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Staff across many disciplines from the University of Sydney Faculty of Veterinary Science were a major force and achieved outstanding results at the July 2002 College Science Week.

Faculty staff performed with great distinction and were involved in a number of key elements of the Week – College exams were passed successfully, academic staff performed the role of examiners, Sydney Clinic Senior Registrar Jody Braddock (small animal medicine) and Resident Craig Bailey (small animal surgery) won the Small Animal Young Speakers Awards, and the prestigious Ian Clunies Ross Award was presented to the Faculty's Sesqui Chair in Farm Animal Health, Professor Richard Whittington.

Successful Faculty candidates in College membership examinations were Camden Clinic Registrars Jo Rainger (anaesthesia) and Rachel Tan (equine medicine). The Sydney Clinic was well represented with new College members - Registrars Sally Pegrum, Julian Lunn and Martine Perkins (all small animal medicine), Resident Craig Bailey (small animal surgery), and Registrar Karen Plimmer (emergency medicine).

One of the highlights of the week was the success of Registrar Penny Tisdall who gained a Fellowship in Small Animal Surgery. Two ex-Residents of the Sydney Clinic, Julius Liptak and Jules Beatty, also passed their Fellowship exams in Small Animal Surgery and Feline Medicine. The associated conference in Queensland featured speakers Associate Professor Geraldine Hunt, Dr Richard Malik and Jody Braddock, and Julian Lunn and Craig Bailey followed their exam success with presentations.

Other papers were presented by Dr Paul McGreevy, Adjunct Professor Ian Lean, Dr Jenny-Ann Toribio, and Associate Professor John House.

Examiners from the Faculty were Associate Professor Geraldine Hunt, Dr Andrew Dart, and Professor Richard Whittington.

Equine Excellence



Professor Reuben Rose, Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Science and recipient of the 2002 VMS Award for Excellence in the Equine Veterinary Field

Dean of the Faculty, Professor Reuben Rose, has also been honoured with the highly regarded VMS Award for Excellence in the Equine Veterinary Field, announced at the July 2002 Bain Fallon Equine Conference.

This prestigious Australasian equine award is presented to a veterinarian who has shown leadership and enterprise, contributed to knowledge, been involved in postgraduate education, and who has made significant contributions to the equine veterinary profession.

Staff News

- Dr Rosanne Taylor has received a Vice-Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Teaching 2002
- Dr Kate Bosward and Dr Mark Krockenberger have been offered lectureships in Veterinary Pathology
- Dr Jody Braddock has been appointed on nomination for a lectureship in Small Animal Medicine
- Thank you to Blackwell Publishing for donating to the Sydney Clinic, through the Veterinary Science Foundation, the highly regarded text "An Atlas of Interpretative Radiographic Anatomy of the Dog and Cat" for staff and students.

Faculty and EMAI Working Together

Almost one hundred staff and postgraduate students from NSW Agriculture's Elizabeth Macarthur Agricultural Institute (EMAI) and the Camden Campus of the Faculty of Veterinary Science attended a joint seminar presentation at EMAI in July with the objective of increasing awareness of research and service activities and furthering future collaborative efforts between the two institutions.

Speakers included EMAI's Dr James Chin, Dr Peter Kirkland, Dr Keith Walker and Mr Grant Herron, and Faculty speakers were Dr Imke Tammen, Ms Julie Cavanagh, Mr Colin Cavanagh, and Professor Bill Fulkerson.

The presentations highlighted the strong existing close collaboration between scientists at both sites. Discussions have continued on the development of a process to formalise and further these developing collaborations, and a second joint seminar is planned for the Camden Campus in November. Staff from both institutions will also be invited to regular in-house lunchtime seminars.

Shared Leadership

Nineteen members of staff from across the Faculty participated in a five-day workshop at Camden in July – the first of two intensive sessions in the 2002 'Shared Leadership for our Future' program, due to conclude in February 2003 with a presentation for all Faculty staff. Run by Maxime Fern and Michael Johnstone from Vantage Point Consulting, the program aims to help people acquire the skills to participate effectively in the collective running of the Faculty.

The group was guided through a variety of exercises, some difficult and confronting, others fun, but all challenging and interesting. The general consensus on the workshop outcomes was very positive. Participants commented they had developed new personal skills, and now know a lot more about themselves and the impact they have on others.

Sally Pope

Eminent Speaker for vets@work



The special guest for vets@work 2002, and presenter of the Fort Dodge J D Stewart Address on Friday 30 August, is the dynamic Professor Lonnie King, Dean of the

College of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University, USA.

Professor King has worked at the highest levels of government in the fields of national and international animal disease surveillance, control and policy development, veterinary education, and human resource management and leadership. Professor King is currently at the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, with the objective of better utilising veterinarians in public health and emerging infectious disease. He has also been involved in the recent veterinary MegaStudy and its findings on the American veterinary community and has a deep understanding of the trends in United States higher and veterinary education. He will be an inspiring speaker. All welcome, RSVPs essential (see page 3).

Friday Seminar Series

Postdoctoral Fellow Nerida Gallagher (N.Gallagher@staff.usyd.edu.au) and colleagues Kate Bosward, Merran Govendir, David Griffin, Kerrie Murdoch, Jacqui Norris and Lana Patoka have initiated a Friday seminar series for Faculty staff. The August speaking schedule is:

9 August – Dr Richard Malik, Cases of Feline Leprosy (1pm Clunies Ross)

16 August - Lara Batt, In one end and out the other, elephant digestion made easy (1pm VSCC)

23 August - Craig Bailey, Factors Affecting Angles in Tibial Wedge Osteotomies (1pm VSCC).

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Friday 30 August

Intervet Research in Action 11.00am – 5.00pm. Webster Lecture Theatre, VSCC

Our inaugural research day featuring short and punchy presentations by researchers from all areas of the Faculty. Research in Action will be chaired by Professor Richard Whittington and is sponsored by Intervet with support from Novogen.

Fort Dodge J D Stewart Address 5.30 – 6.30pm. Webster Lecture Theatre, VSCC, followed by a **cocktail reception from 6.30pm** — all staff and students are invited to both the J D Stewart Address and the cocktail reception. **RSVP ESSENTIAL.**

The 2002 Fort Dodge J D Stewart Address will be presented by Professor Lonnie King, Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, Michigan State University, USA, and one of the most eminent members of the veterinary profession in the world today.

Free Lunch 1.00 – 2.30pm. All staff, students, vets@work sponsors and Research in Action attendees are invited to join us on the lawns outside the VSCC for a free lunch.

Veterinary Trade Fair 1.00 – 8.00pm. W P Young Room, VSCC. The annual Trade Fair by the sponsors of vets@work 2002 - the event wouldn't happen without their financial support. Make sure you visit their displays — good crowds of students and staff will reward our sponsors.



vets@work is on again!
**All Faculty staff,
undergraduate and
postgraduate students
are invited to attend and
participate in this year's
program – we need YOU
to make it a success.**

Saturday 31 August

vets@work 2002 Open Day 10am – 4pm. Grounds of the University Veterinary Centre Sydney

Our vets@work committee of students will be recruiting volunteers to help us on the day. We need lots of students keen to shampoo dogs! Highlights include celebrity guests Lochie Daddo (Animal Hospital) and Simon Marnie (ABC Radio 702), **FREE** pet health checks, dog washes, tours of our veterinary teaching hospital, llamas, reptiles, frogs, rabbits, ferrets, agility dog show, animal behaviour demos, give aways, Steve Austin and his performing cat.

**For further information or to RSVP to the J D Stewart Address,
please call (02) 9351 8026 or email vsf@vetsci.usyd.edu.au**