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### Important Dates

June 1, 2006	ASVCP/ACVP Annual Meeting Abstracts due
July 1, 2006	ASVCP Annual Case Review submissions due
December 2-6, 2006	Annual ASVCP/ACVP Meeting, Tucson, Arizona
December 3, 2006	ASVCP Annual Business Meeting, Tucson, Arizona

### President's Message:

Dear ASVCP Colleagues,

It is not too early to start thinking about the ASVCP/ACVP meeting to be held in Tucson, AZ, December 2-6. I have heard that the location is very nice. Keep in mind that it is a resort type of venue, so please plan on making your reservations well ahead of time.

Now is also the time to start checking the ASVCP website for updates on the annual meeting. Instructions have been posted on our website for submission of cases to the annual case review session, one of the most fun and interactive parts of our meeting. The deadline is July 1, 2006. Online submission of scientific abstracts for platform and poster presentations is currently up and running on the ACVP website, and the deadline for those is June 1.

Please remind your residents to participate in the ASVCP Young Investigator Award competition. Also, there is a new award competition available this year. The Society of Toxicologic Pathology has created an award to encourage students to pursue careers in the field of Toxicologic Pathology. The winning recipient will receive free registration plus \$1,000 to be used for lodging and travel to the 2007 STP Annual Meeting, which will take place June 10-14, 2007 in Rio Mar, Puerto Rico. Please see the ACVP website ([www.ACVP.org](http://www.ACVP.org)) for details.

Our society depends on not only annual dues from the members but also on contributions from both corporate and individual sponsors. These contributions help with the day-to-day operations of the society as well as allow us to provide services to our membership such as our very high quality journal and annual meeting. A relatively new fund-raising effort is the Share the Future campaign. Contributions to this fund come directly from our ASVCP membership. The goal for these funds is to permit us to go beyond the daily running of the society by developing an endowment that will allow the ASVCP to fund proposed new initiatives such as travel grants for residents and students to attend the annual meeting, sponsorship of speakers for veterinary school path clubs and the SAVMA symposium, and competitive research grants for residents.

On the lighter side of fundraising, our current president elect, Christine Olver, is organizing a fundraising soccer game at the ACVP/ASVCP meeting in Tucson. It will be a great way to run off some of those early morning donuts and late night dinners and get your brain ready for the scientific sessions. Proceeds from this event will go to the Share the Future campaign.

The other way that you can contribute to the Society is by participation. This issue contains the slate of candidates for Officers and the Executive Board. When you receive your ballot, please remember to cast your vote. Another way to participate is by joining a committee. We have a number of very active committees and their reports are found in this newsletter. If you are interested in joining one of our committees, please contact the committee chair.

Best regards,

Judy Radin, ASVCP President

## ASVCP Election Election of Officers

This year we are electing three officers to the ASVCP Executive Board: President-Elect, First Year Executive Board Member, and Secretary. The Nominating Committee has prepared a slate of candidates. Their biographies appear below. Ballots will be sent to the membership in late May or early June.

### CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

#### Candidate for President-Elect



**Dr. Holly L. Jordan:** ASVCP member since 1992. Holly graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine at North Carolina State University in 1988. She worked in small animal private practice for a year and half in Durham, NC, then completed a clinical pathology residency at NCSU in 1991. She obtained her doctorate in immunology at NCSU in 1996. Her research interests have focused on animal models of AIDS. She became a Diplomate in the ACVP in 1997. She served as an Instructor in the Division of Viral Pathogenesis at Harvard Medical School/Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center from 1996-98. During 1997-98 she was a clinical instructor/facilitator in the problem-based learning course at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine. In 1999 she became a Research Assistant Professor at the Medical School of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the Division of Infectious Diseases. Since 2001 she has been the Director of Clinical Pathology in the Safety Assessment Dept. at GlaxoSmithKline in RTP, NC. Holly served on the editorial board of *Veterinary Clinical Pathology* for 3 years and was a member of the ACVP certifying exam committee during 2003.

#### Candidates for First Year Executive Board Member



**Dr. Janice Andrews:** ASVCP member since 1991. Education: DVM University of Missouri (1987), PhD Ohio State University (1996), Diplomate ACVP (1997). Professional experience: Small animal practice for 3 years. Residency training in clinical pathology at Ohio State University, Research Assistant Professor at North Carolina State University for 4 years. Research interests included the modulation of EIAV gene expression following cellular stress. Chief medical director for Veterinary Laboratory Services for 2 years. Current Position: Clinical pathologist for Antech Diagnostics, North Carolina Laboratory. Adjunct Assistant Professor North Carolina

State University. ACVCP Program committee member-at-large for 1 year. Primary interests are diagnostic clinical pathology and laboratory management.



**Dr. Joanne B. Messick:** ASVCP member since 1988. Education: VMD, University of Pennsylvania (1986); Clinical pathology residency and PhD, Ohio State University, (1987-1993). Current and past positions: Associate Professor, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY (2004-present); Associate Professor, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL (1995-2004), Roche Biomedical Veterinary Laboratory (2003-2005). Offices held in ASVCP: Program Director and member of ASVCP Standing Education Committee, 2003-05; Chairperson of Clinical Pathology Specialty Section, 1999; Co-chairperson of Clinical Pathology Specialty Section, 1998; and Member of Quality Assurance and Standards Committee for Veterinary Hematology, 1998 – 2006. “I had no idea the details that would be involved in organizing and coordinating the ASVCP/ACVP meetings. What I learned through this experience was how to delegate responsibility and communicate – better – so that meeting plans stayed on schedule while avoiding time and topic conflicts in the program. The reward was working with a group of dedicated people that all had the same goal in mind – to give us the best meeting possible each year.” Her involvement also has included platform and poster presentations in ASVCP specialty and case review sessions as well as being an invited speaker for our Education Symposium. Research interests: Study of a unique group of mycoplasmas that parasitize red blood cells; genomic sequencing, annotation of hemoplasmas that infect cats and pigs; PCR, serologic testing of hemoplasma in domestic cats, panthers and kennel-raised dogs.

### Candidates for Secretary



**Dr. Karen E. Russell:** ASVCP member since 1990. Education: BS in Animal Sciences Virginia Tech 1981, DVM Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine 1990. PhD in Veterinary Medical Science (Virology emphasis) North Carolina State University 1996. Diplomate, ACVP 1995. Karen’s professional experiences include an internship and residency training in clinical pathology at Kansas State University and Cornell University, respectively. She was a Post-Doctoral NIH Research Fellow, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill from

1997 to 1999. She is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Pathology at the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University (2000 to present) and has recently been promoted to Associate Professor. Currently, she is the Director of the Clinical Pathology Laboratory at TAMU, Coordinator of the Clinical Pathology Residency Program, and Adjunct Faculty in the Department of Animal Science, Bunda College of Agriculture, Malawi. She has served on the ASVCP Committee on Quality Assurance and Standards for Veterinary Laboratories since 1999 and the ACVP Subcommittee on Myeloproliferative Disorders since 2003. Her research and

professional interests include iron storage disease in birds, hemostasis in companion animals, and tick-borne diseases.



**Dr. Dori L. Borjesson:** ASVCP member since 1996. Education: BA in Biology, The Colorado College; DVM and MPVM, University of California at Davis, 1995; PhD, University of California at Davis, 2002. Diplomate, ACVP, 1999. Professional experience: Associate Veterinarian in a small animal practice from 1995-1996, Clinical Pathology residency at University of California at Davis from 1996-1999. Current position, since 2002: Assistant Professor of Clinical Pathology and Director of the Clinical Pathology Laboratory at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine. Research interests include bacterial pathogen-host cell interactions, especially *Anaplasma phagocytophilum* interaction with neutrophils and platelets; murine model of Granulocytic Anaplasmosis; other tick-borne pathogens including *Borrelia burgdorferi*, cytology and hematology. Professional interests include resident training, mentoring DVM and graduate students in research, and zoo animal and wildlife cytology and hematology.

## Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws Passed

Members were recently asked to vote on several amendments to our Constitution and Bylaws. The proposed amendments, which were necessary to allow balloting and other Society functions to be conducted electronically rather than by paper mail, were all approved. A total of 131 ballots were returned, all marked "yes" for all of the proposed amendments. Our amended Constitution and Bylaws will be published in the 2006 Membership Directory, to be mailed to all members in May. It is hoped that an eventual move to electronic balloting will improve member participation in decisions affecting our Society, including the election of officers. Please see the article above for information regarding our 2006 officer election.

## Call for ASVCP/ACVP Meeting Abstracts Second Call for Abstracts

The next concurrent meeting of the ASVCP and the ACVP will be held December 2-4, 2006, in Tucson, Arizona. The combined ASVCP/ACVP Clinical Pathology Scientific Session is a great opportunity to present experimental or clinical research data to colleagues with an interest in clinical pathology. The format will be similar to that of the 2005 annual meeting, and both oral and poster presentations will be included. 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. Also, we look forward to receiving submissions that include all aspects of the profession,

including the pharmaceutical industry, academic clinical pathology and diagnostic clinical pathology. Presenters are required to attend the meeting. Please consider planning your presentations now! The deadline for abstract submission is June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. For questions or further information contact Christine Olver at: [colver@colostate.edu](mailto:colver@colostate.edu) or (970) 491-7550.

### **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](http://www.asvcp.org)). Christine Olver will coordinate the combined ASVCP/ ACVP Clinical Pathology Scientific Session of this meeting. Please direct your inquiries for this session to Christine Olver at: [colver@colostate.edu](mailto:colver@colostate.edu) or phone: 970-491-7550.

## **Call for Annual ASVCP Case Review Session Submissions Call for Slides and Cases**

Submissions are requested for the 2006 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.

### **Types 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. Analytic problems that are associated with instrumentation, assay conditions, statistical analysis or specimen handling are welcome. 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.

### **Case Submission:**

#### **Material 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.

#### **Printed Material / Case Information / Digital Images**

Please send a hard copy of case information with the slides or data. Cases must be submitted by the online format posted at the ASVCP website (<http://www.asvcp.org/>). Two files will be submitted. The first file is the case history to be distributed with the slides sets prior to the meeting and should include contributors, specimen submitted, signalment, concise history, and clinical findings. Please only include pertinent laboratory data and summarize this if possible. The second file is information that will be distributed at the meeting and should include the information on the first file, plus slide description, diagnosis, discussion, and references.

In addition, please send 2-3 digital images that are representative of the lesions on the glass slide for inclusion in the case summary CD. If electron photomicrographs are submitted, digital images of these must be submitted in addition to the non-electronic image. Digital images should be 1024 x 768 pixels in the JPEG format with compression set on high quality. Digital images may be sent by email or CD. If possible, embed copies of images in the discussion section at desired locations. A figure legend in Word 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 a literature review with each case. If preferred, the submitter may include discussion questions to be answered at the case review session. These questions may inspire members to review cases before the meeting.

#### **When and Where to Submit**

The deadline for submission of cases is July 1, 2006. Submitters will be notified of the results of the selection process by August 15, 2006. Only 20 cases will be presented at the meeting. Cases not selected for presentation may be returned to the submitter, or included in the 2006 cases as an interesting case, but not presented. Be sure to include your e-mail address with your submission.

Inquires and case submissions should be sent to:

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## Call for 2007 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 2007 ACVIM Forum will be held June 6-9 in Seattle, Washington. Please send suggestions for ASVCP speakers and topics for the 2007 ACVIM meeting to Holly Jordan at [holly.l.jordan@gsk.com](mailto:holly.l.jordan@gsk.com).

## 2006 ASVCP Pre-meeting Workshop

Preview, and an Opportunity to Submit Questions to Be Addressed

The 2006 ASVCP Annual Meeting Pre-meeting Workshop will be held on Dec. 2, 2006. The topic will be IMMUNOASSAYS: Validation and Quality Control. The ASVCP and the QA&S Committee are pleased to welcome Dr. Asger Jensen as the invited speaker for the 2006 Pre-meeting workshop. Assays based on immunologic principles have become a mainstay in diagnostic medicine and investigative research. With ongoing advances in specificity, sensitivity and methodology, new applications for immunologic-based assays continue to arrive on the scene. Dr. Jensen will begin the workshop by providing an overview of the analytical principles of immunoassays focusing on the ELISA method. Building on this foundation, he will then thoroughly explore the four phases of immunoassay validation. Dr. Jensen will finish with recommendations for establishing quality control procedures for immunoassays and what to do when QC procedures fail. Dr. Jensen comes to us from the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University in Copenhagen, Denmark where he is a professor of Veterinary Clinical Pathology and Director of the Central Laboratory. His two doctoral theses are on the clinical chemical diagnosis of liver disease and the validation of assays for the diagnosis of liver and endocrine disorders. He holds Diplomate status in both the European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine--Companion Animals and the European College of Veterinary Clinical Pathology. Dr. Jensen brings a wealth of knowledge and

experience in validation, quality control, inflammation, endocrinology, hemostasis and veterinary clinical pathology. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Jensen and plan on going home with the tools you need to employ and maintain immunoassays within your diagnostic setting.

Do you have an ELISA or related methodology that has given you problems? Are you planning to bring a new immunoassay on board? Are you trying to validate an immunoassay in a different species? The Quality Assurance and Standards Committee, hosts of this year's pre-meeting Workshop, would like to give Workshop Attendees the opportunity to submit questions or problems concerning method validation and quality control of immunoassays. Questions will be accumulated and forwarded to our invited speaker, Dr. Jensen, in early September. This will acquaint Dr. Jensen with the concerns of his audience and allow him to address these issues in his presentation. Please send your questions to Kristen Friedrichs [friedrik@svm.vetmed.wisc.edu](mailto:friedrik@svm.vetmed.wisc.edu) by August 28.

## **Society Fundraising Activities**

### **Share the Future, and Play Soccer!**

Paula Krimer has volunteered to spearhead the **Share the Future** campaign. The mission of Share the Future is to support trainees and students interested in clinical pathology. Please see the Development Committee report in the Committee Update section of this newsletter for more details about the Share the Future campaign, including its specific funding objectives. You will also see from their report that the Development Committee is working hard to secure the funding that is necessary for our Society to promote and continually improve the specialty of veterinary clinical pathology. You will be contacted soon with a request that you make a commitment to the Share the Future fundraising campaign in 2006. Please be prepared to do your part this year and beyond!

### **CALLING ALL SOCCER PLAYERS! (OR WANNABES)**

By Christine Olver

I am trying to determine if there is enough interest in a fundraising soccer game at the ACVP meeting in Tucson in 2006. We have a venue on site that is appropriate for a soccer game. Here are the goals:

- 1) Have fun!
- 2) Enjoy healthy competition!
- 3) Raise money as part of the Share the Future Campaign

Because the schedule for the meeting is so packed, there may be conflicts with other events. Current thinking is that the game might be Monday afternoon when there is a

break in the meeting (but other activities planned). I am envisioning that the money will come from entry fees from the players, but sponsorship will not be turned down, either!

Please let me know if you would like to play (even if there is an entry fee) or if you could volunteer to be a linesman or referee.

I need to know ASAP in order to plan all the details. This could be very fun and very beneficial for trainee scholarships. Please contact me at [colver@colostate.edu](mailto:colver@colostate.edu).

Thanks!

## The Legacy of Dr. John Bentinck-Smith



One of the pioneers in veterinary clinical pathology, John Bentinck-Smith, died on May 19, 2005. His many students and colleagues knew him as “Dr. JBS” or, simply, “JBS”. Those initials were found at the bottom of many clinical pathology result forms at Cornell University from the 1940s until 1980 and at Mississippi State University from 1981 until his retirement in 1990.

When Dr. JBS started as the clinical pathologist at Cornell, the laboratory services included microbiology, parasitology, hematology, clinical chemistry, urinalysis, toxicology and surgical pathology. He did them all and taught them all. He started in the era of hemocytometers, colorimeters, glass pipettes, and monocular microscopes. Much of the equipment we take for granted, such as the PCV centrifuge, were not yet invented. He was trained as a morphologic pathologist, and had to teach himself many of the techniques needed to run a clinical pathology service.

His work as a diagnostic microbiologist led to most of his publications. In 1961, wrote the original description of *Dematophilus congolensis* in the United States. But, his research was not limited to microbiology. His publication record spans 40 years, going from a description of feline panleukopenia (1949), to evaluation of the Sulkowitch test for hypoclcemia (1951), to developing reference ranges for the clinical chemistry of channel catfish (1987). His last paper (1989) identified *Pythium insidiosum* infection in a dog.

Dr. JBS was a wonderful teacher and mentor. He relied on case material for much of his teaching. Early in his career, he would patiently assist students as they performed WBC counts on their clinic cases. He would save material from cases for student teaching. For many years senior students at Cornell used samples from that outbreak of Dematophilosis to prepare slides and look for the organism. He made sure each one found the organism.

He was a man of great dignity, kindness, and integrity. Those who worked with him at Cornell or MSU all refer to him first as a gentleman, and use that term as their highest compliment to him.

He and his wife established a scholarship fund for students in clinical pathology at Cornell and Mississippi State University. After his death, his family asked that any memorials to him be donations to the fund. That fund has already led to the establishment of the first graduate fellowship at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University for a graduate student in clinical pathology.

More information about Dr. John Bentinck-Smith can be found at:

[www.vet.cornell.edu/news/articles/bsmith.htm](http://www.vet.cornell.edu/news/articles/bsmith.htm)

[www.dafvm.msstate.edu/landmarks/06/winter/30-31.pdf](http://www.dafvm.msstate.edu/landmarks/06/winter/30-31.pdf)

--Article submitted by Dr. Jeanne George, ASVCP Historian

--Photo of Dr. Bentinck-Smith courtesy Cornell University - University Photography

## ASVCP Listserv Update

With 533 subscribers from the ASVCP, ESVCP, and VLP groups, the ASVCP discussion forum continues to be very active and increasingly international. General information about use of the list can be found at the ASVCP Web site. Subscribers can also change subscription options, unsubscribe, and easily access archived messages by following the directions at <http://list.msu.edu/archives/asvcp-l.html>. Specific questions should be directed to the Listserv Manager, Dr. Mike Scott, at [scott@dcpah.msu.edu](mailto:scott@dcpah.msu.edu).

The following address the most frequently raised concerns and questions:

- If you receive list messages but cannot post them, your subscription e-mail address must be updated. Please contact the List Manager.
- If your e-mail address changes, please notify the List Manager.
- Attached images should be saved at Web/monitor resolution to avoid large file sizes which some subscribers cannot open and which fill limited archive space.
- Succinct follow-up summaries from queries are appreciated, especially when some of the responses are made privately.
- All messages should be accompanied by a brief but identifying signature including your full name, affiliation, and e-mail address.
- All messages should include a clear and descriptive entry on the Subject line so that subscribers can follow the thread or delete unread messages when the subject lines announce topics that they are not interested in. If you reply to a message but change the topic of discussion, please change the Subject line entry.

- Remember that every message and reply to a message goes into over 500 inboxes, so please avoid sending personal e-mail messages to the entire list.

--Submitted by Mike Scott, ASVCP Listserv Manager

## Treasurer's Report

### ASVCP Financial Report

As of this writing (April, 2006), we are having a healthy financial year. Membership income and journal income have met or exceeded budget expectations. Our 2005 pre-meeting workshop proved profitable, clearing roughly \$10,789.

Publishing *Veterinary Clinical Pathology* remains our biggest expense but also our greatest benefit. Publication costs/ issue have risen substantially over the previous year, primarily due to the increased size of the journal (more articles, more pages).

YTD total income for the society \$139,250  
YTD total expenses for the society \$ 97,318

Current assets  
Money market, bond funds and CD's \$171,842

Our financial year ends September 30, 2006.

Membership has increased over 2005 levels:

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>Net Gain</u>
N. American	324	386	62
Non N. American	48	60	12
Student	63	68	5
Retired	1	2	1
Emeritus/Honorary	33	33	0

--Respectfully submitted, Sonjia M. Shelly, ASVCP Treasurer

## 2005-2006 ASVCP Sponsor List

Many thanks to all of our sponsors and other contributors! Your support is vital to the services that the Society provides to its members.

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Merck Research Laboratories  
MPI Research  
Pfizer, Inc.  
Schering Plough Research Institute  
Veterinary Information Network Foundation  
Wyeth Pharmaceuticals

## ASVCP Committee Updates

### Development Committee

Current committee members are Mike Fry (chair), Paula Krimer, Dennis DeNicola, Michelle Kahn, Linda Vap (VLP liaison), and Holly Jordan (EB liaison). Our committee works closely with the Rees Group to develop and implement fundraising ideas. We had a conference call on March 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss priorities and map out an action plan for 2006. Our top priorities are: to renew (and try to upgrade) support of 2005 corporate donors; acquire new or lapsed corporate donors; and increase giving from the ASVCP membership. We also hope to be able to add corporate sponsors for events at the Annual Meeting, and to find sponsorship for the ASVCP web site.

The ASVCP has received \$15,500 in corporate contributions thus far in 2006, including renewed support from several 2005 corporate donors (listed above), as well as a generous gift from new donor Novartis. This is a good start toward achieving our goal of increasing donations by 20% over 2005. We have a system in place to follow up with all of last year's donors to remind them to give in 2006, and are continually working to find new corporate donors. Please contact a committee member if you have any ideas regarding corporate giving.

We hope to increase giving from individuals – from you, the ASVCP membership – in 2006 and beyond. Many thanks to Paula Krimer for volunteering to spearhead the **Share the Future** campaign. The mission of Share the Future is to support trainees and students interested in clinical pathology. Our specific funding objectives are to:

- Award four competitive travel grants of \$500 each to residents or veterinary students presenting at the Annual Meeting
- Award four competitive research grants of \$1,000 – \$2,500 to current residents
- Sponsor a clinical pathology speaker at the SAVMA Symposium (estimated cost of \$1,500)
- Award four \$250 grants to veterinary school pathology clubs, to help sponsor clinical pathology speakers

Our goal is to raise a \$200,000 Share the Future endowment so that we can fund these initiatives regularly every year. Last year, the ASVCP received \$6,412 in Share the Future donations, including a \$1,000 challenge grant from Harold Tvedten. Several people donated their speaker honoraria. We will be contacting you soon to ask you to make a commitment to the Share the Future fundraising campaign in 2006. Please be prepared to do your part this year and beyond!

On a related note, Christine Olver is working on putting together a soccer game fundraiser in Tucson to support STF – go to the ASVCP home page, look for the bouncing soccer ball, and e-mail Christine to let her know you'd like to play!

We are trying to recruit committee members from pharma and contract research. Please contact Mike Fry if you'd like to join. We would especially like a representative from industry to coordinate with the Regulatory Affairs committee, which is in charge of the 2007 pre-meeting workshop, on possible fundraising opportunities for that event.

Please remember that we are looking for corporate sponsorship of **events at the Annual Meeting** (such as the Case Review slide session, the Teaching Clinical Pathology session, or the ASVCP members' reception), and the **ASVCP web site and/or the journal**. Contact a committee member if you are interested or know of a company that might be.

--Submitted by Mike Fry and Paula Krimer

### Quality Assurance and Standards Committee

The QA&S Committee met by teleconference on February 21 with nine members representing 3 countries and spanning 9 time zones. We got acquainted and discussed the Executive Board Charge for 2006. The current Quality Control Guidelines found on the ASVCP website are being reformatted to combine redundant information and are in the final stages of editing. Karen Russell and Jane Wardrop have undertaken the task of writing guidelines for crossmatching. Jill Arnold and Kendall Harr are drafting

guidelines for performing Manual CBCs in exotic species. It is the committee's intention to add 1-2 sections to these Guidelines on an annual basis. We discussed the advantages and disadvantages of having the Guidelines available electronically in a printer-friendly form or as hard copies provided to the membership. Our conclusion was that with rapid changes in methodology, hard copies may become obsolete and may not be worth the financial investment. As they exist on the website, the Guidelines are readily available to anyone with internet access.

--Submitted by Kristen Friedrichs, Committee Chair

## Membership Committee

### ASVCP Promotion

The membership committee has completed a short PowerPoint presentation on "What is a Clinical Pathologist?" that is available for download from our homepage ([www.asvcp.org](http://www.asvcp.org)) for the use of any member. This brief presentation is ideal to explain our profession to undergraduate students and non-veterinarians. It is hoped that our colleagues in academia will use this presentation at the beginning of the clinical pathology semester to introduce second year veterinary students, or any undergraduate class, to the various aspects of our profession and its importance to case management. For example, it was used this year at SCAVMA 2006 in Minnesota, to expose a large variety of undergraduate students to clinical pathology and the roles of clinical pathologists in various fields.

Another presentation will shortly be ready and be available to members for promotion of ASVCP at public speaking venues. The very brief presentation has been created for Clinical Pathologists to use in promoting the benefits of ASVCP membership to other veterinary audiences such as internists, oncologists, technologists and anatomic pathologists at in-house lectures, continuing education seminars, conferences, etc. When it is available, the presentation and a suggested script will be announced and possibly distributed through the list server. We hope you will use this presentation to promote the benefits of membership in our society at all of your professional speaking engagements! You are the best ambassador for the ASVCP, and we hope you will take a few moments during public speaking sessions to promote membership in our society.

### Renewal Options

Last year, an email survey was created and sent out to lapsed members for whom we had or could find an email address. Of 117 on the list of lapsed members provided to us, we reached 97 by email. Of these, 31 responded (32%). As most people did not answer all questions, here is a summary of the most important reasons for not renewing their membership:

#### Results:

13 (42%) forgot to renew, and intended to  
5 (16%) were retired, retiring, or deceased

- 5 (16%) had already paid, and were referred to the Rees group
- 4 (13%) did not find the journal applicable to their field (2 toxicologists, 1 fish pathologist, 1 researcher)
- 2 (6.5%) joined the ESVCP and did not want a double subscription
- 2 (6.5%) did not find the journal useful: both were clinical/practice veterinarians wanting cytology cases
- 1 (3%) found it too expensive (an anatomical pathology graduate student)
- 1 (3%) has company restrictions on journal subscriptions.

As a result, an option to renew the ASVCP membership was included in the annual 2005 meeting registration. This was highly successful, with a record number of renewals before the end of the year. Thanks to the Electronic and Communications committee, a new PDF renewal form is now available online, that can be completed onscreen before printing.

### Ongoing Projects

Thanks to Dr. Glade Weiser at Heska, a double-sided one page laminated hematology atlas will shortly become available. These handy quick reference guides will be distributed through pathology clubs and faculty at universities for students to use microscope-side in identification of canine and feline leukocytes. The images, photographed on a single system at one magnification, are ideal for the novice in presenting uniform coloration and inherent size references.

The membership committee continues to sponsor student seminars (up to 3 per year) to promote Clinical Pathology as a career and interest in ASVCP membership. They have been highly successful. Surveys show that prior to the seminar 86% of respondents had not considered Clinical Pathology as a career alternative while 14% had. After the seminar 74% were interested in learning more about our profession and only 26% were not interested in clinical pathology as a career. Also, before the seminar only 19% of attendees knew of the ASVCP. Of the students that wrote in comments, every single one was positive and enthusiastic. If you are interested in hosting a student seminar in your school, hopefully in association with the local Pathology Club, please contact me for financial support (veterinarian@doctor.com).

We are working with Paul Pion of Veterinary Information Network (VIN) to advance this website's relationship with ASVCP. VIN ([www.vin.com](http://www.vin.com)) is a veterinary information website used extensively by clinicians as well as a variety of internists and other clinical specialists. VIN now has direct links to *Veterinary Clinical Pathology* articles on their website. Paul is willing to put a link on these article pages to our membership application form, and to potentially host a secure site for online applications.

Thank you to all the hardworking committee members for all their past, current, and future efforts. We welcome any constructive suggestions to improve our services to the membership and how to promote membership.

--Submitted by Paula Krimer, Committee Chair

### Veterinary Laboratory Professionals Committee

The current VLP members, their functions and other affiliations are as follows:

Dennis Olexson	Chair VLP/ member Program & QAS Committees
Rick DeFrancisco	Co-chair VLP/Pace credits/ member Membership & Program Committees
Betty Thompson	VLP Listserv
Carolyn Haines	QAS Committee member
Lisa Shipp	Newsletter
Linda Vap	Development & QAS Committees member/past Chair VLP Committee
Christine Olver	Liaison to the ASVCP Executive Board
Kathy Curtis	Education Committee member

Nicole Rosen, Roberta Moorhead, Lynne Shanahan, & Susan Atkinson – VLP Board members

Further details regarding the VLP Program at the 2006 conference in Tucson are now available:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Dec 3 – Sunday	1:00 – 1:15 pm	Welcome – Dennis Olexson
	1:00 – 2:00 pm	Imagine the Possibilities, Sysmex XT 2000 Hematology Analyzer: Technology and Case Studies – Ms. P. Barranco
	2:00 – 3:00 pm	Transport of Biologics – Dr. Thomas Duarte of FedEx
	3:30 – 4:30 pm	Use of the PFA-100 Platelet Function Analyzer at the Atlantic Veterinary College – Dr. Noel Clancey
Dec 4 – Monday	8:00 – 9:00 am	Forcyte-Dual Impedance and Laser Method Comparison and Technical Review – Mr. Ed Carver
	9:00 – 10:00 am	LaserCyte Hematology Analyser (IDEXX)*
	10:30 -12 noon	Immunoassays: Quality Control – Dr. Asger Jensen
Dec 4 – Monday	afternoon	Free Time
Dec 5 – Tuesday	7:00 – 8:00 am	Committee Planning Session Breakfast
	8:00 -10:00 am	Bayer Advia Veterinary Hematology Instrument*, Bayer Healthcare
	10:30 – 12 noon	Do Chemiluminescence Assays Work in the Veterinary Laboratory? – Tami Robbins

\*Speaker to be confirmed

--Report submitted by Dennis Olexson, Committee Chair

## Executive Board News

In addition to the Executive Board Meeting and Annual Business Meeting sessions held during the Annual Meeting of the ASVCP, the members of the ASVCP Executive Board correspond regularly during the year via electronic mail and telephone conferences to accomplish the Society's business. Since publication of ASVCP Newsletter #1, 2006, the Board has decided by majority vote to allow the Veterinary Information Network to construct the ASVCP electronic member database, to rent the member list for a one-time mailing of an announcement of a symposium on coccidioidomycosis, to approve the Development Committee charter, and to provide open electronic access to articles in *Veterinary Clinical Pathology* that are more than one year old. We voted to cease automatically mailing missed issues of the journal to members who renew their membership after June 1 of each year. Renewal after June 1 will re-start the hard-copy journal subscription, but late-renewing members who desire hard copies of the journal issues they have missed will need to pay \$45 plus shipping and handling for 2 missed issues (assuming back issues are available). Of course, the missed issues will be available electronically at no additional cost. We also voted to approve a list proposed by the Electronic Communication and Technology Committee of new links to be added to the ASVCP website. The new links are to the Division of Animal Clinical Chemistry ([www.aacc.org/divisions/animal/default.stm](http://www.aacc.org/divisions/animal/default.stm)), the canine histiocytosis information page at UC-Davis ([www.histiocytosis.ucdavis.edu](http://www.histiocytosis.ucdavis.edu)), the Veterinary Laboratory Association ([www.vetlabassoc.com](http://www.vetlabassoc.com)), the Westgard QC home page ([www.westgard.com](http://www.westgard.com)), and the Veterinary Hematology and Transfusion Medicine site ([www.vetmed.wsu.edu/org-AVHTML/index.asp](http://www.vetmed.wsu.edu/org-AVHTML/index.asp)).

We voted to approve new members monthly (yes, we know we reported last issue that we had voted to do it quarterly, but we realized some problems with that schedule and we are nothing if not responsible for correcting our own mistakes!). Since the last newsletter, we approved the applications of new members Melissa Behr, Katy Bellers, Stuart Alex Bowman, Sylvie Gosselin, Mary Griepentrog, Jennifer Hill, Juan Manuel LaJara Larrea, Lisa Hulme-Moir, Stanley Krogman, Shane Raidal, Melanie Shearer, Balaz Sladovits, Linda Jean Sorenson, Tatiana Strelnikova, and Jacqueline Tarrant. A hearty welcome to our newest members!

## In Memoriam

Dr. William Medway, a Life Member of the ASVCP, passed away on March 19, 2006. Dr. Medway, a former Professor of clinical laboratory medicine at the School of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania, received his DVM degree from Ontario Veterinary College in 1954 and his PhD in veterinary pathology from Cornell University in 1958. He joined the faculty at Pennsylvania in 1958 and served until retirement in 1988. He conducted a number of studies on diseases of marine mammals, anemias in dogs and cats, malabsorption in Siamese cats and urinary mucopolysaccharides in dogs.

## Announcements

**CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ASVCP NATIONAL OFFICE:** 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](mailto:info@asvcp.org).

**Electronic Newsletters:** Paper copies of the newsletters are no longer mailed to all ASVCP members. Those 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](mailto:info@asvcp.org)) or Secretary Marlyn Whitney ([whitneym@missouri.edu](mailto:whitneym@missouri.edu)). Those members without e-mail access will continue to receive paper copies of the newsletter.

**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; Email: [info@asvcp.org](mailto:info@asvcp.org); FAX 608-443-2474 or 608-443-2478.

**ASVCP Newsletter and/ or Website Submissions:** If you have any material of interest to post in the newsletter or on the ASVCP website ([www.asvcp.org](http://www.asvcp.org)), please contact the ASVCP Secretary, Marlyn Whitney, at D102 Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211; Email: [whitneym@missouri.edu](mailto:whitneym@missouri.edu), or contact the ASVCP National Office at 2810 Crossroads Drive, Suite 3800, Madison, WI 53718; Email: [info@asvcp.org](mailto:info@asvcp.org).

**ASVCP Membership Application:** Member application forms are available at the ASVCP website ([www.asvcp.org](http://www.asvcp.org)), by contacting ASVCP Secretary Marlyn Whitney at [whitneym@missouri.edu](mailto:whitneym@missouri.edu), or by contacting the ASVCP National office at 2810 Crossroads Drive, Suite 3800, Madison, WI 53718; phone 608-443-2479; Email: [info@asvcp.org](mailto:info@asvcp.org).

**ASVCP Website Additions:** new links have been added to the ASVCP website: the Division of Animal Clinical Chemistry ([www.aacc.org/divisions/animal/default.stm](http://www.aacc.org/divisions/animal/default.stm)), the canine histiocytosis information page at UC-Davis ([www.histiocytosis.ucdavis.edu](http://www.histiocytosis.ucdavis.edu)), the Veterinary Laboratory Association ([www.vetlabassoc.com](http://www.vetlabassoc.com)), the Westgard QC home page ([www.westgard.com](http://www.westgard.com)), and the Veterinary Hematology and Transfusion Medicine site ([www.vetmed.wsu.edu/org-AVHTM/index.asp](http://www.vetmed.wsu.edu/org-AVHTM/index.asp)).

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**2006 ASVCP Membership Directory to be mailed:** Hard copies of the 2006 Membership Directory will soon be mailed to all members. If you have not received your copy by July 1 (members outside North America can expect the longer times until receipt), please contact the National Office (see contact information above), or the Secretary ([whitneym@missouri.edu](mailto:whitneym@missouri.edu)).

## Upcoming Meetings

**XII Congress of the International Society of Animal Clinical Biochemistry:** May 22-26, 2006, Istanbul, Turkey. For more information, go to [www.isacb2006.org](http://www.isacb2006.org).

**European Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathology Continuing Education:** The ASVCP will hold a half-day of continuing education in conjunction with the 2006 ISACB meeting (see above).

**American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine Forum:** May 31-June 3, 2006, Louisville, Kentucky. For more information, go to [www.ACVIM.org](http://www.ACVIM.org).

**Society of Toxicologic Pathology 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium:** June 18-22, 2006, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Theme: Toxicologic Pathology of the Respiratory System. For complete meeting information, see [www.toxpath.org](http://www.toxpath.org).

**European Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathology Main Annual Congress and Annual General Meeting:** September 5-8, 2006, Cambridge, UK. For more information, go to [www.esvcp.com](http://www.esvcp.com).

**ESVCP (European Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathology) Day:** to be held in conjunction with the **European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine meeting**, September 14-16, 2006, Amsterdam, the Netherlands. For more information, go to [www.esvcp.com](http://www.esvcp.com).

## Job Opportunities

**Veterinary Clinical Pathologist:** Scientific excellence, complete customer service and experienced staff—all qualities found at MPI Research. With a nearly 400,000-square-foot campus in Southwest Michigan and a team of nearly 1,000 employees, we provide comprehensive non-clinical and early clinical development services for pharmaceutical, medical device, animal health and chemical companies as well as governmental agencies in a regulated environment.

MPI Research is seeking a Veterinary Clinical Pathologist to work at our Mattawan, Michigan facility. The Veterinary Clinical Pathologist will be responsible for interpreting and writing reports for a multitude of pre-clinical studies for clients throughout the country and world. In addition to writing reports, this individual's time will be spent consulting / advising the Clinical Pathology Laboratory on matters of quality control, method development and new instrumentation. This role is also responsible for evaluating bone marrows and expanding the array of assays currently offered at MPI Research. Additionally, this role will be responsible for consulting with sponsors/customers and Study Directors on planning and interpreting studies. The successful candidate will possess a D.V.M. certification and be a board certified or board eligible Clinical Pathologist.

Join us for a rewarding career that will allow you to contribute to the improvement of human and animal health and the environment. Compensation is commensurate with experience and includes an excellent benefit package as well as a provision for relocation assistance. For detailed job descriptions, more information about MPI Research, or to apply online, please visit us today at [www.mpiresearch.com](http://www.mpiresearch.com). MPI Research is proud to be an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**Assistant/Associate Professor of Clinical (Diagnostic) Clinical Pathology:** School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis. Veterinarian with advanced training in clinical pathology. Board certification or eligibility in the American College of Veterinary Pathologists or the European College of Veterinary Clinical Pathology is required. Clinical experience and competence in clinical pathology required. Training and experience in clinical research required. Documented record of creative scholarship or potential to develop an independent clinical research program in clinical pathology required. Demonstrated aptitude/experience in teaching, particularly clinical instruction, required. Must have excellent interpersonal and communication skills and a demonstrated ability to work with others in a collegial team atmosphere. To receive fullest consideration, applications must be received by May 26, 2006; position opened until filled. Expanded position description at <http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/pmi/PMIpage1.htm>. Submit letter of intent outlining special interest in the position, overall qualifications, experience, and career goals; CV; and names and addresses of three professional references to Dennis W. Wilson, Chairman, Department of Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis, Davis, CA 95616, Attn: Donna Roggenkamp. AA/EOE