematopathology and Immunology. Resigned in 2013.
   b. Jean-Pierre Braun, University of Toulouse, Section Editor for Clinical Chemistry. Resigned in 2013.
   d. Mads Kjelgaard-Hansen, University of Copenhagen, Section Editor for Laboratory Management. Resigned in 2013.
   e. Maxey Wellman, The Ohio State University, Section Editor for Cytology and Surgical Pathology.
   f. R. Darren Wood, University of Guelph, Section Editor for Review Articles.
   g. Karen Russell, Texas A&M University, Section Editor for Book Reviews.

The following new Section Editors were recruited in 2013:

   h. Kristen Friedrichs, University of Wisconsin, Section Editor for Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Management.
   i. Mehrdad Ameri, Amgen California, Section Editor for Hematology and Toxicologic Clinical Pathology.
   j. Elspeth Milne, University of Edinburgh, Section Editor for Clinical Chemistry.

In addition, Karen Young, University of Wisconsin,Immediate-past Editor-in-Chief, is still available for inquiries and advice as needed.

2. **Editorial Board:** Currently, there are 22 members on the editorial board. Included are clinical pathologists, internists, and scientists from academic institutions and institutes, diagnostic laboratories, private consulting companies, and healthcare/pharmaceutical companies, and 2 biostatisticians. An Editorial Board meeting will be held at the annual ESVCP conference on 6 November 2013 in Berlin, and the traditional luncheon is scheduled on 17 November 2013 at the annual ASVCP/ACVP conference in Montreal. We are very grateful and thank all the editorial board members for their outstanding service to the journal.

3. **Affiliations:** VCP continues to be the affiliate journal for the International Society for Animal Clinical Pathology (ISACP) and Australian Society for Veterinary Pathology.

4. **Wiley Blackwell:** We continue to have a strong and thriving relationship with our publisher, Wiley-Blackwell, represented by Meredith Duey, Associate Editor; Jessica Regione, Production

5. **Impact Factor:** The impact factor for 2012 released in August 2013 is 1.290, which is a 17% decrease since 2011 (1.556), but 4% higher than 2010 (1.239). Currently, VCP ranks 47/142 veterinary sciences journals (versus 31/143 in 2012). The impact factor for 2012 reflects citations in 2012 to articles published in 2010 and 2011.

6. **Reviewers:** We are very grateful for all the diligent and critical reviews by colleagues contributing their expertise and free time to the journal as reviewers. The peer review is the basis for a journals impact and success.

7. **Journal Articles and Features:** In volume 42 a total of 79 articles will be published on tentatively 624 pages (budgeted and projected at end of September 2013). The publications include 24 Original Research, 18 Brief Communications, 2 Technical Reports, 19 Case Reports, and 16 What is your diagnosis? submissions. In addition to peer reviewed articles, 3 Guest Editorials, 1 Invited Review, 3 Special Reports from ASVCP Committees, 4 Laboratory Medicine: Yesterday·Today·Tomorrow (YTT) features, 2 Letters to the Editor, and 4 book reviews will have been published.

8. **Abstract Publication:** Abstracts from the ESVCP and ASVCP annual conferences 2013 were formatted and edited and will be published online in October 2013.

9. **Publication Ethics:** As a Wiley-Blackwell journal, Veterinary Clinical Pathology is a member of COPE, the Committee on Publication Ethics (http://publicationethics.org/). COPE promotes the highest standards of publication ethics, provides a code of conduct for journal editors, and is a forum for editors and publishers of peer-reviewed journals to discuss publication ethics. Authors are notified that all manuscripts considered for publication in VCP are screened for plagiarism against previously published works by a plagiarism detection system, iThenticate.

10. **Author Guidelines:** The strict adherence to the Author Guidelines updated in December 2012 will be increasingly required for acceptance of submitted manuscripts, and non-compliance will result in additional revisions. Author Guidelines include defined reporting guidelines, and investigators are directed to consult CONSORT, REFLECT, STARD and ARRIVE guidelines already when designing or planning studies in order to be in compliance with new VCP requirements. Author Guidelines for VCP can be found here: [http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/%28ISSN%291939-165X/homepage/ForAuthors.html](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/%28ISSN%291939-165X/homepage/ForAuthors.html)

11. **Editorial Independence:** In December 2012 a statement entitled Policy on Editorial Independence was released by ASVCP. Essentially this statement clarifies that the Society’s journal, Veterinary Clinical Pathology is granted full authority over the editorial content of the journal, including the type, selection, format, and timing of content for publication, and that opinions and statements expressed in Veterinary Clinical Pathology are those of the contributors and, unless so stated, do not represent the official policy of the ASVCP.
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### MICROSCOPIC ART CORNER

**Happy New Year!**

*CSF, submitted by Heather Wamsley*

Want to see your image here? Submit fun photomicrographs (previously unpublished) to the ASVCP Secretary, robin.allison@okstate.edu.
2013 ASVCP Financial Report

By Jennifer Johns, Treasurer

The value of the society's financial assets has remained relatively stable over the past fiscal year. The society had increased expenses, due in part to increased financial investment in member services and outreach, and in part to increased expenses associated with the last annual meeting. One new expense was the $5,000 sponsored project award offered to ASVCP committees. The proposal from the RAC committee was selected for this award. Future budgeting will focus on a moderate reduction of expenses with sustained funding for committee functions and targeted outreach efforts. We are very glad to welcome Dr. Chuck Wiedmeyer as the new chair of the Share the Future committee! Please consider giving your time to this committee – Share the Future is a highly valuable resource that helps the society to continually support research and travel grants.

ASVCP Annual Business Meeting Minutes

By Robin Allison, ASVCP Secretary

Please click here (https://www.asvcp.org/membersonly/reports.cfm) to read the minutes.

Highlights include:

• Invitation to 2014 ESVCP meeting in Milan, Italy
• Bridget Garner wins Educator Award
• Veterinary Clinical Pathology update from the editor
• ACVP/STP Coalition news
• ASVCP Committee updates
• New ASVCP officers inducted

Annual ASVCP Cytology/Hematology Case Review and Chemistry Review Sessions

Please look for a future call for submissions to the 2014 slide and chemistry case review sessions in the March newsletter. Based on input from the membership, there will be changes in presentation format for both of these sessions in 2014. Details are still being finalized, but there may be changes in submission requirements and fewer cases may be accepted for presentation. The number of required slides for the mystery slide session will remain the same (80 slides).

Tracy Stokol, Executive Board member

First Call for Nominations: ASVCP Educator Award 2014

The ASVCP Education Committee would like to take this opportunity to call for nominations for the 2014 ASVCP Educator Award to be presented at next year’s meeting in Atlanta. Contributions to education vary greatly to include standard classroom and clinical teaching that primarily takes place in veterinary schools, continuing education of practitioners and technical staff, formal and informal mentoring of students by pathologists in the private sector, committee service to ASVCP and ACVP including board examination preparation, creation of teaching materials such as books and computer programs, and publishing articles relevant to any stage of veterinary medical education. Unfortunately, formal recognition of these contributions is given almost exclusively to pathologists working in academia, but the ASVCP Education Committee would like to encourage a wider range of ASVCP members to be considered for the award.

Letters of nomination should describe the nominee’s contributions to the education of veterinary medical students, clinical pathology residents, veterinarians, laboratory professionals, or other groups. In addition to a brief description (one page or less) of the nominee’s accomplishments, the letters should include the contact information for the nominee and a list of 2-3 individuals that can provide additional letters of support. Please send letters of nomination to the ASVCP Education Committee chair, Jed Overmann (overm011@umn.edu). Electronic documents are preferred.

Nominations will be accepted through May 1, 2014. The finalists chosen by the Education Committee will be contacted and asked to submit a short CV, personal statement and a list of references for letters of support. These additional materials will be accepted through July 1, 2014. Current members of the ASVCP Education Committee and Executive Board will be excluded from nomination for the duration of their service on these committees. Please feel free to contact Jed if additional information is needed.

Jed Overmann
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overm011@umn.edu

First Call: 2015 ACVIM Forum Speakers

The ASVCP arranges speakers for the ACVIM meeting each year. The speakers provide 8 hours of talks reflecting current knowledge and/or in-depth reviews of topics in veterinary clinical pathology. The topics should fit into a theme, or possibly 2 separate themes (one for the morning session and one for the afternoon session). The 2015 ACVIM Forum will be held June 3-6, 2015 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Please send suggestions for ASVCP speakers, themes and topics for this upcoming ACVIM meeting to linda.vap@colostate.edu by May 15, 2014. The themes should be of strong interest to ACVIM meeting attendees to attract a significant number of people. Do you have something you’d like to present or know someone who does? Do you have some good ideas for themes and topics? I need to hear from you!

Thanks in advance for your help and I’ll be looking for your e-mails!

Linda Vap, Executive Board Member
Stipend for Seminar

SUGGESTED CONTENT FOR SEMINAR

CRASH COURSE IN CLIN PATH
How to interpret clinical pathology data in some common diseases.

HANDS-ON WET LABS
Practice how to obtain high-quality cytology samples and blood smears.

CASE REVIEWS
Have your residents and faculty members share their weird and wonderful cases.

CLIN PATH DOUBLE JEOPARDY
Made available by Dr. Anne Barger (abarger@illinois.edu).

THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR CLINICAL PATHOLOGY SPONSORS A STUDENT SEMINAR AT YOUR INSTITUTION

North American veterinary colleges that have an ACVP board-certified clinical pathologist are eligible to receive a student seminar stipend ($150) once every three years. The stipend can be used towards food, door prizes, and other supplies that the student pathology club at each school sees suitable. Student pathology clubs can apply for this stipend by contacting Dr. Valerie Wong at vwong@uoguelph.ca in the fall semester of the year that they are eligible for this stipend. There is no formal application form to complete, but applicants are encouraged to review the stipend request form that is to be filled out later. Please visit www.asvcp.org for additional information.

For additional information, please visit the ASVCP’s website or contact Dr. Valerie Wong at vwong@uoguelph.ca.
General Information

ASVCP National Office:
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Electronic Newsletters:
Members who have provided the Society with an e-mail address will receive an e-mail containing a link to the newsletter as soon as each issue is posted to the ASVCP website. The newsletters are posted in PDF format. If you have any problems accessing the newsletter electronically, please contact the ASVCP National Office, info@asvcp.org, or Secretary, Robin Allison, robin.allison@okstate.edu. Members who do not have an e-mail access will receive paper copies.

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ASVCP Newsletter and/or Website Submissions:
If you have material of interest to post in the newsletter or on the ASVCP website (www.asvcp.org), please contact the ASVCP Secretary, Robin Allison, Center for Veterinary Health Sciences, Department of Veterinary Pathobiology, 250 McElroy Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078; e-mail robin.allison@okstate.edu, Phone: 405-744-6279; Fax: 405-744-5275; or contact the ASVCP National Office at 2424 American Lane, Madison, WI 53704; e-mail: info@asvcp.org.

Membership Application:
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Announcements

Committees:
If you are interested in serving on one of the ASVCP committees as a member or a committee chair, please contact any of the EB members or Susan Rees, srees@reesgroupinc.com. Getting involved is a great way to meet new people and contribute to your Society.

Institutional Slide Sets:
Due to the high demand for slide sets, institutions that are interested in reserving a set for the upcoming year are asked to contact Tracy Stokol, ts23@cornell.edu. A notice to all members will also be sent out through the listserv.

Reviewers for Clinical and Chemistry Cases:
If you are interested in being a reviewer for next year’s hematology/cytology cases or chemistry cases, please contact Tracy Stokol, ts23@cornell.edu.
**ASVCP Important Dates**

### January

**ACVP Certifying Exam** applications due January 10, 2014. [http://www.acvp.org](http://www.acvp.org)

### May

**ASVCP 2014 Educator Award** nominations due May 1, 2014. Jed Overmann overm011@umn.edu; [http://www.asvcp.org](http://www.asvcp.org)

**ACVIM Forum** speaker and topic suggestions due May 15, 2014. linda. vap@colostate.edu

### June

**ASVCP Cytology and Hematology Case Review** submissions due June 1, 2014. Tracy Stokol ts23@cornell.edu; [http://www.asvcp.org](http://www.asvcp.org)

**ASVCP Clinical Chemistry Review** submissions due June 1, 2014. Tracy Stokol ts23@cornell.edu; [http://www.asvcp.org](http://www.asvcp.org)

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