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Important Dates

June 4-7, 2008	2008 ACVIM Forum, San Antonio, TX
Sept 30-Oct 3, 2008	13 th Congress of the International Society for Animal Clinical Pathology, Barcelona, Spain
October 23-29, 2008	51 st Annual AAVLD/USAHA Meeting, Greensboro, NC
November 15-19, 2008	Annual ASVCP/ACVP Meeting, San Antonio, TX
November 16, 2008	ASVCP Annual Business Meeting, San Antonio, TX

President's Message

Dear ASVCP Colleagues,

The ASVCP Executive Board and Committee members have been busy behind the scenes working in a variety of areas pertaining to our Society this past winter. Some highlights are:

1. **The budget for 2007-2008 has been formally approved.** The Society is on a new fiscal year cycle that extends from October 1-September 30. While we are out of sync this year, future budgets will be approved by October 1 of each year. To keep on track from now on, we will begin soliciting budget requests during the summer of 2008.
2. **A calendar of key Executive Board and Committee member activities** has been created to facilitate keeping us on track and to capture helpful milestones for future Board members. The Rees Group has been proactive in optimizing our website capabilities to create a common electronic location for EB business activities such as this.
3. **A Memorandum of Understanding with ACVP was approved** for our 2008-2010 joint annual meetings. ASVCP and ACVP both find great value in continuing the joint meeting format which benefits common members and enhances the overall meeting program offerings
4. Drafts of the **2008 Committee Charges and a Standard Operating Procedure for Committees** are under review by Committee chairs and should be finalized soon.
5. **The ASVCP Strategic Business Plan and Work Plan** drafts are nearing completion with JFB Associates.
6. **An ASVCP presentation policy** has been drafted outlining guidelines for presenters at future ASVCP meetings to strengthen our intent to provide scientific and unbiased material.

Stay tuned through future Newsletters as these topics and others evolve. As always, energy and ideas from members are always welcome.

Best Regards,

Holly Jordan
ASVCP President

Call for Nominations 2008 ASVCP Election

The Nominations Committee is seeking nominations for two officers: First-Year Executive Board Member and President-Elect. Nominees must be able to attend the ASVCP Executive Board meetings at the annual meeting for the next 5 years and participate in telephone conferences and e-mail discussions during each year. The nominees should be enthusiastic about contributing to Society growth and development.

The First-Year Executive Board member participates in all decisions of the Executive Board, coordinates the annual Case Review Session, and serves as liaison to three standing committees. The term of service is two years, but traditionally the First-Year Executive Board member continues on through to President-elect, President and Immediate Past-President. Thus this is a 5 year commitment to the ASVCP. The President-Elect serves on the Executive Board, coordinates the Scientific Session at the annual meeting, acts as liaison to several standing committees, and becomes the President at the end of the President's term of office or if the President is unable to fulfill the duties of the office.

To make nominations please contact the chair of the Nominations Committee:

Dr. Christine S. Olver
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Call for Nominations ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award

The Awards Nominating Committee is requesting nominations for the Lifetime Achievement Award, to be presented at the annual ASVCP meeting in San Antonio, Texas, November 15-19, 2008. The ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award program recognizes members of the ASVCP who have contributed to the advancement of the field of veterinary clinical pathology through their research and teaching, and through their work on behalf of the American Society for Clinical Pathology. Nominations should include at least 5 letters of support from ASVCP members and a rationale for why this particular member is worthy of this award.

To make a nomination, please contact Christine Olver (please see above for contact information), the chair of the nominating committee. The deadline for receipt of nomination materials is July 1, 2008.

First Call

2008 ASVCP/ACVP Meeting Abstracts Clinical Pathology Scientific Sessions

The Clinical Pathology Scientific Sessions were a resounding success in 2007 -- start planning now to submit your abstract for the 2008 meeting in San Antonio, TX.

The annual concurrent meeting of the ASVCP and the ACVP will be held November 10-14, 2008 in San Antonio, TX. There will be a combined ASVCP/ACVP Clinical Pathology Scientific Session for everyone that 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 2007 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 presentations! **The deadline for abstract submission is June 2, 2008.** Online submission will be available through www.asvcp.org later this spring. For questions or further information contact Melinda J. Wilkerson at wilkerns@vet.k-state.edu or (785) 532-4284.

ASVCP Young Investigator Award

The ASVCP will present a \$500 award to the resident or graduate student whose platform presentation is judged best among the competing presentations. Eligibility requirements include a degree in veterinary medicine and enrollment in a residency or graduate program in pathology/clinical pathology or a related discipline. The oral presentation must describe original work of the competitor involving clinical or experimental research that relates to clinical pathology. Presenters are required to attend the meeting. Award selection will be based on the scientific content, abstract composition, clarity of presentation and ability to answer questions. Each trainee may submit only one presentation in this competition.

ACVP Young Investigator Award

If you are a trainee and have a poster presentation, you can submit it for consideration in the ACVP Young Investigator Award. Any abstract submitted for the ACVP Young Investigator Award is ineligible for the ASVCP Young Investigator Award.

SUBMITTING YOUR ABSTRACTS FOR CONSIDERATION

Detailed instructions that explain how to submit an abstract and how to enroll in the ASVCP or ACVP Young Investigator Award competition will follow in the next newsletter and will then be posted on the ASVCP website (www.asvcp.org). Melinda Wilkerson will coordinate the combined ASVCP/ACVP Clinical Pathology Scientific Session of this meeting. Please direct your inquiries for this session to wilkernsn@vet.k-state.edu or call (785) 532-4284.

First Call Annual ASVCP Case Review Session Submissions

Submissions are requested for the 2008 ASVCP Case Review Session. Materials that may be submitted include hematology, cytology or surgical pathology slides, electron photomicrographs and interesting clinical chemistry or hematology cases. This is a popular and interactive opportunity to share cases and experiences among attendees.

Type of Material Requested:

Cases should be classic examples or unique or unusual representations of diseases, clinical cases, or research data with a clinical pathologic focus. Cases may represent any species. Stained, cover-slipped glass slides are preferred, but in certain cases, digital images will be considered. Surgical biopsies should be from lesions that would be examined cytologically and ideally the submission should include a cytologic preparation. Analytic problems that are associated with instrumentation, assay conditions, statistical analysis or specimen handling are also welcome; please consider the new ASVCP Clinical Chemistry Review Session for longer and/or more detailed presentations.

Case Submission:

Materials Needed

Eighty (80) glass slides are needed for each case. The submitter must check all glass slides to assure their quality. Please do not attach adhesive labels to the glass slides. If digital images are submitted, send only one image. For surgical biopsy cases, submit one glass slide and if the case is accepted, the submitter will supply 80 copies of the stained specimen. For clinical chemistry or hematology cases, laboratory data including reference intervals for your laboratory should be submitted.

Electronic Submission and Printed Materials

Cases **MUST** be submitted using the online forms posted at the ASVCP website (<http://www.asvcp.org>). Two files will be submitted electronically:

- 1) The first file is the Case History to be distributed with data prior to the meeting and should include contributors, signalment, concise history and clinical findings. Please only include pertinent laboratory data and summarize this if possible. Reference intervals for the laboratory data must be provided. **The submitter is encouraged to also provide questions to be answered at the case review session.** It is hoped that these questions will inspire participants to review and investigate the data before the meeting.
- 2) The second file is the Case Summary, which has information to be distributed at the meeting and should include the information on the first file, plus diagnosis, discussion (including answers to the questions that were provided) with images and references.

Digital Images

The submitter **MUST** also include 2-3 digital images as indicated on the Case Summary form. The images should be 1024 X 768 pixels in a JPEG format with compression set on high quality; images must clearly show cytologic features of the lesion. A figure legend should accompany the images. **Inclusion of digital images is required as part of the submission process.**

The goal of this session is to stimulate discussion. Presentation of common laboratory abnormalities that are not related to the case is unnecessary as is a lecture or literature review with each case.

When and Where to Submit:

The deadline for receipt of submission of ALL case materials is Tuesday, **July 1, 2008**. Slides with a cover letter indicating CONTRIBUTOR NAME(S), INSTITUTION, SPECIMEN, and E-MAIL ADDRESS must be sent to the address given below and received by this date. Submitters will be notified of the results of the selection process by August 15, 2008. It is anticipated that approximately 20 cases will be selected for presentation, depending on the complexity of the cases. **Be sure to include your e-mail address with your submission.**

Inquires and Case submission should be sent to:

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First Call

2nd Annual ASVCP Clinical Chemistry Review Session Submissions

Type of Materials Requested:

Submissions are requested for the 2nd ASVCP Clinical Chemistry Review Session. Submitted materials should focus on the interpretation of chemistry data, including but not limited to the routine serum chemistry panel. Ancillary clinical pathology and other data as needed for the presentation of the case is appropriate. Cases may represent any species and an interactive presentation style is encouraged. The cases should be challenging and solvable based on information provided. Results of toxicology studies, cases involving the interpretation of quality control materials or validation studies as well as individual clinical case presentations will be considered for this session.

Case Submission:

Cases MUST be submitted using the online forms posted at the ASVCP website (<http://www.asvcp.org>). Reference intervals for the laboratory data should be provided. Two files will be submitted. The first file is the Clinical Chemistry History to be distributed with data prior to the meeting and should include contributors, signalment, concise history and clinical findings. **The submitter is also encouraged to provide questions to be answered at the case review session.** It is hoped that these questions will inspire participants to review and investigate the data before the meeting. The second file is the Clinical Chemistry Summary to be distributed at the meeting and should include the information on the first file, plus diagnosis, discussion (including answers to the questions that were provided) and references.

When and Where to Submit:

The deadline for submission of cases is Tuesday, **July 1, 2008**. Submitters will be notified of the results of the selection process by August 15, 2008. It is anticipated that 2-4 cases will be selected for presentation, depending on the complexity of the cases. **Be sure to include your e-mail address with your submission.**

Inquires and Case submission should be sent to:

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Call for 2009 ACVIM Forum Speakers

The ASVCP arranges speakers for the ACVIM meeting each year. The speakers provide 8 hours of talks reflecting current knowledge and/or in-depth reviews of topics in veterinary clinical pathology. The 2009 ACVIM Forum will be held June 3 - 6, 2009, Montreal, Quebec.

Please send suggestions for ASVCP speakers and topics for the upcoming ACVIM meeting by August 1, 2008 to Joanne Messick at jmessick@purdue.edu. We greatly appreciate your thoughts - What should be the "theme" for our CP session at the ACVIM? (It could be two separate themes, one for the AM and one for the PM session.) It should be something that's of strong interest to the ACVIM "meeting-goers" and will pull in a good crowd!

Thanks for your help and I'll be looking for your e-mails!

Joanne

News Releases and Updates

Society of Toxicologic Pathology Student Speaker Award

The second annual Society of Toxicologic Pathology (STP) Student Speaker Award competition was held in the Toxicologic Pathology Specialty Section at the concurrent meetings of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP) and the American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology (ASVCP) in Savannah on November 11, 2007. Dr. Tzuyin Lin (The Ohio State University) was selected the winner for her presentation entitled, "*The Novel HSP90 Inhibitor STA9090 Exhibits Activity Against Kit Dependent and Independent Malignant Canine Mast Cell Tumors*" [Abstract #192]. Dr. Lin received free registration to the next STP meeting (Hyatt Regency Embarcadero, San Francisco) plus a \$1,000 cash award to be used for lodging and travel to the 2008 STP meeting. Thanks are extended to our judges for the competition: Drs. Brian Berridge (GlaxoSmithKline), Eric Blomme (Abbott Laboratories), and Eric Schultze (Eli Lilly and Company). The third annual STP Student Speaker Award competition will be held at the concurrent meetings of the ACVP and ASVCP to be held at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center and the Hilton Palacio del Rio Hotel in San Antonio, on November 15-19, 2008. We hope to see you there!

2007 Pre-Meeting Workshop Proceedings are Now Available

The ASVCP pre-meeting workshop for the 2007 ACVP/ASVCP Concurrent Session in Savannah, GA was a great success. "Clinical Pathology of Laboratory Rodents" was attended by 114 people and included didactic lectures and case presentations from five outstanding clinical pathologists. Nancy Everds from Amgen, Inc., Seattle, WA and Anne Provencher-Bolliger from Novartis, Basel, Switzerland gave a combined presentation on hematology and bone marrow evaluation. Dina Andrews-Cleveanger,

Amgen, Thousand Oaks, CA addressed the challenging topic of rodent coagulation. Bill Reagen, Pfizer, Inc., Groton, CT reviewed cardiac biomarkers, and Judith Prescott, GlaxoSmithKline, Research Triangle Park, NC gave an update of new and old methods for evaluating renal toxicity.

For those who registered for the workshop, the electronic copies of the proceedings are in the process of being distributed to the workshop participants at no extra charge - courtesy of the ASVCP.

If you were unable to attend this workshop, an electronic version of the proceedings can be purchased for \$40. An order form is available at the end of this newsletter.

ECVCP and ESVCP Updates

The European College of Veterinary Clinical Pathology (ECVCP) now has 69 diplomates. Of these, 15 are charter diplomates, 48 are active diplomates, 3 are honorary diplomates and 3 are associate members. The 4th certifying examination was administered in September of 2007. The organization's charter was submitted in November of 2006 to the European Board of Veterinary Specialization (EBVS) for final approbation. A positive response was received, and the College was finally approved in the spring of 2007. The College's Laboratory Standards Committee continued to approve laboratories and its Education Committee continues to review and approve residency and training programs.

The European Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathologists (ESVCP) currently has more than 100 members (veterinarians and non-veterinarians). It held its Annual Congress in Budapest, Hungary in September of 2007, in conjunction with the annual scientific meeting of the European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ECVIM). Case presentations, scientific presentations and posters involving clinical and toxicologic pathology were included. In 2008, the ESVCP's main annual congress will be held in conjunction with the ISACP in Barcelona, Spain, September 30 to October 3, 2008. For more information, go to www.esvcp.org. Abstracts for posters and scientific presentations are welcome.

Journal Update

Announcement of early online publication for papers in *Veterinary Clinical Pathology*

We are happy to announce that *Veterinary Clinical Pathology* is now part of the Wiley-Blackwell Synergy OnlineEarly service. Articles will now be published on a regular basis online in advance of their appearance in a print issue. When fully implemented, this will significantly decrease the time from acceptance of the final version of a manuscript to online publication. These articles are fully peer-reviewed, edited, and complete—they only lack page numbers and volume/issue details—and are considered fully published from the date they first appear online. This date is shown with the article in the online table of contents. Because OnlineEarly articles are considered fully complete, authors must bear in mind that changes cannot be made to an article after the online publication date even if it is still yet to appear in print.

The articles are available as full text HTML or PDF and can be cited as references by using their Digital Object Identifier (DOI) numbers. For more information on DOIs, please see <http://www.doi.org/faq.html>

To view all the articles currently available, please access the journal online at <http://www.blackwell-synergy.com> and simply click on the "OnlineEarly" area at the top of the list of issues available to view. Upon print publication, the article will be removed from the OnlineEarly area and will appear instead in the relevant online issue, complete with page numbers and volume/issue details. No other changes will be made.

The implementation of OnlineEarly represents the commitment of the Editorial Office of *Veterinary Clinical Pathology* and Wiley-Blackwell Publishing to make manuscripts published in the journal available to the research community as quickly as possible, reducing time to publication considerably without sacrificing quality or completeness.

Karen Young and Mary Christopher, Co-Editors-in-Chief

ASVCP Committee Updates

Quality Assurance and Standards (QA&S) Committee

Do reference intervals rule your life? Do they keep you up at night or prevent you from getting any 'real' work done? Do you continue to put out fires caused by outdated and erroneous reference intervals? If so, read on...I need your input.

There will be a half-day Symposium on reference values at the joint 13th Congress of the International Society for Animal Clinical Pathology - 10th Congress of the European Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology (ISACP-ESVCP) on September 30, 2008 in Barcelona, Spain.

As the past chair and current co-chair of the QA&S committee, I have been asked to present the ASVCP's recommendations on reference intervals at this international symposium. In preparation, I am initiating a series of discussions with ASVCP members regarding issues relating to reference values. I am in the process of putting together a list of questions or topics, which will serve to focus these conversations. In addition, I am exploring various format options (listserv, teleconference, online survey program, etc.)

Keep your eye on the ASVCP listserv for further information regarding this topic. If you do not belong to the ASVCP listserv and wish to be included in these discussions or if you have a topic that you think needs to be addressed, please contact me directly at friedrik@svm.vetmed.wisc.edu.

Submitted by Kristen Friedrichs, co-chair Quality Assurance and Standards Committee

Veterinary Laboratory Professionals Committee

Our next annual ASVCP meeting will be held November 15 – 19, 2008 at the Hilton Palacio del Rio Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. The tentative schedule includes hematology lectures on some exotic species. The shark, sea turtle and dolphin are currently on the agenda. During a break at the last meeting, several people were discussing that they had seen an increase in the number of llamas and/or alpacas in their laboratories. Since this fits right in with our topic, we'll hear a presentation on alpacas too. Our round table topic will be Callback vs. Stat lab usage, QC issues with after hour services and tests offered. Bring your lab's test information and questions. Last, but not least, we will have a session on Instrument Operation, Quality Control and Six Sigma Quality.

Hope to see you in San Antonio.

Submitted by Lisa Shipp

Development Committee

We are seeking new committee members! Please contact Mike Fry (mfry@utk.edu) if interested.

The final numbers are in: The ASVCP received more than \$8,000 in Share the Future donations in 2007, money that will be used exclusively to support clinical pathology trainees and students. Most of the contributions came from individual members, many of whom were recognized at the meeting in Savannah. Additional donations came in after the meeting, including an exceptionally generous gift of \$1000 from Jeanne George. A big thank you to everyone who donated to STF in 2007, including companies that matched individual donations. We gave meeting attendees an "I Shared" ribbon as a token of appreciation, and hopefully a symbol of encouragement to others to donate. Our organization plans to award another 5 travel grants to trainees in 2008, as well as our first research grant -- be on the lookout for announcements later this spring. Our hope is that all ASVCP members will support this program in some way!

Submitted by Mike Fry, Committee Chair

Electronic Communication and Technology Committee

We would like to extend an invitation to any ASVCP member interested in becoming a member of the Electronic Communication and Technology Committee. Several new members have joined, but there is plenty of room for more commitments. If we have left off current members that wish to continue to serve on this committee by all means please contact us ASAP. The committee has several charges that we would like to develop and implement for the following year. These charges are summarized below:

- 1) Develop ideas for creative use of electronic technology to benefit our society.
- 2) Review and update the ASVCP website.
- 3) Aid The Rees Group with establishing online membership renewal as needed.

- 4) Collaborate with the program committee to enhance the annual meeting (information on upcoming meetings).
- 5) Update ASVCP website committee by assigning a committee member to act as a liaison with the other committees (perfect opportunity for members of other committees to also serve on this committee).
- 6) Evaluate the ASVCP website for ADA accessibility.
- 7) Update relevant trainee/residency information (shared with the Education committee).
- 8) Evaluate and recommend ways to help the Society archive information (meeting minutes, case reviews, etc).
- 9) Evaluate feasibility of using annual meeting materials for CE resource for members.

Our current members include: Mark C. Johnson (Chair), Jenny Thomas, Pete Fernandez, Sharon Dial, Darren Wood, Kendal Harr, and Elizabeth Spangler.

We are going to start working on some of the most important aspects of these charges soon so if you have an interest or expertise in any of these areas, please contact Mark Johnson at mjohnson@cvm.tamu.edu.

Submitted by Mark Johnson, Committee Chair

Executive Board News

Greetings to all.

The EB has already had several teleconferences to start the new year. During our first teleconference, we voted on and approved the budget for 2008. Our Society is expanding on what we are able to provide to members, and many thanks to our outgoing Treasurer, Sonjia Shelly and our Treasurer Dori Borjesson, as well as The Rees Group, ASVCP remains financially sound. We have also approved an updated Memorandum of Understanding with ACVP, which outlines the respective responsibilities for the two organizations for the joint Annual Meeting.

We are continuing to move forward with the Strategic Plan for ASVCP and will be finalizing a Business Plan along with a Work Plan and Timeline over the next few weeks.

The EB is also looking into some new ideas and features for the Society's website as well as the Newsletter. We are hoping to have a new facelift for the website as well as have more information available to members. This issue of the Newsletter has a new feature where we introduce members of The Rees Group. TRG has been instrumental in the behind the scenes working of ASCVP. We hope to feature more groups or individuals in future issues.

As you can see from the contents of this issue, it is not too early to start thinking about next fall's meeting in San Antonio, TX. Please consider submitting abstracts for any (or all - grin) of the following: scientific sessions, the case review session and the 2nd Annual Chemistry review session. I'm sure there are some well qualified residents and graduate students who are eligible for the awards that are available.

On a final note, our committees are always looking for new people. It's a great way to meet ASVCP members, learn more about the ASVCP, and contribute to your organization. Plus, it can be a lot of fun. Please consider contacting a committee chair or member if you are interested.

New members

Since our last newsletter, the EB has voted to accept the membership applications of Nadia Regina Pereria Almosny, Janice A. Cruz Cordona, Paul G. Gallagher, Ashley Goss, Livia Fagundes Moraes and, Eduardo Sotelo Salcedo, and Matthew Torres.

A hearty welcome to our newest members!

New Feature! Spotlighting ASCVP Individuals and Groups: The Rees Group

This issue of the newsletter is introducing a new feature, Spotlighting ASVCP Individuals. In this article and future ones, we hope to introduce or highlight individuals who are involved with ASVCP. Our society is relatively small, but growing, and we hope to add a personal touch and allow members to learn more about each other. This first article introduces The Rees Group (TRG), who has been managing ASVCP since 2006. A full-service association management company, TRG specializes in the business of nonprofit societies, associations and foundations. TRG closely works with the ASVCP Executive Board. Many members may not be aware of how valuable this group of individuals is to our Society.

So, without further ado....

THE REES GROUP



From left to right: Valerie Manogue, Jane Shepard, Maria Davis, Bruce Wheeler, Susan Rees, Nate Ehresman, Amy Bayer, Jessica Goedken, and Wendy Coe.



When not impersonating a cow with her stepdaughter (Rachel (center), Susan is the Executive Director of ASVCP and the President and CEO of The Rees Group, Inc.



Jessie Goedken (left), Manager of Membership and Registration Services and Jane Shepard (right), Director of Meetings



Nate Ehresman updates the ASVCP website and assists with registration and membership



Jeannine Cole
Membership Coordinator



John Hofmann, Vice President,
Information Technology

Announcements

ASVCP NATIONAL OFFICE: Members can contact the ASVCP National Office at 2810 Crossroads Drive, Suite 3800, Madison, WI 53718; phone: 608-443-2479; fax: 608-443-2474 or 608-443-2478; e-mail: info@asvcp.org.

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

Change of Address: Please send any changes in mailing address or electronic mail address to the ASVCP National Office at 2810 Crossroads Drive, Suite 3800, Madison, WI 53718; fax: 608-443-2474 or 608-443-2478; e-mail: info@asvcp.org.

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, Karen Russell, Dept of Veterinary Pathobiology, Mail Stop 4467, College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-4467; e-mail: krussell@cvm.tamu.edu, or contact the ASVCP National Office at 2810 Crossroads Drive, Suite 3800, Madison, WI 53718; e-mail: info@asvcp.org.

ASVCP Membership Application: Member application forms are available at the ASVCP website (www.asvcp.org), by contacting ASVCP Secretary Karen Russell at krussell@cvm.tamu.edu, or by contacting the ASVCP National office at 2810 Crossroads Drive, Suite 3800, Madison, WI 53718; phone: 608-443-2479; e-mail: info@asvcp.org.

Upcoming Meetings

Division of Animal Clinical Chemistry, AACC Spring Meeting: April 11, 2008, Hanover, NJ. Thyroid Hormones and the HPT Axis: Contemporary Endocrinology in Drug Discovery and Development. Information can be found online at www.aacc.org.

American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine Forum: The 2008 ACVIM Forum will be held June 4-7, 2008 in San Antonio, TX. For more information go to www.ACVIM.org.

AACC Annual Meeting: The 2008 AACC Annual Meeting will be held July 27-31 in Washington, DC. For more information go to www.aacc.org.

Society of Toxicologic Pathology 27th Annual Symposium: June 22-26, Hyatt Regency, San Francisco, CA. Theme: Systems pathology. For meeting information go to www.toxpath.org.

13th Congress of the International Society for Animal Clinical Pathology, Barcelona, Spain, Sept 30-Oct 3, 2008. Go to www.isacp.org for more information.

American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians will hold the AAVLD/USAHA 51st Annual Meeting: October 23-29, 2008, Greensboro, NC. Information can be viewed at www.aavld.org.

Job Opportunities

Pfizer Global Research & Development

When does research become answers?

Touching the lives of millions of people everywhere. Reaching beyond the ordinary to make an impact on something greater than the bottom line. Playing a key role in some of the most critical issues facing healthcare today.

We are Pfizer Global Research & Development (PGRD), the largest pharmaceutical R&D organization in the world. As Pfizer's visionary discovery and development division, innovation shapes our strategy, defines our purpose and governs every facet of our operations - from the research and development that leads to pharmaceutical breakthroughs to the way we respond to the changing marketplace.

Our emphasis on innovation has enabled us to bring to market a wide range of outstanding medicines, such as Lipitor, Zithromax, Viracept, Zolof, Viagra and our newest smoking cessation medicine, Chantix. But we recognize that there is much, much more work to be done, and we look forward to conquering the challenges facing global healthcare. Today, our research pipeline spans many therapeutic areas and research projects and we're committed to bringing even more miracles to the marketplace. Here, we imagine that our world can be a healthier and happier place for all.

We Currently Have The Following Opportunity:

Drug Safety Research & Development Clinical Pathology Individual Contributor

The successful candidate should have a strong background in Clinical Pathology and an established record of success in a pharmaceutical or other research-based environment. Candidates should possess expertise in hematology and/or coagulation to provide evaluation of drug safety within these areas. Individual should also have documented success as a scientific mentor. Ideally, candidates will also have direct experience with developing, discovering, validating, and implementing innovative biomarker assays for critical project team activities. Prior experience working with Discovery Biomarkers and/or Clinical Biomarker translational teams is highly desired as this individual will be a key Drug Safety Biomarker interface between these groups. Other responsibilities include the planning, executing, and delivering of qualified preclinical and translatable biomarker assays to projects within the Drug Safety portfolio. The ability to serve and effectively contribute on scientific teams, particularly in providing de-risking strategies and providing novel biomarkers for the portfolio will be an aspect of this position. Study directing experience relevant to investigational research would be beneficial. The individual will be required to provide written research reports and validation documents and also to deliver oral presentations to biomarker development projects. Excellent collaborative, organizational, and communication skills are essential because an important aspect of this role is to establish and maintain direct interactions with DSRD project team scientists and scientists in the therapeutic areas and biomarker departments within Research and Development.

Candidates must have a DVM or PhD in toxicology, physiology, biology, clinical pathology or related field with over 3 years of relevant experience in Clinical Pathology in the Pharmaceutical industry or Research environment. Diplomate of ACVP (clinical pathology) or ASCP certified with hematology experience preferred. Ideally, candidates will have experience (3-5 years) in leading and/or mentoring within a lab-based group of scientists, but candidates possessing other qualifications without direct management experience may be considered. Diverse experience in the development, discovery, implementation, validation, and translation of qualitative and quantitative biomarker assays utilizing platforms is essential. Technical excellence and a demonstrated ability to design scientific experiments to de-risk mechanistic questions critically evaluate and interpret data and write research reports and validation documents are essential.

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