



American College Of Theriogenologists

Newsletter

Spring 2007

Annual Conference

Monterey, CA

August 7-11, 2007

In Conjunction with the American Embryo Transfer Association

Don't Miss These Special Events...

Tuesday, August 7

Happy Hour Abstracts - 5:00 p.m.

Happy Hour Abstract Reception 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 8

Bartlett Award Address - 8:00 a.m.

Competitive Abstracts - 9:00 a.m.

Student Case Presentations - 1:30 p.m.

ACT Annual Business Meeting -3:00 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Open - Reception - 5:00 p.m.

Beach Party - Adventures by the Sea - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 9

General Session - 8:00 a.m.

Therio/ACT Awards Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

Therio Educators Forum - 7:30 p.m.

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Report from the president...

Dr. Peggy Root Kustritz

Who are we? On one level, that's a foolish question because we know who we are - we are the specialists in animal reproduction in all its infinite variety. But that's not the question that was on everyone's mind recently. The question that was such a hot topic really was, "what should we call ourselves?"

I am certainly not going to attempt to answer that question in this short column, any more than the Executive Board tried to answer that question during the January business meetings.

As the Board reviewed the thoughts from the membership collated by Dr. Margo Macpherson, what immediately became clear is that we are very proud of what we do as a group and we wish to be recognized for that expertise, both for our own satisfaction and so we can more readily be available to help animal owners and colleagues with our knowledge and skills.

This issue is still very much alive in the minds of the members of the Executive Board, as I'm sure it is in your own minds. During the winter business meetings, Dr. Travis Meredith, ACT treasurer, lead members of the ACT and SFT boards through a set of exercises designed to help us answer questions vital to our understanding of the breadth of our discipline, what makes us unique, and how we can best make ourselves more visible to lay and veterinary audiences. Dr. Meredith and Dr. Gary Nie, ACT president-elect, will be creating a report to be distributed to the membership, helping us all understand how we can work through this process together. The final result may be a large group discussion and vote on whether or not we need to change our name or our logo but there are steps to be taken first to ensure that's an appropriate path. Please be patient as we work through this very important question.

I'm proud to be a theriogenologist because I enjoy my work and enjoy the people with whom I work. On that note, many, many thanks to the members of the nominating committee (Margo Macpherson, Herris Maxwell and Ahmed Tibary) and even greater thanks to the many individuals who demonstrated interest in running for a position on the Executive Board. It's very heartening to see how many individuals are interested in helping propel ACT into the future.

Please read the candidate biographies carefully. Please vote! Please respond when the Executive Board asks for your input so we can truly be your representatives.

See you in Monterey!

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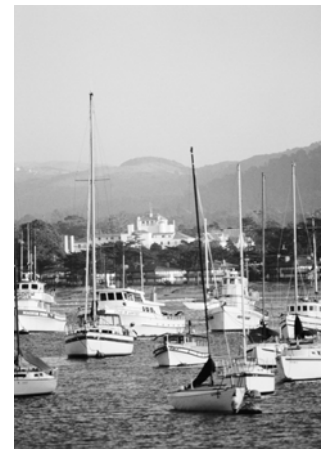
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Welcome to the Class of 2006 Diplomates!

Dr. Christy Barlund

Dr. James Brown

Dr. Bruce Christensen

Dr. Andres Estrada

Dr. Fiona Hollinshead

Dr. Natalie Santos

Dr. Devon Strickland

Dr. Anne Traas

Dr. Dawna Voelkl

2006 Exam Statistics Would you like more information and statistics from the certifying exam data? Please visit the ACT website and follow the link "Becoming a Diplomate."

<u>Species</u>	<u>Sat the exam</u>	<u>Passed the exam</u>
Multi-species	6	6
Equine	5	2
Bovine	3	0
Small Animal	1	1
TOTAL	15	9 (60%)

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COUNTRY	ACTIVE	EMERITUS	HONORARY	TOTAL
United States	255	50	17	322
Canada	32	4	1	37
Argentina	1			1
Australia	10			10
Colombia	1			1
Denmark	1			1
France	1			1
Germany	2			2
Jordan	2			2
Netherlands	1		1	2
New Zealand	5			5
South Africa	4			4
Sweden		1	1	2
Switzerland	1			1
United Kingdom	1		1	2
Venezuela	1			1
	318	55	21	394

Breakdown By Employment Type

ACADEMIA	138	PRIVATE PRACTICE	112
GOVERNMENT	11	RETIRED	44
INDUSTRY	23	NOT NOTED	53
OTHER	13		

From the ACT Certifying Examination Committee:

Craig A. Smith, DVM, PhD, Diplomate ACT

ACT Secretary

Members of the ACT Certifying Examination Committee spent 5 days in January 2007 developing the 2007 Certifying Examination for the American College of Theriogenologists. The committee worked diligently to ensure the questions for the multiple choice, essay, and practical portions of the examination are concise and unambiguous and that the various species-specific portions of the examinations (bovine, equine, small animal, porcine, and multiple species) are fairly and equitably constructed.

The work of the committee was substantially enhanced by the new examination program. The software from Schroeder Management Technologies (SMT) Bank appears to be easy and intuitive to use. Several images still need to be uploaded and encoded into the databank, but the SMT Bank system appears to have all the capabilities needed by the Certifying Examination Committee for preparing the certifying examination and recording data on the examination questions.

The Certifying Examination will be administered in Monterey, California, on Monday and Tuesday, August 6 and 7, immediately preceding the SFT/ACT Annual Conference. A large group of candidates is eligible to take the certifying examination in 2007; there are 38 candidates (15 candidates who were approved in previous years and 23 newly approved candidates in 2007) eligible for examination. Candidates had until April 15 to pay examination fees and verify their intention to take the 2007 ACT Certifying Examination.

Candidates will again be initially notified of their results via e-mail as soon as possible after the 2007 Certifying Examination is completed and graded. A hard copy will also be mailed to them at that time, and another hard copy of the results will be available during a meeting between the examinees and examination committee on Wednesday morning. As part of our ACT tradition, successful candidates will be introduced as new diplomates at the ACT Annual Business Meeting. Mentors should encourage candidates who pass the certifying examination to plan to attend the Annual Business meeting and be introduced to other members of the College. Mentors and colleagues of candidates are also urged to attend the Annual Conference and ACT Annual Business meeting. We are hoping that you will be available and willing to introduce your mentees who have successfully passed the certifying examination.

The Certifying Examination Committee thanks all of the Diplomates who have participated in the ACT Question Development Teams. The teams have provided multiple choice and essay questions to eliminate gaps in the examination databank. Dr. Beverly Purswell is coordinating the efforts of the Question Development Teams during the upcoming year.

At the request of the European College of Animal Reproduction, the ACT Certifying Examination Committee has discussed options for collaboration with the ECAR Certifying Examination Committee. One option would be an exchange of observers; an observer from the ECAR examination committee would attend the ACT examination committee meetings in January and August to scrutinize the process for the preparation of the certification examination and then the actual administration and grading of the examination, respectively; an ACT examination committee would reciprocate for the ECAR meetings.

We are also discussing how to obtain feedback from people who have successfully passed both the ACT and ECAR certifying examinations. All recommendations for cooperation will be forwarded to the ACT Executive Board and also evaluated by the AVMA American Board of Veterinary Specialties to ensure that the ACT does not jeopardize its status as a recognized veterinary specialty organization.

Current members of the ACT Certifying Examination Committee are Drs. Herris Maxwell (Chair), Sylvia Bedford Gaus, (Vice Chair) John Kastelic (Immediate Past Chair), Beverly Purswell, Reed Holyoak, Mary Beth Stanton, and Craig Smith (Secretary). In addition, the ACT Executive Board has selected Dr. Sherrie Clark to serve a 6-year term on the ACT Certifying Examination Committee beginning in August 2007.

Have You Paid Your 2007 Dues?

As of the date of this printing, 18 Diplomates have not paid their 2007 dues. If you have any question concerning the status of your membership in the college, please contact the executive office today. The complete Bylaws may be found on the website (www.theriogenology.org) by following the link "About ACT." Pertinent sections of the Bylaws are included below.

From the ACT Bylaws (as amended, August 5, 2004):

Article I, Section 4. The annual dues for all Diplomates, except Emeritus and Inactive Diplomates, shall be established by the officers and shall be payable at the commencement of the fiscal year. Dues or assessments not paid by March 31 of each calendar year shall remove said Diplomat from good standing as well as all College mailing lists and rosters. Diplomates not in good standing shall not be eligible to vote or hold office until dues and assessments in arrears are paid in full.

Article VII Maintenance of Certification

Section 1. Any Diplomat may be expelled, asked to resign, or otherwise disciplined for nonprofessional or unethical conduct, misstatement, or misrepresentation of facts in his/her application for certification, nonpayment of dues for two years, or other action against the best interest of, or in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of the College. The accused person will be given opportunity to reply to charges in writing or in person to the Board before final action.

Section 2. In case of revocation of certification, it shall be the duty of the person having possession of the same to return the certificate attesting to his/her status to the Secretary of the College upon demand by the Board to do so. The Board shall have powers to proceed in any manner permitted by law to enforce the return of any certificate which shall have been revoked.

Nominees for Officers, Director, and Honorary Member

The newly elected vice-president will assume the offices of president-elect and president in 2008 and 2009, respectively. Please mark the enclosed ballot and return in the pre-addressed envelope. Your ballot should be mailed in order for it to reach the ACT office by June 15, 2007.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Dr. Charles T. Estill has a long association with both SFT and ACT having been a member of SFT since 1977 and a Diplomat since 1990. During his tenure as an ACT Exam Committee member he has had opportunities to meet and interact with both ACT leadership and management gaining understanding of the "inner workings" of the college.

Dr. Estill states, "As a College we face considerable challenges on issues such as name recognition/branding, re-certification, certification limited by species, and provision of continuing education resources that will meet the needs of practitioners and specialists alike. I have gained leadership experience through serving on a variety of college and university-level committees and am currently section head of Rural Veterinary Practice at Oregon State. I hope I will bring to the executive board a sense of balance, purpose, and realistic vision for our college."

Dr. Estill is a food animal practitioner with emphasis on dairy production/performance medicine. He is currently working at Oregon State University in rural veterinary practice and extension.

He hopes to bring to the executive board a sense of balance, purpose, and realistic vision for the college.

Dr. Karen Wolfsdorf is a candidate for vice-president. She completed a residency in theriogenology at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine and became board certified in 1995. She spent the next two years between Oakey Veterinary Clinic in Australia and Hagyard Equine Medical Institute in Lexington, KY. Dr. Wolfsdorf has remained at Hagyard Equine Medical Institute for the past 11 years, focusing on Equine Field practice and participating at the McGee Fertility Center evaluating referral cases and performing assisted reproduction techniques.

As a partner since 2002 at Hagyard Equine Medical Institute, Dr. Wolfsdorf is involved in many managerial and organizational aspects. In addition, she is on the committee for the annual Hagyard Bluegrass Equine Symposium and chairman of the Hagyard Research Foundation committee. Dr. Wolfsdorf's special interest is in the "problem" mare and the clinical research applicable to aid in finding solutions. She has authored many chapters on equine reproduction as well as presented and published research regarding progesterone, retained endometrial cups and equine twin reduction with cranio-cervical dislocation. Drawing from past experiences, Dr. Wolfsdorf hopes to establish a better bridge of communication and enhance collaborative endeavors between academic researchers and practitioners.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE

Dr. Anne M. Traas' focus is small animal reproduction in an academic setting. She is the clinical trials veterinarian/lecturer in the Veterinary Clinical Investigation Center at Penn. Her primary clinical trial involves treatment of benign prostatic hypertrophy using a new immunotherapeutic. A portion of her responsibility is for teaching students in lectures, labs and clinical settings about small animal theriogenology. In addition, she is doing research into the molecular basis of congenital hypothyroidism in kittens.

According to Dr. Traas, "My qualifications include 3 years in a private practice setting where 90% of my time was spent in activities related to small animal reproduction, two years of residency and one year as a lecturer in an academic setting. I believe that my varied experience in reproduction from private practice, academia, clinical research, basic science and teaching gives me perspective on the varying needs of the members of the college. I also believe that as a new diplomate (2006) I can bring a fresh point of view to the board. Being a board representative would be the best use of my energy and enthusiasm for theriogenology, as I truly feel the need to contribute to and be more involved in my field."

Anne's goal is to encourage more veterinarians to become board certified, especially in small animal practice, where there is a great need. She believes there are many well qualified veterinarians practicing reproduction who should be encouraged to become certified. Also, she feels there is a widespread need to educate the lay public about the term "theriogenology" as well as the importance of seeking out a boarded specialist for reproductive patients. She has several ideas about how

this may be accomplished while actually increasing revenue for the ACT. In addition, Anne would like to see the college increase its advocacy for theriogenology education in the veterinary curriculum, and revitalize the ACT logo and image as a college.

Dr. Rod Christmas obtained a D.V.M. from Mississippi State University in 1993, M.S. from Kansas State University in 1999 and Diplomate status in the American College of Theriogenologists in 2002. He worked as a mixed animal practitioner in Hattiesburg, Mississippi from 1993-1995.

In 1995, Dr. Christmas made the transition to academia where he remained until 2001. Serving as an assistant professor at Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine and Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine, his focus was on Bovine Reproduction and young bull and heifer development programs.

Since 2001, Dr. Christmas has worked in private industry serving in roles as a technical consultant and currently as a manager of veterinary resources for Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. where he coordinates animal studies through a group of research facilities and serves as a global liaison for R&D scientists, monitors, investigators and management.

Dr. Christmas feels his career path has provided him with the valuable experience, technical skills and overall vision necessary to serve the ACT board.

Dr. Etta Agan Bradecamp graduated from Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1999. She received diplomate status of ACT and ABVP in 2005. Currently Etta is an associate veterinarian at the Old Waterloo Equine Clinic, Warrenton, Virginia, and Director, Old Waterloo Equine Clinic Equine Reproduction Center. She did her Equine Practice Residency at Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine and Goulburn Valley Equine Hospital, Victoria, Australia.

Since graduation from veterinary college she has been active in organized veterinary medicine, and served as secretary of the Virginia Association of Equine Practitioners (VAEP). She also served on the Virginia Veterinary Medical Association board of directors as a liaison for the VAEP.

Etta currently holds the position of co-chair for continuing education of the VAEP, with the duties of planning and organizing the continuing education events sponsored by the VAEP and VVMA.

Etta believes that participation in organized veterinary medicine is an extremely important responsibility and continued growth and development of an organization is dependent on the contributions of its members.

The ACT is currently addressing numerous issues that will shape our future, including branding our college and helping define the education of future diplomates while they are students and/or residents. As a new diplomate and having recently completed a residency training program, Etta feels these topics are jugular to the future growth and vitality of our college.

As a resident and now practicing diplomate, Etta routinely works with students and has a keen insight into their familiarity and understanding of the ACT and reproduction as a discipline.

Along with her other service in organized veterinary medicine she feels well qualified to contribute as an ACT board member on these vital issues and would genuinely appreciate your support.

SECRETARY

Dr. R. Bruce Hollett graduated from The University of Georgia, College of Veterinary Medicine in 1972 and is seeking the position as Secretary for the American College of Theriogenologists.

He became a Diplomate in 2002 through completion of a residency from Oklahoma State University.

The species of emphasis include canine, bovine and equine during instruction of senior veterinary students in clinical block rotations and a junior theriogenology course with lectures and laboratories.

His qualifications are based upon serving as an executive secretary for a large organization; previous Section Chief for the VTH Field Services faculty; charter member, secretary/treasurer and president of the Georgia Equine Practitioners Association; former director of the audiovisual library for AAEP; Director of Continuing Education for the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine and currently Acting Associate Dean for Public Service and Outreach.

He received a BS in Animal Science from Virginia Tech, a DVM from The University of Georgia and a Masters in Veterinary Physiology and Pharmacology from Purdue University

His vision for this assignment will be an honest effort to organize, maintain and distribute correct information to candidates and diplomates in a timely manner.

Dr. Philip E. Prater is an Associate Professor of Veterinary Technology at Morehead State University. He received his DVM degree from the Ohio State University (1984) with an internship in Large Animal Ambulatory Medicine at OSU in 1985-86. Dr. Prater continued his education with a residency in theriogenology at the University of Tennessee in 1986-88. There he attended to all in-house reproductive referrals and performed routine ambulatory visits to equine, dairy and beef clients.

While at UT, his research projects focused on assisted reproductive techniques in domestic animals, and reproductive endocrinology associated with the performance of these techniques. He became a Diplomate of the American College of Theriogenologists via the residency route in 1989.

After seven years in private practice, Dr. Prater joined the faculty at Morehead State University - Veterinary Technology Program where his primary responsibilities include teaching large animal clinical procedures and health maintenance of the equine and food animal herds on the University Farm. He has also developed a large animal referral center for patients from veterinarians in the region. His current research interests lie in beef heifer development programs, ultrasound pregnancy diagnosis in beef cattle, estrous synchronization programs in beef cattle and small ruminants and surgical embryo transfer in goats.

Dr. Prater serves on the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association's Food Animal Committee, Emergency Management Committee and on the advisory board of the Kentucky Cattleman's Association and the Kentucky Beef Network. He has authored and co-authored several peer reviewed articles and two book chapters on large and small animal reproduction.

Dr. Prater serves as faculty advisor to pre-veterinary medicine students and the pre-vet club at MSU. Dr. Prater has served since 1996 on the public relations committee of the ACT, which he chaired from 1996 – 1998. From 1999-2001, he served on the board of directors of the ACT.

Dr. Prater is honored to be nominated for the position of ACT secretary, and will try to provide an efficient, organized approach to the business of the college.

MAKE SURE YOU MARK YOUR BALLOTS
AND RETURN THEM IN THE ENCLOSED
PREAMDRESSED ENVELOPE BY THE
JUNE 15, 2007 DEADLINE.

Branding Issues

Dear Colleagues,

Over the past months there has been much discussion regarding name changes, tag lines, logos, and the future of the American College of Theriogenologists. Many of you have contributed to the discussion and the Board thanks you for your participation.

During the January meeting of the ACT Executive Board, two important events occurred;

1. The Board reviewed contributions from the membership regarding name change.
2. The Board participated in our first ACT specific brand focus meeting to explore the College's strategic options including name change, positioning, and our value proposition to the industry.

The brand focus meeting was conducted with participation from the Society for Theriogenology Executive Board membership and during the 2 ½ hour discussion the following topics were discussed:

1. What is the status of veterinary medicine and the animal health industry?
2. Who is the ACT's key audience, who do we communicate value to?
3. What does the ACT and/or board certification offer this audience?
4. Who does the ACT compete with for the attention of this audience?
5. What is the ACT's position in the veterinary market? Are we leaders, advisors?
6. What is the ACT's value proposition to veterinary medicine? What does the college and/or board certification offer that no one else in the animal health industry can claim or duplicate?

Is this value relevant to our audience?

The 2 ½ hour session provided one very important finding – 2 ½ hours is insufficient to cover all of these topics. The future direction of the ACT is too vital a topic to make decisions on name changes without diagnostic data and it is our responsibility as the leadership of the College to perform the due diligence. Just as it would be inappropriate to ignore clinical findings and arbitrarily pursue treatment, we must complete the internal diagnostics of the College, and better define our audience, our value proposition, and our competition before we determine the marketing message.

Our plan is to continue the diagnostic path down which we have started by continuing our internal brand audit. We will solicit additional input from the membership and are considering the creation of a brand development team in the coming months. Please check the ACT list serve for future communications.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or comments, or wish be a participant on the brand development team.

Sincerely,

Travis Meredith, DVM, MBA, Dip ACT

Speakers Needed

Are you interested in encouraging some of today's veterinary students to become tomorrow's theriogenologists? The ACT, as part of its strategic plan, wishes to promote introduction of veterinary students to Diplomates who are practitioners.

Members of the Executive Board are responsible for each of the schools in the United States and Canada. If you're traveling near a veterinary college and would be willing to speak to the students, please contact the appropriate Executive Board member and we'll contact the

school for you.

The ACT can provide you with a brief PowerPoint presentation about the discipline of theriogenology if you wish.

Questions? Please contact any member of the Executive Board:

Rocky Crisman - The Ohio State, Texas A&M, Illinois

Travis Meredith - Purdue, Oklahoma State

Gary Nie - Florida, Georgia, Michigan St

Peggy Root - Minnesota, Wisconsin, Guelph

Craig Smith - Mississippi State, Auburn, Tuskegee, Prince Edward Island

John Steiner - Tennessee, North Carolina State, Virginia-Maryland

Ahmed Tibary - Kansas State, Colorado State, Iowa State

Regina Turner - Pennsylvania, Tufts, Cornell

Dirk Vanderwall - Washington State, Oregon State, Saskatoon, Western University at Pomona

Educator's Forum Update

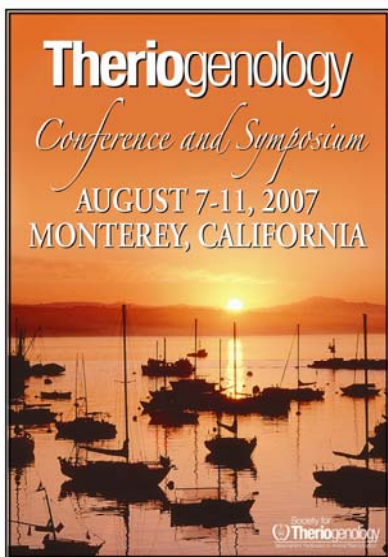
Would you like to retire someday? Who will take your job? The Therio Educators group meets annually at the SFT/ACT meeting to discuss issues of education and to promote theriogenology at the level of the veterinary colleges. After the 2006 meeting in St. Paul, the members of the group were canvassed regarding which projects the group should pursue. The chosen projects were creation of a core curriculum and completion of residency guidelines.

The core curriculum project is now completed, and a core curriculum and accompanying cover letter promoting Theriogenology education

will be sent to the Dean and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at every veterinary college accredited by the AVMA, the AVMA Council on Education, the American Board of Veterinary Specialties, the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges, the Education Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates, and the European College of Animal Reproduction.

The creation of residency guidelines is vital to our continuing presence as a specialty within the veterinary colleges. At this year's meeting in Monterey in August, we will meet to educate each other and to further discuss theriogenology education for veterinary medical students. Please consider joining this discussion, either by attendance at the meeting or by participation in the list-serve.

To join the list-serve, please contact Dr. Charles Franz at the ACT executive offices (charles@franzmgt.com). Many people teaching at the veterinary colleges feel they do so in isolation, and many practicing theriogenologists have much to share. Promoting theriogenology education at the veterinary colleges will help cement our chosen specialty within veterinary school curricula and help create the colleagues who will someday replace us.



Scientific Committee Report...

The Scientific Information/Abstract Committee is responsible for soliciting, and selecting competitive and noncompetitive research abstracts from those submitted for consideration for presentations at the Society for Theriogenology's Annual Meeting. The selection is based on well-defined objectives established by the committee and the scientific quality of the abstracts.

Additionally, members of the committee review nominations for new committee members and make recommendations to the Executive Board of the ACT. The committee consists of four permanent members appointed to 4 year terms and 2 *ad hoc* members. The permanent members include 1 small animal emphasis individual, 1 equine emphasis individual, 1 food animal emphasis individual, and 1 individual with skills across multiple species. One of the 2 *ad hoc* members is unrestricted. The second *ad hoc* member also can specialize in any species, but must be a new diplomate (Board Certified within the past 5 years). The makeup of the committee helps to minimize species bias during abstract scoring, but also allows for expertise in each major species area.

This year, 17 competitive abstracts and 41 noncompetitive abstracts (32% increase from last year) were submitted for consideration. This growth is in part, due to the continued support from the various constituencies in and outside of ACT/SFT organizations and the educators/researchers enthusiastic participation. Members of the committee spent considerable amount of time reading and scoring each abstract. As in the past, the evaluations were done independently without the member knowing the author or the affiliation. The scores were compiled and the top submissions were selected for presentation at the annual meeting. As a result, conference attendees in 2007 at Monterey can expect to hear top

quality research abstracts covering a variety of topics in a range of species. The *happy hour* is another place where the researchers will share their new-found information. Members of the abstract committee will be in attendance to score the oral presentations and prizes will be awarded to those individuals with the highest combined written and oral scores. You do not want to miss any of the above presentations!

On behalf of the abstract committee, I invite all of you to consider nominating yourself or your colleagues to serve on the abstract committee. Nominations are sought in the fall of each year. This year, we will be searching for a new multi-species emphasis permanent member and a new *ad hoc* member (diplomate status obtained in the last 5 years). Additionally, we encourage all of you to continue to submit abstracts for consideration for either the competitive or non competitive abstract sessions at the SFT annual meeting. The first call for abstracts for the 2008 meeting should go out in late November or early December with an abstract submission deadline of approximately mid-February, 2008. Please watch for these announcements in our list-serve. Let us help this committee grow stronger and enable the growth of science within our profession.

On behalf of the members of this committee, ACT and its leadership, and on behalf of the Executive Director of the ACT, Dr. Charles Franz, I thank Dr. Turner for her contribution to the growth of this committee. Reg has served so well on this committee in different capacities for the past 4 years and this is her last year. Dr. Galantino-Homer will be the next chair of this committee and having observed Hannah's participation in this committee, I have no doubt that the committee will become truly stronger under her leadership.

Respectfully,

Augustine Peter

Chair

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SMALL ANIMAL

What's New About Hypothyroidism -
Dr. Beverly Purswell

Infertility in the Stud Dog - Dr. Mustaq Memon

Update on Semen Evaluation -
Dr. Margaret Root Kustritz

Disorders of Sexual Development -
Dr. Sara Lyle

Marketing and Using Canine Reproduction
Services in Small Animal Practices -
Dr. Jane Barber

Parturition Prediction and Timing of Canine
Pregnancy - Dr. Vicki Meyers-Wallen

Unusual and Abnormal Canine Estrous Cycles -
Dr. Vicki Meyers – Wallen

Challenges In Small Animal Parturition -
Timing Elective and Emergency Caesarian
Sections –Dr. Fran Smith

Estrus Induction in Canines and Felines -
Dr. Michelle Kutzler

The Canine Health Information Center -
Mr. Eddie Dzuik

Using the Canine Genome to Cure Cancer and
Other Diseases - Dr. Patricia Olson

Embryo Flushing - Dr. Cathy Gartley

Embryo Transfer in the Dog and Cat -
Dr. Richard Fayrer-Hosken

Physiology of Early Pregnancy in the Bitch -
Dr. Cathy Gartley

FOOD ANIMAL

Update on Transmission of BVD Virus
by Embryos and Semen -
Dr. David Stringfellow

Regulatory Issues of Concern When
Transporting Embryos and Semen -
Dr. Sara Kaman

Advances and Applications of Sexed
Semen and Embryo Production in
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