Dr. Wynne Collins (MVB, PhD, Diplomate ACT), who specializes in equine reproduction and wildlife conservation from the University of Queensland (UQ), Australia, was invited by the School of Veterinary Medicine, National Taiwan University (NTU-SVM) via the ACT Student Outreach program. Her visit was made possible via grateful funding sources from Theriogenology Foundation, USA, as well as the Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST), Taiwan.

During her visit from September 22nd-26th 2015, Dr. Collins gave two special lectures to veterinary students on equine reproduction and wildlife conservation. During the first lecture, Dr. Collins emphasized subfertility and infertility in horses by implementing a scenario-based learning approach. For the second lecture, Dr. Collins provided an overview on the use of reproductive tools to conserve endangered species using Przewalski’s Horse as an example. Attendees from both lectures were grateful to have this opportunity to learn from Dr. Collins’ talks. Apart from Dr. Collins’ visit in NTU-SVM, she and members from Dr. Tsai’s lab (Laboratory of Reproduction Biology and Cell Biology at NTU-SVM) were also invited by the director of Taipei Zoo (the biggest zoo in Taiwan) for a general tour and discussions on potential collaboration between UQ-NTU SVM-Taipei Zoo.

We all would like to express our sincere appreciation to Theriogenology Foundation for supporting us with your very generous funding to make us able to invite Dr. Collins to visit NTU-SVM. The informative lectures by Dr. Collins certainly broadened students’ awareness of equine reproduction and application of reproductive tools to wildlife conservation.

Attendees took a group photo with Dr. Wynne Collins on September 23rd, 2015.
Chun Kuen “Eric” Mak, NTU-SVM’s student representative of this ACT Student Outreach program, took a photo with Dr. Wynne Collins after Dr. Collins spoke to the students on September 25th, 2015 entitled “Using reproductive tools to conserve endangered species.”