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From The Dean's Desk

Welcome to October's special edition of *Rumenations*.

My term as Dean of the Faculty is sadly drawing to a close today, however I do have some excellent news to share with you.

On Friday October 23, the Veterinary Science Foundation's prestigious annual fundraising event - *Animalia* - took place in the historic MacLaurin Hall. The night could not have been better; we were regaled with marvellous entertainment, and a total of over \$100 000 in fundraising efforts was reached for the second time! The University dignitaries present included Vice-Chancellor Dr Michael Spence, Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Vice-Chancellor Bob Kotic and Director of Development Tim Dolan; who praised the VSF and Veterinary Events Team (VET) for such an outstanding evening. To the VSF and ladies of the VET Committee - congratulations and thank you. And, of course we thank our

sponsors, staff and students for their terrific support.

Even more good news is that Vanessa Barrs, Kathy Belov, Christina Dart and Mark Krockenberger were all successful in their applications for promotion to Associate Professor (Level D). This means that we have had 11 successful promotions in 2009 and a 100% record of success with promotions over the last five years! We congratulate Vanessa, Kathy, Christina and Mark for their accomplishments.

We had the privilege of hosting a 50th Reunion last week for the BVSc Class of 1959. The cohort spent a day on each of our Camperdown and Camden campuses to witness the great and many changes to our facilities and infrastructure, whilst interacting with our staff and students. I am pleased to report that they enjoyed themselves immensely. Thanks to Professor Paul Canfield for his presentation and to the students and staff who made the group feel very welcome.

"The Rock Show", Jon English's Save the Tasmanian Devil Benefit Concerts on October 16 & 17 were a tremendous success. The talent was superb; enthralling the entire crowd. Thanks to those of you who attended as it showed invaluable support of Kathy Belov's research projects.

2009 has been rewarding in many ways. As I complete my term as Dean, I would like to thank you all for your support as we have certainly achieved some important milestones and successes in recent years - in our learning and teaching, research, professional service, clinical training, facilities and infrastructure. Nothing succeeds like success, however we would not be successful without you.

It just remains for me to wish Rosanne Taylor, the incoming Dean of the Faculty, the utmost best.

Professor Leo Jeffcott



The University of Sydney
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Ian Beveridge Memorial Lecture

A Diary Note from Professor Leo Jeffcott, Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Sydney

Emeritus Professor William Ian Beveridge was an alumnus of the University of Sydney, graduating in 1931. His celebrated working life was devoted to fighting disease. Whilst he began his career combating diseases in animals at the University of Cambridge, he quickly understood the importance of 'one medicine' and devoted much of his later career with the World Health Organisation understanding diseases that affect both human beings and animals. In 1972 Prof Beveridge published a book, *Frontiers in Comparative Medicine*, outlining his views in this area of science.

The Ian Beveridge Memorial Lectures, which reflect the Beveridge principle of One Medicine, were founded by a bequest from Ian Beveridge. We are delighted that the Ian Beveridge Memorial Lecture for 2009 will be presented by Dr Paul Morley, Professor of Epidemiology & Biosecurity, Colorado State University. Dr Morley, whose lecture is titled *"Animal infections and risk for veterinary personnel... do we really act wisely?"* has a keen interest in control of infectious diseases, including those infections acquired within veterinary teaching hospitals by both patients and the veterinary professionals working in these environments.

Please save this date, and look out for your invitation and more information in the coming weeks.

When: 6pm for 6.45pm Tuesday 17 November 2009

Where: Veterinary Science Conference Centre

Building B22, Regimental Crescent (Ross St entrance off Parramatta Rd)

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Beverages will be served prior to the beginning of the lecture from 6pm.