President’s Message

By Anne Provencher Bolliger, ASVCP President

Dear ASVCP members,

I hope everyone is keeping warm although the joy of winter probably means something different for many of you than for us lucky Canadians (ranked 1st at the Winter Olympics as I am writing this message....at least there is something good about living in cold and snowy winters)!!!

2014 is already running at full speed for the Executive Board and Committees of the ASVCP.

Changes have been made to the upcoming case sessions, you can read all about it in this newsletter; thanks to Tracy Stokol for taking the time to consult with the membership and for proposing a new operational model that will most likely bring a lot of excitement and fun into the sessions.

The Outreach Committee has been very busy and updated the power point presentations on the ASVCP website: we encourage you to read and use this source of information to educate about our Society and specialty. The Committee is also working on creating a Wiki page for veterinary clinical pathology, which is not a simple task but will be very useful to all of us.

As we move along and progress with our different tasks and projects, I will continue to inform you; as always, I encourage each and every one of you to send us your feedback, ideas and suggestions and to consider joining a committee or serving on the Executive board!

Spring is around the corner, wishing you all the very best!

Anne Provencher Bolliger,
ASVCP President

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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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In Memorium: Peter S. MacWilliams

Submitted by Karen M. Young

Peter S. MacWilliams

September 16, 1945 - January 1, 2014

M a d i s o n, WI – Peter S. MacWilliams, age 68, died on January 1, 2014. Pete was born in Concord, NH but was primarily raised in Pleasant Valley, NY. He received his DVM from Cornell University in 1969 and worked in a small and mixed animal practice from 1969-71 and a large animal practice from 1972-73. He earned a residency certificate in clinical pathology and a doctorate from the University of Saskatchewan in 1972 and 1978, respectively. He was certified as a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (Clinical Pathology) in 1980. Pete served on the faculty of the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Saskatchewan from 1978-79 and the School of Veterinary Medicine, Louisiana State University from 1979-81 before moving to Madison, WI to become Director of Clinical Pathology for Hazleton Laboratories (now Covance) and then Associate Professor of Clinical Pathology at the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1989. He retired as Professor of Clinical Pathology in 2007 and worked with the Marshfield Labs (Veterinary Services) until 2011.

At the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Pete was a strong and capable leader, serving as Chair of the School’s Strategic Planning Committee, Chief of Staff for Diagnostic Services in the VMTH, Faculty Advisor for SCAVMA, and in many other positions. Dedicated to his specialty area and to organized veterinary medicine, he was Chair of the ACVP Examination Committee (1988-89), a long-time member of the ASVCP, and President of the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association (1996). He was named WVMA Veterinarian of the Year in 1998 and received the Walter F. Rank Distinguished Professor Award in 2002.

Teaching was Pete’s greatest passion, and he was much beloved by students at all stages in their careers. He received the Norden (then Pfizer, now Zoetis) Distinguished Teacher Award multiple times at Wisconsin and was nationally recognized in 2005. He was awarded the Student AVMA Teaching Award in both basic and clinical sciences and received the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1994. Students often selected him to deliver the keynote address at their graduation. Residents, graduate students, veterinary technicians, medical technologists, practicing veterinarians, and fellow faculty were all beneficiaries of Pete’s commitment, compassion, and gifts as a teacher. We knew him as a teacher extraordinaire, an outstanding clinical pathologist, a photomicrographer of the highest caliber, a valued colleague, a humorist, and a person of many other talents.

Pete was happiest up north at the family cabin, Bay Cottage. Peter, his wife, Gale, and family members built Bay Cottage almost entirely by themselves. He used the many building projects as a source of relaxation. Not so relaxing, but definitely a source of excitement, Pete also enjoyed boating and fishing with his grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, January 25, 2014 at 2:00 PM at the Cress Funeral Home, 3610 Speedway Road, Madison, WI. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made in the name of Peter S. MacWilliams for a future scholarship fund. Gifts can be made to the UW Foundation and sent to Kristi Thorson, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2015 Linden Drive, Madison, WI 53706.

Get to know your Executive Board: Linda Vap, Executive Board Member

Linda was raised in Omaha, Nebraska and completed her undergraduate degree in medical technology at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. She worked as a bench tech in Phoenix, Arizona and Durango, Colorado before deciding to pursue her lifelong goal of veterinary medicine. She and her husband (also a medical technologist at the time) moved to Loveland, Colorado where they both continued to work as technologists while she was applying to Colorado State University veterinary program. Upon graduating, she was hired by CSU as their Clinical Laboratory Coordinator and completed residency requirements during the first few years of employment. Linda continues to work at CSU and is primarily involved in teaching and service while overseeing the clinical lab and its quality assurance program.

Linda’s husband, John, attended Denver University Law School and earned his JD degree at the same time Linda earned her DVM degree. John’s work involves representing children in dependency and neglect cases. They continue to live in Loveland with their two boys, Dylan (23) and Ian (20), a Spinone Italiano named Gus (yes, that’s a dog), a Mexican Black King snake, and multiple fish. In addition, Linda has become a novice beekeeper and attempts to provide a flower and vegetable habitat for pollinators. John hopes to retire in a couple of years and perhaps then they can reinvest in a sailboat and spend more time on the water.
Call for Officer Nominations: 2014 ASVCP Election

The Nominations Committee is seeking nominations for: President-Elect/President/Immediate Past-President Track and Secretary. Brief overviews of the major duties associated with each position are provided below. For additional information or to make a nomination, please contact Marlyn Whitney, 2014 Immediate Past President of the ASVCP (e-mail: whitneym@missouri.edu, phone 573-884-7805). The deadline for receipt of all nomination materials is July 1, 2013.

PRESIDENT-ELECT/PRESIDENT/IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT TRACK:
• Serve a 3-year term:
  - 1st year – President-Elect
  - 2nd year – President
  - 3rd year – Immediate Past President

Major Duties of the President-Elect:
• Attend the Executive Board meetings held in conjunction with the annual meeting.
• Participate in monthly telephone conferences
• Participate in e-mail discussions of important issues
• Serve as Chair of the sub-committee that establishes the curriculum for the Focused Scientific Sessions at the annual meeting

Major Duties of the President
• Serve as Chairman of the Executive Board
• Preside at all meetings (includes teleconferences, electronic mail discussions, Executive Board meetings, the Annual Business Meeting, etc.); in conjunction with The Rees Group set agendas for the meetings
• Appoint all committee Chairs, and, in conjunction with the committee liaisons of the Executive Board, oversee all committee functions and communications

Secretary:
• Serve a 4-year term
• Serve as editor of the Society Newsletter that is published electronically 4 times per year.
• Record the minutes of the annual ASVCP Business Meeting, annual Executive Board Meeting, and all other meetings or teleconferences of the Executive Board (typically one per month). Summarize important decisions and report them in the Newsletter (Executive Board News).
• Participate in ASVCP Executive Board activities.
• Oversee approval of new membership applications.
• Maintain an archive of important ASVCP documents.
• Maintain the ASVCP Constitution and Bylaws.
• Help maintain those pages on the ASVCP website that pertain to Society business.
• Serve as Executive Board liaison to the Web Editorial Board.

ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award: Call for Nominations

The Awards Nominating Committee is requesting nominations for the Lifetime Achievement Award to be presented at the annual ASVCP meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, November 8-12, 2014.
• The ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award program recognizes members of the Society 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 ASVCP.
• Nominations should include a current CV of the nominee and at least 3 letters of support from ASVCP members, which includes a rationale for why this particular member is worthy of this award.

To make a nomination, please contact Marlyn Whitney (e-mail: whitneym@missouri.edu, phone 573-884-7805), Chair of the Awards Nominating Committee. The deadline for receipt of all nomination materials is July 1, 2014.

Attention Clinical Pathology Residents – Don’t be the Last to Apply!

New externship funding opportunities are available this year! The ASVCP has allocated funding for clinical pathology residents interested in short-term toxicologic and comparative clinical pathology externships.

Residents who apply for these awards must first arrange specific dates and times for individualized externship opportunities with the organization they plan to visit and with their residency program coordinator. A partial list of organizations interested in supporting resident externships is posted at http://www.asvcp.org/stures/ExternshipContacts.cfm. The application for this funding can be accessed at http://www.asvcp.org/stures/RACScholarship.cfm. Please note that application packages must be postmarked by April 15th, 2014.

This is a great opportunity to experience exactly what a clinically pathology position in industry is like. These externships will help forge new professional relationships, educate in a way that is not possible in an academic setting, and (hopefully) instill confidence when applying to clinical pathology positions in industry. Plus it gives residents the opportunity to visit a new place and learn from new people. So, please apply this spring! If you have any questions, contact Amy MacNeill (amy.macneill@colostate.edu).

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First Call: 2014 ASVCP/ACVP Abstracts
Clinical Pathology Scientific Sessions

Platform presentations and posters for the 2013 Clinical Pathology Scientific Sessions were well attended in Montreal and it is now time to think about the 2014 meeting. The concurrent Annual Meeting of the ASVCP and the ACVP will be held November 8-12, 2014 in Atlanta, Georgia. There will be a combined ASVCP/ACVP Clinical Pathology Scientific Session for everyone who has an interest in clinical pathology. This will be a great opportunity to present experimental or clinical research data to colleagues. Submissions from all aspects of the profession are encouraged, including academic, diagnostic, investigative, and toxicologic clinical pathology. The format will be similar to that of the 2013 Annual Meeting with both oral platform and poster presentations. The final decision regarding presentation format is at the discretion of the Program Committee. We encourage participation by a wide variety of individuals including faculty, senior scientists, diagnostic veterinary pathologists/clinical pathologists, and trainees. Presenters are required to attend the meeting.

Now is the time for you to start planning your 2014 presentations! The deadline for abstract submission is July 1, 2014. Online submission will open May 15, 2014, on http://www.asvcp.org/meeting. Please be sure to follow all the submission guidelines provided at the submission website, including adhering to the word count limit, as failure to do so may cause rejection of your abstract. Please note that for clinical pathology submissions, titles and authors/affiliations still need to be included in the word count. For further information contact Jeff McCartney at jeffrey.mccartney@crl.com.

Second Call: 2015 ACVIM Forum Speakers
Submitted by: Linda Vap, Executive Board member

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 in Indianapolis, IN. Please send suggestions for ASVCP speakers, themes and topics for this upcoming ACVIM meeting to me at 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!

Second 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.

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MICROSCOPIC ART CORNER
Happy Valentine’s Day!
(Manatee monocyte) submitted by Nicole Stacy

Want to see your image here? Submit fun photomicrographs (previously unpublished) to the ASVCP Secretary, robin.allison@okstate.edu.
First Call: 2014 ASVCP Mystery Slide Case Review Session

Submissions Due June 1, 2014

Submissions are requested for the 2014 ASVCP Mystery Slide Case Review Session. This is a popular and interactive opportunity to share cases and experiences among attendees. Suitable material includes hematology, cytology, or surgical pathology slides. These must be submitted with pertinent history, hematologic and clinical chemistry results. Case selection is based on broad species representation, specimen quality, pathologic processes, and representation of disease entities that have not been presented at the conference in recent years. Cases that are anticipated to generate controversy or discussion will be favored in the selection process.

Based on input from members, the format of the session will be different in 2014 in the following ways:

• A cover page with contributors' information and a short summary on the virtues of the case must be included with the case history. This slide session is quite competitive and this summary is an opportunity for the contributors to make the best argument for selection of their case.
• The case history should now include two multiple choice questions (3-5 options for each question), selected to stimulate discussion.
• There are now page and reference limits on the Case Summary.
• There will be a panel of 3-4 clinical pathologists, including the moderator, who will facilitate discussion and ask questions of the presenter. We are seeking willing guinea pigs (volunteers) for this panel! Please contact Tracy Stokol if you are interested.
• We anticipate that fewer cases will be presented (approximately 15) to allow time for discussion.

Suitable cases: Cases can be classic examples or unique/unalusual representations of hematologic or cytologic findings associated with diseases, drugs, or toxicologic or research studies. Surgical biopsies should be limited to lesions that would be examined by cytology and the submission should include relevant cytologic images. Cases that are based solely or mostly on interpretation of clinical pathology data (e.g. clinical chemistry) or involve quality assurance or troubleshooting are more appropriate for the (renamed) Case Discussion Session (see below).

Required materials: Stained, coverslipped glass slides are preferred, but in certain exceptional cases, digital slides or images will be considered. Each case must be submitted with two electronic word documents (uploaded online): Mystery Slide Case History, including cover page) and Mystery Slide Case Summary (see below). Templates for both documents should be downloaded from the website.

• Cytology and hematology: 80 (minimum) stained and coverslipped good quality hematologic or cytologic glass slides. Extra slides are strongly recommended to replace broken slides.
  - It is the submitter’s responsibility to check all glass slides to assure quality.
  - Do not attach adhesive labels to the slides.
• Surgical biopsy: One glass slide (stained and coverslipped).
  - If the case is accepted, the submitter will be asked to supply 80 or more additional slides.
• Digital images or scanned slides: These are only acceptable under exceptional circumstances (e.g. unique case with limited material). Please contact Tracy Stokol if you are interested in submitting either of these formats.

Word documents: File specifications and content requirements are given below. Forms should be downloaded from the website. Failure to follow these specifications will result in rejection of the case.

• Font size: Arial, 12 point (except required symbols)
• Line spacing: Single
• Margins: 1"  

Submit two word documents on-line as follows:

1. Mystery Slide Case History: This should include the following in this order:
   a. Cover page: 1 page limit. This will not be included in the final document. This should include:
      i. Contributors’ name(s). Provide the title and email address of corresponding contributor. Indicate if the corresponding contributor is a trainee (e.g. resident, graduate student) and provide the name of the primary faculty mentor, if applicable.
      ii. Institution or company
      iii. Short summary for case acceptance: In bullets or short sentences, provide a brief rationale on why this case should be accepted (what is unique, how is it classic, what is the question, etc.).
   b. Case information: This will be distributed before the meeting.
      i. Contributors (list of authors); corresponding contributor should be listed first. Provide email address of corresponding contributor.
      ii. Institution or company
      iii. Signalment
      iv. Concise history
   c. Clinical findings: pertinent physical examination and imaging results
   d. Pertinent laboratory data (SI or conventional units) in table format. Reference intervals and units must be provided (example provided in downloadable documents)
   e. Two to three digital images that demonstrate the relevant findings in the case. These should be embedded in the document (see format below). There is no need to upload images separately on-line.
   f. Two multiple choice questions (3-5 options for each question). Select questions carefully to stimulate discussion on the case.

2. Mystery Slide Case Summary: This is distributed after the meeting and includes the following in this order:
   a. Mystery Slide Case History contents, including embedded images. The cover page should not be duplicated.
   b. Cytologic description and interpretation: This should start on a new page.
   c. Additional findings (if applicable)
   d. Additional pertinent labeled images (if desired): Five image limit (including those already uploaded in Case History). These should be embedded in the document.
   e. Diagnosis: 1-2 sentence limit
   f. Clinical outcome/follow up
   g. Answers to questions (questions do not need to be restated)
   h. Discussion: 2 page limit
   i. References: Limit of 10 references

Image requirements: Inclusion of images is required as part of the submission process. Images must clearly show the relevant features of the lesion. A figure legend must be included for each image. Images must be embedded in the Mystery Slide Case History and Summary documents and do not have to be uploaded separately on-line. Poor quality images will result in rejection of the case.

• Number: Maximum of 5 images TOTAL (Case History and Summary)
• Format: JPEG
• Compression: High quality.
• Image size: 1024 X 768 pixels
• DPI: 72
• Error bars: Ideally include in the images.
• Figure legend: This should be complete and succinct. Include stain and magnification (if no error bars in image).
• Case summary: Ideally label images as to relevant observations.

On-line submission: Cases must be submitted on-line using the online forms that are downloadable at the ASVCP website (http://www.asvcp.org - click on conference tab). Upload only the two word documents (with embedded images). The italicized instructions in these documents and table example can be removed. There is no need to upload the images as separate files.

Submission deadline: June 1, 2014 for ALL required material.

• Slides as outlined above. Glass slides should be sent with a printed copy of the cover page from the Mystery Slide Case History to the address below.
• Mystery Slide Case History, plus cover page, and images: Electronic submission, embed images in file.
• Mystery Slide Case Summary, plus images: Electronic submission, embed images in file.

Notification: August 25th, 2014

For additional information please contact: Dr. Tracy Stokol (tracy.stokol@cornell.edu)

Case submission and material should be sent to:

Case Mystery Slides, American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology

C/o Tracy Stokol, S1-058 Schuman Hall, College of Veterinary Medicine
Cornell University, Upper Tower Road, Ithaca, NY, USA, 14853
First Call: 2014 ASVCP Case Discussion Session

Submissions Due June 1, 2014

Submissions are requested for the sixth ASVCP Case Discussion Session. The ASVCP Case Discussion Session will be held at a separate time from the ASVCP Mystery Slide Case Session (see above call for cases). It is anticipated that 2-4 cases will be selected for presentation, depending on their complexity.

Based on input from members, this case discussion has been renamed to illustrate the change in focus. The focus of this session is now hematologic (including flow cytometric), endocrinologic or clinical chemistry data – cytology and surgical biopsy data are supplemental. The goal of this session is to provide a forum for discussion and/or seek input from other clinical pathologists on diagnostic challenges, laboratory protocols, best practice etc. in a collaborative environment. To stimulate discussion, the session will now include a panel of 3-4 clinical pathologists, including the moderator, who will ask questions of the audience and presenter. Please contact Tracy Stokol if you wish to volunteer for this exciting panel!

Suitable cases: Acceptable case material can be a classic disease or diagnosis, a challenging case presentation, analysis of group data (toxicologic or research studies) or quality assurance issues, including troubleshooting techniques, assay conditions, statistical analysis and study design of clinical pathologic data, validation studies, interpretation of quality control materials etc. Cases can be unresolved or have ill-defined outcomes (this will hopefully stimulate discussion).

Required materials: Two electronic word documents, including: Case Discussion History (including a cover page) and Case Discussion Summary (see below). Forms should be downloadable from the website. File specifications and content requirements are given below. Failure to follow these specifications will result in rejection of the case.

- Font size: Arial, 12 point (except required symbols)
- Line spacing: 1 line (single)
- Margins: 1"

Submit two word documents as follows:

1. Case Discussion History: This should include the following in this order:
   a. Cover page: 1 page limit. This will not be included in the final document. This should include:
      i. Contributor’s name(s) and titles. Identify and provide the email address of corresponding author. Indicate if the corresponding contributor is a trainee (e.g. resident, graduate student) and provide the name of the primary faculty mentor, if applicable.
      ii. Institution or company
      iii. Short summary of case virtues: In bullets or short sentences, provide a brief rationale on why this case should be accepted (what is unique, how is it classic, what is the question, etc.).
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      i. Contributors (list of authors). Corresponding contributor name (listed first) and corresponding contributor email
      ii. Institution or company
      iii. Case information: This can be divided into sections with appropriate subheadings as needed (see downloadable form for an example).
         1. Pertinent laboratory data (SI or conventional units). If relevant, this must be done in table format, as possible. Reference intervals and units must be provided.
         2. Images: These are not required but can be submitted as part of the case. Up to 3 images may be embedded (see specifications below).
   iv. Three to four questions, in any format. These should be related to pertinent findings or the main questions or issues regarding the case. Select questions carefully to stimulate discussion on the case.

2. Case Discussion Summary: This is distributed after the meeting and includes the following in this order:
   a. Case History contents (excluding cover page)
   b. Diagnosis/problem summary: This should be brief and start on a new page.
   c. Discussion: 3 page limit. Provide answers to the provided questions.
   d. References: Limit of 10 references

Image requirements: If including images, these should be relevant to the case. A maximum of 3 images is permitted and must be of good quality. A figure legend must be included for each image. Images must be embedded in the Case History and Summary and do not have to be uploaded separately on-line.

- Number: Maximum of 3 images TOTAL (History and Summary combined)
- Format: JPEG
- Compression: High quality
- Image size: 1024 X 768 pixels
- DPI: 72
- Error bars: Ideally include in the images
- Figure legend: This should be complete and succinct. Include stain and magnification (if no error bars in image).

On-line submission: Cases must be submitted online with the provided forms that are downloadable from the ASVCP website (http://www.asvcp.org - click on the conference tab). If including images, these do not need to be uploaded.

Submission deadline: June 1, 2014 for electronic submission of ALL required material.

- Case history, including cover page.
- Case summary

Notification: August 25th, 2014

For additional information please contact: Dr. Tracy Stokol (tracy.stokol@cornell.edu)
ASVCP Committee Updates

Share the Future Committee
Share the Future Committee has a new Chair! Please welcome Dr. Charles Wiedmeyer to this position, and thank him for agreeing to serve the ASVCP in this important capacity. Please consider becoming involved in this committee!

Charles Wiedmeyer

Quality Assurance and Laboratory Standards Committee
Submitted by: Chair Melinda Camus (pic), Secretary Kathrin Burke

We are pleased to report that the Quality and Laboratory Standards (QALS) committee is going strong with 24 active members! Dr. Melinda Camus, assistant professor at the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine, Vice Chair of QALS in 2013, will serve as Chair in 2014. Dr. Kathrin Burke, research assistant scientist at the Gastrointestinal Laboratory at Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine will serve as Secretary in 2014. Sincere appreciation goes to Dr. Bente Flatland and Shannon Pedersen for their previous years of service in these positions and for their continued active participation in QALS.

Guidelines for quality assurance for point-of-care testing and allowable total error (TEa) recommendations for biochemistry were published as special reports in the December 2013 issue of Veterinary Clinical Pathology and are also available at http://www.asvcp.org (under the Quality and Laboratory Standards link). Congratulations and thanks to Dr. Bente Flatland and Dr. Kendal Harr for seeing these projects through to completion. Ongoing projects for 2014 include continued development of TEa recommendations for hematology and coagulation testing, a guideline regarding external quality assurance (EQA, or proficiency testing), quality assurance guidelines for immunocytochemistry, quality assurance guidelines for both glucometer and ammonia meter use, and initiating the development of TEa recommendations for endocrinology testing. Additionally, we are in the process of developing “compliance checklists” for each QALS guideline, in order to facilitate their practical application. Look for the opportunity to give feedback on many of these guidelines via the Members Only section of the ASVCP website in the coming months. Your input will be greatly appreciated and will be very important for the development of useful and user-friendly guidelines.

Interested in quality management? Consider joining the QALS committee! Please contact Melinda Camus (mscamus@uga.edu) or Kathrin Burke (Kburke@cvm.tamu.edu) for additional details.

Charles Wiedmeyer

Kathrin Burke

Melinda Camus

Regulatory Affairs Committee (RAC)
Submitted by: Lila Ramaiah (chair)

As a part of its ongoing commitment to creating opportunities for clinical pathology residents, the Regulatory Affairs Committee invites those interested in toxicologic clinical pathology to apply for our extern scholarship. The scholarship provides funding for short-term externship training in toxicologic clinical pathology in selected companies or research hospitals. Application forms and instructions are available on the ASVCP web site (Students/Residents). Please submit completed application forms by April 15th, 2014. One of the main ongoing activities of the Regulatory Affairs Committee has been to formulate and publish contemporary best practices for clinical pathology in industry. Good progress is being made toward drafting manuscripts including recommendations for clinical pathology in recovery arms of toxicology studies, clinical pathology endpoints in DART/juvenile toxicology studies, and ‘fit for purpose’ assay validation for laboratory animals in industry. We are also initiating work on manuscripts for best practices for clinical pathology in veterinary drug development, and for urinary biomarker strategies. Finally, we are collaborating with the Society of Toxicologic Pathology Clinical Pathology Interest Group (STP-CPIG) on a proposal for a pre-meeting workshop for the combined annual meeting in 2015. This year we welcome Niraj Tripathi and William Siska to the committee, and thank our outgoing member, Denny Meyer for his contributions and years of service.

Lila Ramaiah

Veterinary Laboratory Professionals Committee,

Submitted by: Chair Nicole Rosen, Submitted by Co-chair Lynne Shanahan

The Veterinary Laboratory Professionals committee is sponsoring the pre-meeting workshop for the Atlanta ACVP/ASVCP 2014 conference. The topic will be the urinary tract and will include lectures on urine dipstick interpretation, urine chemistry, uroliths, physiology and pathology of the kidney, and POC testing and quality control. A digital wet lab will be included in the session.

The VLP committee is also looking into offering RACE credits, instead of PACE credits for the attending medical technologists and technicians. The program is less expensive and, if accepted by the ASCP certifying board, would provide CE credits for both the ASCP as well as the NAVTA.

Nicole Rosen

Lynne Shanahan
Laura Lane

Outreach Committee,
Submitted by: Chair Laura Lane

Veterinary Student Clinical Pathology Seminar Stipends

- 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.
  - Tufts University
  - Michigan State University
  - University of Minnesota
  - Mississippi State University
  - Oregon State University
  - Cornell University
  - North Carolina State University
  - The Ohio State University
  - Oklahoma State University
  - 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
Students of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (SCVMA) Symposium:

- Thank you Dr. Christian Bedard for your seminar “Blood smear and cytology cases: A friendly competition between veterinary schools”. Congratulations to the Saint-Hyacinthe team for their win!

Students of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA) Symposium:

- Coming soon on March 22, 2014 at Colorado State University; Dr. Paul Avery to speak about flow cytometry in the classification of lymphoid neoplasms

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- Find links to both Facebook pages on http://www.asvcp.org

New on our website

- Check out “What is the American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology?” and the updated “What is a Clinical Pathologist” PowerPoint presentations

Looking ahead

- The outreach committee is looking for a new chair. Please contact Laura Lane (lvdevai@yahoo.com) if interested.

ASVCP Committee Updates - continued

Veterinary Clinical Pathology

Submitted by Barbara von Beust, Editor-in-Chief

As announced during the ASVCP Annual Conference in Montreal in December 2013, a fast track publication option is being offered for authors submitting their articles to Veterinary Clinical Pathology. Specifically, authors who wish their articles to be published immediately after peer review and acceptance now have the choice to provide well formatted and edited manuscripts that require minimal time for editorial review. Manuscripts that qualify will be exported for production within a week of acceptance and be published on early view within a month.

Authors submitting a new article or a revised version to VCP can now choose the fast track option by completing a mandatory checklist which includes the majority of editorial issues. It is up to the discretion of the editor-in-chief to decide whether an article fulfills the requirements for fast track publishing.

Articles submitted for fast track publishing but not qualifying due to time consuming editorial review will enter the regular production queue.

So please, check it out, submit these perfect manuscripts and get them published online in record time!

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- Visiting Faculty Member in Veterinary Clinical Pathology - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Assistant or Associate or Full Professor of Veterinary Clinical Pathology - Ross University
- Veterinary Clinical Pathologist - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, Assistant or Associate Professor, Clinical Pathology - Iowa State University
- Clinical Pathologist - Abaxis Veterinary Reference Labs
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- Excited about clinical pathology?
- Motivated to make a difference?
- Willing to share your talents?

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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.

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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 •

March

April
- Toxicologic and comparative clinical pathology externship applications due April 15, 2014. Amy MacNeill amy.macneill@colostate.edu

May
- ASVCP 2014 Educator Award nominations due May 1, 2014. Jed Overmann overm011@umn.edu; 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 Stokoll ts23@cornell.edu; http://www.asvcp.org
- ASVCP Clinical Chemistry Review submissions due June 1, 2014. Tracy Stokoll ts23@cornell.edu; http://www.asvcp.org

July
- ASVCP/ACVP Annual meeting Clinical Pathology Scientific Session abstracts due July 1, 2014. jeffrey.mccartney@crl.com; http://www.asvcp.org/meeting
- ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award nominations due July 1, 2014. whitneyvm@missouri.edu

September

Upcoming Meetings

June

July

September
- Congress of the European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine – Companion Animals (ECVIM-CA), September 4 – 6, 2014, Mainz, Germany. http://www.ecvimcongress.org

October

November