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Annual Report
2010/2011

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Oral History Project

The Oral History Project aims to provide historical resources based on interviews with graduates, faculty and staff of the University. Questions surrounding influences and life at the University of Guelph during various decades are just a few of the topics explored within the project. Over the past 30 years, over 200 alumni and friends have been interviewed, including past OVC graduates such as Dr. Bernard McSherry (OVC '42) and Dr. Joan Budd (OVC '50). The tapes can be listened to in the library's archival section. Many of the interviews have been transcribed, with both printed and electronic articles available.

To consult the entire listing of available interviews please visit:

[http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/resources/archival & special collections/the collections/digital collections/regional/oralhistory.htm](http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/resources/archival%20&%20special%20collections/the%20collections/digital%20collections/regional/oralhistory.htm) or using your preferred search engine, please type

'Oral History Project-University of Guelph'

The Oral History Committee is a volunteer group under the auspices of the U of G Alumni Association. **If the project is to continue more volunteer help is required. For more information on the Oral History Project and how to conduct and submit interviews contact Dick Julian at rjulian@uoguelph.ca.**



Annual General Meeting
9:00 am Saturday, June 18th, 2011
Room 1714, Ontario Veterinary College

Agenda

- 1.0 Call to Order.....Dr. Janet Sunohara-Neilson
- 2.0 Welcoming remarksDr. Janet Sunohara-Neilson
- 3.0 Remarks from the President of the University of Guelph.....Dr. Alastair Summerlee
- 4.0 UGAA GreetingsMr. C. Bradley Rooney
- 5.0 Moment of Silence.....Dr. Dean Percy
- 6.0 Approval of the Agenda
- 7.0 Approval of the Minutes from the 2010 Annual General Meeting, Saturday, June 19th 2010
- 8.0 Business Arising from the Minutes
- 9.0 Dean’s Address Dr. Elizabeth Stone
- 10.0 President’s Report.....Dr. Janet Sunohara-Neilson
- 11.0 Treasurer’s Report and Appointment of the AuditorsDr. Roger Thomson
- 10.1 Appointment of the Auditors
Motion: “That McDougall and Co. Chartered Accountants are appointed to audit the affairs of the Ontario Veterinary College Alumni Association until the next Annual General Meeting.”
- 11.0 Receipt of circulated reports for information
 - 11.1 President’s Report
 - 11.2 Financial Report
 - 11.3 Dean’s Report
 - 11.4 Development Report
 - 11.5 Communications Report
 - 11.6 Honours & Awards
- 12.0 Resolution Approving Acts of the Directors
Motion: “That all resolutions passed and all acts, contracts and business transacted by the Directors since June 19th, 2010, be ratified and confirmed by the members of the Ontario Veterinary College Alumni Association”.
- 13.0 Elections:
 - 13.1 Election and Ratification of Officers.....Dr. Janet Sunohara-Neilson
Motion: “That all officers and directors as listed on the slate be elected”.

- 14.0 Presentation of OVC AA Awards..... Dr. Dean Percy
- 15.0 150th Anniversary WebsiteDr. Peter Conlon
- 16.0 AnnouncementsDr. Janet Sunohara-Neilson
- 17.0 Adjournment

Moment of Silence Names



Minutes – Annual General Meeting

9:00 am, Saturday, June 19th, 2010, Room 1714, OVC

Since our initial strategic planning meeting in 2007, the OVC Alumni Association (OVC AA)

Attending: Trace MacKay, Dick Julian, Roger Thomson, Janet Sunohara-Neilson, Lynn Helwig, Meg Plyley, Dana Bratkin, Jim Millington, Peter Conlon, Dean Percy, Brad Hanna

1. Welcome and call to order (Trace MacKay) 9:13 am

2. Welcoming Remarks (Trace MacKay)

3. Remarks from the President of the University of Guelph (Dr. Alastair Summerlee)

President Summerlee welcomed all attendees and discussed some of the current changes happening at the college, including the Primary Health Care Centre. President Summerlee also acknowledged the contributions of Pet Trust to the college.

4. UGAA Greetings (Linda Hruska)

Mrs. Hruska discussed the relationship between the UGAA and the OVCAA and how they are working together to address issues concerning the university as a whole. Mrs. Hruska also discussed changes to the awards programs and alumni outreach programs.

5. Approval of the Agenda

Lynn Helwig/Jim Millington

Approved

6. Approval of the Minutes from 2009 Annual General Meeting, Saturday June 20th, 2009

Dick Julian/Peter Conlon

Approved

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

8. Dean's Address (Dr. Elizabeth Stone)

Dr. Stone discussed renovations and construction that have taken place at the college recently as well as ones that are still in progress. Dr. Stone also talked about changes to the DVM curriculum and renovations that will go along with this. The Primary Health Care Centre, OVC Animal Cancer Centre and Equine Sports Medicine and Reproduction Centre were discussed regarding their roles and contribution to the DVM program at OVC. Dr. Stone also briefly discussed plans for the 150th anniversary celebration.

9. President's Report (Dr. Trace MacKay)

Dr. MacKay referred the attendees to her report in the OVCAA Annual Report.

10. Treasurer's Report and Appointment of the Auditors (Dr. Roger Thomson)

Dr. Thomson briefly discussed the losses of the endowment fund from last year as well as the recent growth in the endowment. Dr. Thomson also discussed the use of the GIC account that has been used in the past year to keep the association running.

10.1 Appointment of the Auditors

Motion: "That Stanley A. McDougall B.A., C.A. be appointed to audit the affairs of the Ontario Veterinary College Alumni Association until the next Annual General Meeting."

Lynn Helwig/Janet Sunohara-Neilson CARRIED

11. Receipt of the circulated reports for information

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12. Resolution Approving Acts of the Directors

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Lynn Helwig/Craig Cornell CARRIED

13. Elections:

13.1 Election and Ratification of Officers (Dr. Trace MacKay)

Motion: “That all Officers and directors as listed on the slate be elected”

Jim Millington/Roger Thomson

14. Presentation of OVC AA Awards (Dr. Trace MacKay)

OVCAA Distinguished Alumnus to Dr. Dennis Meagher

Young Alumnus of Honour Award to Dr. Karen Dupont

Alumni Volunteer Award to Dr. Mary DeCaire

15. Announcements (Dr. Trace MacKay)

Dr. Brad Hanna discussed the Challenge Cup trophy that will list all of the Challenge Cup winners from the past and be awarded to the winners in the future.

Dr. Danny Butler briefly discussed the topic of Alumni in Action.

Trace announced a new award for the OVC class with the most participation and donations that could be either monetary or volunteer.

16. Adjournment 10:32 am



Ontario Veterinary College ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

President's Report: 2010-2011

Blánaid Donnelly, President, OVC AA, Ontario Veterinary College

Since our initial strategic planning meeting in 2007, the OVC Alumni Association (OVC AA) Board of Directors has annually reviewed these documents to ensure that our activities align with our goals. In particular we had chosen three strategic directions: to support alumni, to support students and to support the College. The second annual career-networking event, the OVC AA Career Watering Hole, follows the first and second direction. This event gives hiring veterinarians and graduating student veterinarians an opportunity to meet in a relaxed and social atmosphere in the hopes that job interviews or clinic visits might be arranged. In January, Janet Sunohara-Neilson (OVCAA Vice President, DVM '07) and the Watering Hole Planning Committee organized a successful event at the Hill's Primary Healthcare Centre at OVC. In addition to funding from the Dean's office, industry support was obtained from IDEXX, Proctor and Gamble and Novartis. A new member to the Board spearheaded fundraising for this event: Michael Goldstein.

With regard to serving our College, the OVCAA will be spearheading the 150 days of Service Project to celebrate OVC's 150th Anniversary. This project will engage Alumni by showcasing community involvement. Alumni will volunteer a half or full-day of volunteer work with charity organizations of their choice and share their experiences by posting images and text on a web page. Our goal is for alumni to volunteer a total of 150 days of volunteer time. We know that many alumni are already donating their time and energy to their communities- why not share some of those experiences with us?!

The Board was recently approached by Brad Hanna (DVM 1989) to propose that the OVC AA be the guardians of the OVC Challenge Cup. Challenge Cup is an OVC tradition, which celebrated its 80th anniversary this year. One hundred students participate in this hockey tournament each year, in addition to alumni and staff. It will be an honour for us to present the Cup to the winners beginning in 2012 for the 150th anniversary of OVC. This new initiative will fulfill all three of our strategic directions. Thank you to the Challenge Cup Organizers for selecting us as a partner in this quintessential OVC event.

We urge you to contact us should you, like Dr Hanna have suggestions for ways in which we can achieve our objectives. We are always open to new and innovative ways to bring our alumni, students and college together. Please see below for contact information.

The OVC AA Board has had to be strategic in considering our financial situation. The extreme fiscal constraints we have been under for the last 2 years have greatly changed the organizations and events that we sponsor. Sadly, this means that we are no longer able to donate funds to student activities such as the Fourth Year Play or the Global Vets Program. Furthermore, it has also forced us to withdraw funding from certain student awards. The Board decided that funds should be distributed in such a way as to serve the greatest number of students. These constraints have also encouraged us to be more generous with our time such as volunteering at Teddy Bear Surgery, the Phase 3 College Royal Display and having a more active role on the Crest Editorial Board while making significant cuts to our financial support to the publication (from \$3,600 to \$1,000 annually).

This year has been one of many changes for our Board of Directors. We created committees to better manage our responsibilities and ensure that our Board members can contribute in ways that best suit their skills and interests. The committees are as follows: communications, awards, events and financial. This year we welcomed some new members to the Board including Monica Marshman as the student representative for the Class of 2014 and Amanda Rosborough (2013) who took over from Meg Plyly as the Phase 2 representative. Warmest welcome to you both and thanks to Meg for her contributions last year. As mentioned above, Brad Hanna (DVM '89) and Michael Goldstein also agreed to volunteer their time to the Board and we're already impressed with their enthusiasm and initiative.

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce Janet Sunohara-Neilson as the incumbent President of the Alumni Association. I am sure that with Janet's dedication and organizational skills that the Board will be in the most capable of hands. Brad Hanna has accepted a nomination as Vice President for the upcoming year. The Board has also elected to amend the OVC AA bylaws so that the Secretarial position currently held by Maureen Anderson (DVM 2003) will be considered a member of the Executive. Previously, the executive officers consisted of the President, Vice President, Past President, Treasurer and Alumni Advancement Manager. This amendment will ensure that executive meetings are adequately recorded and available to alumni for review. We wish the new executive members all of our support and appreciation as they take on these roles.

Sadly, we're saying goodbye to Kim Robinson, Alumni Advancement Manager as she begins parental leave with her second child. Kim has been the glue that holds our association together. Her patience, pragmatism and perseverance have made her an invaluable resource and we're sorry to see her go. Tara Collins will be assuming the position of Alumni Advancement Manager for and we're looking forward to getting to know her. Welcome, Tara.

I'd like to say thank you to Trace MacKay (DVM 2003) as she steps down as OVC AA's past president. Trace has been an active and dedicated member of the board since she attended OVC as a student and we hope that she will continue to bring her innovative ideas and relentless energy to the OVCAA in whatever way she can.

Finally, I'd like to urge alumni to reconnect with OVC over the upcoming year. The 150th anniversary should be a time to celebrate the things we love about our college and to take action to make our college community even stronger.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Blánaid Donnelly".

Blánaid Donnelly DVM 2009, MPH 2010, OVC AA President 2010-2011

Please connect with us by emailing OVCAA@uoguelph.ca



Dean's Report: 2010-2011

Dr. Elizabeth Stone, Dean, Ontario Veterinary College

OVC Turns 150

With OVC's 150th anniversary year fast approaching in 2012, the 150th committee has been planning a stellar year of events and activities. In fact, Alumni Weekend 2011 will feature the kickoff celebrations with the launch of the anniversary website www.ovc150.ca. Everyone in attendance will get a special preview of the new site.

The OVC 150th anniversary symposium series returned in May with Come. Sit. Learn., a one-day symposium celebrating the human and animal bond. Animal lovers were invited to spend the day at Rozanski Hall with OVC experts, who offered engaging talks about nutrition, pet health, vaccines and a host of other topics. The keynote speaker was Dr. Marty Becker, a U.S. veterinarian who regularly appears on The Dr. Oz Show and Good Morning America.

The four-year series began in 2009 with Women in Veterinary Medicine; Veterinary Medicine and Literature followed in 2010. The series concludes in May 2012 with Changing the Globe . . . International Veterinary Medicine.

Student veterinarians from across Canada will help the Ontario Veterinary College kick off its 150th anniversary year in January 2012 when OVC hosts the Students of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (SCVMA) Symposium. The symposium brings together students from each of the five Canadian veterinary schools to participate in lectures, wet labs, clinical presentations as well as social events.

Other 150th activities to look for in the coming months:

- Ontario Veterinary Medical Association January 2012: OVC will have a special historical display and volunteers will perform vignettes – historical moments dramatized in short plays to highlight pivotal moments in time.
- Doors Open Guelph: April 2012 – An inside look at OVC.
- Guelph Civic Museum: Special OVC historical display March – June 2012
- Special books commemorating OVC's 150 years:
 - An OVC history by Guelph's Terry Crowley

- A collection of poems, stories, essays and personal remembrances about companion animals and how they enrich our lives, as well as about the veterinary professionals who sustain and are part of our life-long relationship with animals
- A collection of stories of mystery and innovation related to zoonotic diseases that will capture true experiences of veterinarians in their quest for answers to the diseases that affect humans and animals
- OVC at 150: a table-top book that highlights discoveries, 'firsts' and innovation by faculty and students throughout the years

Activities

Last August, OVC hosted the second Equi-Challenge, which featured top riders from a variety of disciplines riding in 'other disciplines' to raise funds for the Equine Sports Medicine and Reproduction Centre at OVC. Equi-Challenge was great fun and will return in 2012.

The opening of the new Pathobiology/Animal Health Laboratory Building was celebrated last October. It features a 120-seat classroom, two 60-seat classrooms, teaching laboratories, seminar rooms, state-of-the-art diagnostic and research laboratories and offices. Everyone has settled into the new surroundings. The last part of that project construction of a pneumatic tube system that will transport lab samples from the cancer centre, companion animal and large animal medical complexes to the new Animal Health Laboratory. Work should be complete in the fall of 2011.

The opening of the Dr. Frank Schofield Memorial Seminar Room, located on the main floor of the new Pathobiology / Animal Health Laboratory Building, was celebrated last fall. The seminar room is supported by donations from alumni of Seoul National University's College of Veterinary Medicine, the Dr. Schofield Memorial Association of Korean-Canadians, and friends of the former OVC professor who became a hero in Korea for his support of that country's independence movement in the early 20th century. The seminar room features a wall display that showcases Schofield's career.

Last November, the OVC Health Sciences Centre celebrated another milestone the opening of a new intermediate-care / fluid ward and an updated and expanded intensive care unit. The project makes more space available for hospitalized patients and uses the existing space more efficiently. The new space allows more space for optimal care. It adds more space for seriously ill patients, a new isolation area for infectious cases as well as new dog runs. A new emergency entrance allows emergency cases to enter the hospital without going through the main entrance and lobby.

Renovations also began last year on a new home for the Centre for Public Health and Zoonoses, which will take over laboratory and office space formerly occupied by the AHL and parts of the main level of the former

Department of Pathobiology. The project is supported by a \$1-million infrastructure grant from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) New Initiatives Fund. The funding goes toward equipment and facilities for the CPHAZ to conduct state-of-the-art research in animal-related aspects of public health, particularly zoonotic diseases.

In May of this year, the wide range of cancer research expertise at the University of Guelph was showcased at the fourth annual 2011 Cancer Research Symposium, hosted by the Institute for Comparative Cancer Investigation. The keynote speaker was Dr. Cheryl London, associate professor of medical oncology at the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine, who spoke about targeted therapy in veterinary medicine: the emerging role of tyrosine kinase inhibitors. Cancer researchers from across the University of Guelph campus participated in the symposium.

Construction began in mid-May for the Animal Cancer Centre. Renovations to part of the Former Pathobiology Building (laboratory and classroom space) will be made to accommodate the centre. Work has also begun soon on the bunker for the cancer centre's proposed linear accelerator. The linear accelerator will be located in the McNabb Garden courtyard. The project will require the removal of two mature trees from the garden, so two replacement trees will be planted elsewhere. Work on the centre is expected to be complete before year end.

The Centre for Public Health and Zoonoses (CPHAZ) hosted its second symposium on June 9 with a full day of presentations about human and animal health research being done by the University of Guelph and collaborators on topics such as antimicrobial resistance, zoonotic diseases, and more. Guest speakers included Dr. Ted Leighton, executive director of the Canadian Cooperative Wildlife Health Centre and professor at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, and Dr. Rebecca Irwin from the Canadian Integrated Program for Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance at the Public Health Agency of Canada.

On June 3, the University and OVC celebrated the official opening of the Large Animal Clinical Skills Building. The construction was supported by OMAFRA. Visitors were treated to views of the new spaces -- before the teaching sheep and cows moved in.

The Hill's Pet Nutrition Primary Healthcare Centre will celebrate its first anniversary in July – we are delighted with the results of the first year of learning and operation. Our focus for the coming year is to intensify the learning experiences for our student veterinarians.

OVC is not the only one celebrating a birthday this year – OVC Pet Trust Fund turns 25 and will mark the occasion with a gala in Toronto in October. Pet Trust and its dedicated board and volunteers have committed \$15 million for the OVC Animal Cancer Centre and have already raised \$10 million.

Celebrating OVC's Faculty, Staff and Students

Tara Collins as the interim alumni affairs manager, replacing Kim Robinson while she is on maternity leave. Collins and Robinson will work together beginning April 25. A University of Guelph graduate, Collins is bilingual (English/French) and brings to OVC a diverse background of skills and experience, including her most recent two years with Free The Children based out of Toronto.

Dr. Valerie Wong, a PhD candidate at the Department of Pathobiology, received a travel grant from the American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology (ASVCP). The award was to offset expenses related to attending ASVCP's annual conference held in Baltimore in the fall of 2010. Her current research, supported by the OVC Pet Trust Fund, focuses on the characterization of protein C in dogs and the development of recombinant canine-activated protein C as a therapeutic. Wong's PhD supervisor is Dr. Darren Wood.

Biomedical Sciences professor Glen Pyle has been appointed to the editorial board of the *Journal of Molecular and Cellular Cardiology* (Elsevier). The appointment is for three years and Dr. Pyle is one of only four Canadians on the board. The journal is one of the most prestigious journals in the cardiovascular field, publishing work on the mechanisms responsible for both normal and diseased cardiovascular function.

Dr. Andrew Peregrine and collaborators received \$90,000 from the Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada (OACC). The OACC recently announced the launch of Canada's Organic Science Cluster, supported by \$8.8 million in funding through Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Growing Forward Program and industry partners.

Dr. Pawel Bartlewski, Biomedical Sciences, has been appointed to the editorial board of the *Endocrinology Studies* journal (PAGEPress Publications), as one of the two board members specializing in animal endocrinology.

Dr. Ulrike Sorge, a post-doctoral researcher in the Department of Population Medicine, was recognized for her research that has provided the foundation for the Johne's disease control program in Ontario. Dr. Ulrike Sorge received the inaugural Konrad Bögel Young Scientist Award in Veterinary Epidemiology and Veterinary Public Health at a conference held Feb. 4 in Hanover, Germany. The award, named after a German pioneer in veterinary epidemiology and ecosystem health, was created to recognize research excellence and promote the fields of veterinary epidemiology, herd health and veterinary public health. Sorge received the award for her thesis "Evaluation of a Voluntary Risk Assessment-Based Johne's Disease Control Program in Ontario and Western Canada."

Biomedical Sciences Prof. Bettina Kalisch was one of two recipients of this year's CSA Teaching Excellence Award, presented March 24 at the Student Life Recognition Banquet. The award was established in 1990 and serves to "recognize professors who have had a considerable impact on the education of undergraduate students at the University of Guelph." The award endeavors to provide recognition and appreciation for the contributions of outstanding instructors to teaching and learning.

Jocelyn Wessels, staff member in the Department of Biomedical Sciences is one of three outstanding volunteers from the University of Guelph to receive a 2011 Dr. William Winegard Exemplary Volunteer Involvement Award. She volunteers with the Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington and Guelph General Hospital and raises money for underprivileged children, and for patients and their families in the hospital diagnostic imaging department.

Sarah Taylor (OVC 2013) placed among the top 15 in the veterinary student poster competition at the 42nd annual meeting of the American Association of Swine Veterinarians (AASV) held recently in Phoenix. On February 23, Dr. Alan Meek, former OVC dean, was named an Honorary Fellow of the University for his significant contributions to life at U of G. Meek was honoured during winter convocation ceremonies. Speaking on behalf of Dean Elizabeth Stone, Dr. Peter Conlon told family and friends at the reception that OVC is a much better place because of Meek's tireless efforts over many years as dean and as a faculty member.

In February, Dr. Suzanne Plamondon was appointed to the position of Chief Medical Officer for the OVC Health Sciences Centre. A graduate of the Atlantic Veterinary College, Dr. Plamondon is a Diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (DABVP Canine/Feline specialty). She also holds a MBA from Dalhousie University. Another new face in the OVC Health Sciences Centre is Dr. David Eshar, who joined as an avian & exotic animal specialist.

OVC also welcomed new faculty including:

- Dr. Shauna Blois, a specialist in companion animal internal medicine, joined the Department of Clinical Studies faculty as an Assistant Professor.
- Also in Clinical Studies, Dr. Lance Bassage, an equine surgeon educated and trained in the United States, returns to academia following several years in private practice as staff surgeon at Rhinebeck Equine LLP in Dutchess County, New York.
- Dr. Brandon Plattner is the Department of Pathobiology's new anatomic pathologist. Born and raised in Kansas, he has degrees in agriculture and veterinary medicine from Kansas State University. He worked for three years in mixed-animal practice until 2005, when he began a combined anatomic pathology residency and graduate program at Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Christy Hamilton, a PhD candidate in the Department of Biomedical Sciences, was the runner-up in the student competition of the International Embryo Society Transfer (IETS) meeting held earlier this month in Orlando, FL. As one of five finalists in the competition, Christy Hamilton also received a travel grant to the event, where she did a poster and oral presentation based on her abstract "TSPY copy number and expression in bovine blastocysts."

Andrea Hunt, a graduate student in the Department of Biomedical Sciences, received a prestigious scholarship from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). Hunt, whose M.Sc. supervisor is Dr. Pavneesh Madan, received a Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarship-Master's Award. The awards provide special recognition and support to students pursuing a Master's degree in a health related field in Canada. These candidates are expected to have an exceptionally high potential for future research achievement and productivity. Candidates are evaluated based upon their achievements, activities, characteristics and abilities and on the potential research-training environment.

In the 10th Annual Intercollegiate Animal Welfare Judging and Assessment Competition at Michigan State University, students from the Ontario Veterinary College marked 10 years of participation by the University of Guelph. The University of Guelph graduate student team finished second in their division, with Jessica Zaffino from the Department of Population Medicine achieving the second-highest score in that division. This year the DVM team finished with a very respectable fourth-place performance.

The American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP) recognized the outstanding contributions to the field by retired OVC professor Ian Barker. Dr. Barker received the Harold W. Casey Award for Sustained Excellence in the Teaching of Veterinary Pathology. The award was presented at the concurrent annual meetings of the ACVP and the American Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathology in Baltimore, Md. in November. This spring, Dr. Barker was also honoured as University Professor Emeritus.



Report on Alumni Affairs and Development: 2010-2011

Clare Olmstead, Senior Development Manager

The Campaign for 2014 - The BetterPlanet Project

Last September, the University of Guelph officially launched the BetterPlanet Project. This \$200 million campaign aims to accelerate research that will help people around the world to improve the quality of their food, their environment, their health and their communities by drawing on our historic and ongoing strengths in these areas. As an alumnus, you know that OVC is a leader in each of these campaign pillars. Thanks to you, our success to date has been remarkable and at the end of the 2010/2011 fiscal year more than \$110 million has been raised.

OVC 2010/2011 Highlights and 2011/2012 Priorities

Hill's Pet Nutrition Primary Healthcare Centre

The Hill's Pet Nutrition Primary Healthcare Centre (PHC) officially opened on June 8, 2010. The Centre would not have been possible without the support of many visionary donors who recognized this opportunity to rethink the way veterinary education is delivered and consequently practiced.

The PHC received \$9.5million in support from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, a \$5 million donation from Hill's Pet Nutrition, as well as several other individual and corporate donations including Gus Lagerquist, OVC'49, '50, '51, and IDEXX Laboratories. The PHC will also be home to the OVC's Endowed Care program. This program will provide peace of mind for pet owners who want to ensure that their pets continue to receive an excellent standard of care should their pet outlive them.

Equine Sports Medicine and Reproduction Centre

The Equine Sports Medicine and Reproduction Centre (ESM&RC) will build on OVC's historic strength in the area of equine medicine. This facility will address performance and reproduction issues for otherwise healthy horses in an area that is separate from the hospital. Phase 1 will focus on sports medicine and will include the construction of a temporary covered arena, the creation of exam rooms and space for a standing MRI. Phase 2 will be introduced as our case load grows and will include reproduction services including embryo freezing and transfer.

We hope to begin construction of phase 1 in June this year and to complete renovations and construction by early fall. Phase 1 will cost \$650,000 for the construction of the covered arena and the renovations and the entire project will cost \$7.5 million.

Bovine Education Trust

Established in April, 2010, this joint project between the Ontario Association of Bovine Practitioners and the OVC aims to provide real-life learning opportunities and on-the-job experience for veterinary students who hope to serve the dairy and beef industries. These external learning opportunities may include stays at large scale dairy operations or travel to conferences. By engaging in these opportunities students will develop their competence and confidence and, upon graduation, will be fully prepared to be guardians of Canada's food supply.

The Bovine Education Trust has received initial support from OMAFRA but aims to raise a total of \$500,000.

Center for Minimally Invasive and Image Guided Therapy

Minimally invasive surgery is a well established practice in human patients and is now a rapidly growing area of surgery for animals as well.

The Ontario Veterinary College's Health Sciences Centre will be the first Canadian Veterinary Organization to offer a formalized Centre for Minimally Invasive and Image Guided Therapy. This Centre will allow us to offer some of the best treatment for pets and will make OVC a leader in this area of clinical practice and research.

The anticipated cost to create and sustain the Centre until it is self sufficient is \$1.15 million.

Pet Trust

Animal Cancer Centre/Institute for Comparative Cancer Investigations - The creation of the OVC Animal Cancer Centre (ACC) has been greatly assisted by the OVC Pet Trust Fund, which has been actively fundraising with a goal of \$10 million since 2006. The goal was increased last year to \$15 million dollars to cover the cost of acquiring a linear accelerator. The Pet Trust campaign has reached more than \$9.6 million and the plan to create the cancer centre is coming into clear focus with construction beginning the first week of May. The centre will provide surgical, medical, radiation, and investigational therapies; strong clinical cancer research and translational research bridging basic and clinical research; innovative cancer treatments involving clinical trials; training and education of veterinarians, specialists and technicians. The ACC will feature a cryogenic tissue/tumour bank to store biopsy material that will become a valuable resource for global cancer research.

Pet Trust supports up to \$500,000 annually for research studies. Over 400 veterinary practices and 10,000 individual donors continue to support OVC Pet Trust and the various fundraising initiatives they support on campus.

Thanks to your support, Pet Trust has been a force for innovation in veterinary medicine for 25 years. As we celebrate our 25th anniversary, Pet Trust will host a gala on Thursday October 13th at the Granite Club in Toronto. Canada's own Jim Cuddy will perform.

For more information, please contact ovcpet@uoguelph.ca or by phone, 519-824-4120 ext 54695.

2010/2011 Fundraising Results

Annual Fund	\$ 1,314,723
Major Gifts	\$4,534,008
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Total	\$5,848,731

Historical Results

2009/2010	\$8.1
2008/2009	\$9.5M
2007/2008	\$11.1M
2006/2007	\$4.0 M
2005/2006	\$3.8M



Ontario Veterinary College

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Report on Communications: 2010 - 2011

Catherine Bianco, Manager, Communications and Marketing

The communications function at OVC works to position the College as an international leader in animal, human and environmental health. Communications Officer Barry Gunn focuses media relations efforts on showing the changing role of veterinary medicine in society, advances in medicine and research in the OVC Health Sciences Centre and the accomplishments of alumni, faculty, staff and students.

While Barry's efforts concentrate on traditional media, we also leverage YouTube™, Facebook, Twitter and a variety of blogs. OVC's first video on YouTube™, The Giant Kidney Worm (narrated by Dr. Andrew Peregrine) has now attracted more than 72,000 views. While many views have been from the public, one of the reasons for the high number of views is that several veterinary schools in the U.S. have asked if they can use the video in teaching as the giant kidney worm occurs only in certain areas of the world.

Website Changes Ahead

A great deal of time during the past year was spent in determining the needs for new websites within the OVC family. Five areas were selected for creation/enhancement:

- The 150th website
- Student Recruitment
- Research and Innovation
- Hill's Pet Nutrition Primary Healthcare Centre
- OVC Health Sciences Centre

Once the requirements for the sites were determined, OVC worked with the University of Guelph Purchasing Department on a Request for Proposal to select a firm to work with. The results of these efforts will come on line in the next few months.

OVC Mini-Vet School

The OVC Mini-Vet School was back this Spring for its second year. Enrollment increased to 180 from 140 for the four-week, eight-lecture course aimed at the public.

Organized by OVC Communications and students participating in Global Vets, the funds raised from the course fee helped cover some of the students' travel costs. The students involved in the organization of the course –

Michelle Horton and Cory Biesinger from the Class of 2013 – did an excellent job in coordinating all aspects of the course. The course was featured in local newspapers, on television and on CBC radio.

OVC Crest

In honour of OVC's 150th anniversary, Barry Gunn also worked on a redesign of the OVC Crest, which goes to OVC alumni, faculty, staff and students. The new design, which incorporates the 150th banner, launched in January.



Honors & Awards Committee Report: 2010-2011

Margaret A. B. Maxwell Memorial Scholarship:

Dr. Laetitia Tatiersky

Andrew Leslie McNabb Award:

Dr. Elise Tatone

Graduate Student Award for Clinical Studies:

Stephanie Keating

Graduate Student Award:

Tim Carter

Proficiency Awards for Phase 4:

1st:

Dr. Crystal Throop

2nd:

Dr. Andrew Zwambag

3rd:

Dr. Julie Fell

Phase 3:

Lindsey Rogers

Phase 2:

Patrick Corrente

Phase 1:

Gayla Schwartz

OCVAA Student Spirit Prize:

Rebecca Sterns

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Distinguished Alumnus Award:

Dr. Bernard McSherry, OVC '42

Young Alumnus of Honor Award:

Dr. Patricia Turner, OVC '92



Proposed Slate of Officers: 2011-2012

<i>President:</i>	Dr. Janet Sunohara-Neilson, OVC '07
<i>Vice- President:</i>	Dr. Brad Hanna, OVC '89
<i>Past- President:</i>	Dr. Blanaid Donnelly, OVC '09
<i>Secretary:</i>	Dr. Maureen Anderson, OVC '03
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Dr. Roger Thomson, OVC '75
<i>Junior Treasurer:</i>	To be determined
<i>Directors:</i>	Dr. Dana Allen, OVC '76
	Dr. Peter Conlon, OVC '80
	Dr. Lynn Helwig, OVC '54
	Dr. Dick Julian, OVC '52
	Dr. Jim Millington, OVC '69
	Dr. Michele Oblak, OVC '08
	Dr. Dean Percy, OVC '57
	Michael Goldstein, student representative
	Monica Marshman, Representative, Class of 2012
	Amanda Rosborough, Representative, Class of 2013
	Representative, Class of 2014, to be determined
	Representative, Class of 2015, to be determined
<i>Stepping down:</i>	Dr. Trace Mackay, OVC '03



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