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From the President

Linda Munson, DVM, PhD

I am deeply honored to be serving as your President this year, and am fortunate to be assuming the office during this second year of our strategic plan, when many of the original goals have been accomplished. From my experience working with endangered species recovery programs, such as the Cheetah Species Survival Plan, I admire the enormous achievements the College has made in reversing the trend toward extinction. Like the cheetah, veterinary pathologists are a unique and irreplaceable "species." But unlike the cheetah, our spots are from aging, not for camouflage. So the Strategic Plan, our Endangered Species Act, is essential to increase our progeny and maintain our "genetic" diversity before all the founders retire.



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Under the leadership of Past-Presidents **Miller** and **Davis**, the College took command of its future through ambitious strategic initiatives in recruitment, development, and public relations. These projects have truly transformed the College from principally a credentialing and educational body, to one of great professional influence. Most remarkable has been the burgeoning number of College members contributing their time, professional expertise, and personal funds to further the strategic goals. I look forward to working with all of you in sustaining this momentum.

This past year was a banner year for Past President Harold Davis, as he navigated the College through a journal editor transition, appointed a Strategic Advisory Board for the journal, and assembled an advisory group of Deans to provide guidance on academic issues of importance to the College. 46 new

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Change in ACVP Officers

Harold Davis, 2003 President was recognized for service to the ACVP at the 2003 Annual Business Meeting, December 18, 2003 in Banff, Alberta, Canada. **Linda Munson** was installed as the President, and the other 2004 Officers were announced: **R. Keith Harris**, Vice President/President-elect, **Paul Stromberg**, Secretary/Treasurer, **Derek Mosier**, Secretary/Treasurer-elect, and **Evan Janovitz**, **John Cullen**, and **Bob Hall**, Councilors.



Dr. Harold Davis and Dr. Linda Munson



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If we consider ourselves first and foremost as veterinary pathologists... then our recruiting, public relations, and development campaigns will benefit.

Diplomates joined our ranks, and six new Student Chapters were established. The Recruitment Committee under the leadership of **Ricardo Ochoa** released the "Careers in Veterinary Pathology" CD. The Public Relations Committee headed by **Gary Cockerell** produced the "Frequent Contributors to the Field Called Life" brochure to showcase what our profession has to offer. The PR Committee also produced a press kit and brought the Press to our annual meeting, highlighting veterinary pathologists in stem cell and BSE research. The Development Committee led by **Reid Patterson** launched the "Leave Your Mark," "Lead the Way," and "Give Your Share" campaigns to reinvigorate the endowment and membership initiatives. These funds will be targeted toward the recruitment and training necessary to meet future needs for veterinary pathologists.

These accomplishments are truly outstanding, but the recovery of an endangered species does not occur in just three years. We will need to sustain our efforts and meet the new challenges to our profession. Most importantly, we need to be cognizant of the dangers of

"subspeciation," because we can achieve significantly more through a unified front. If we consider ourselves first and foremost as veterinary pathologists, rather than as diagnostic, clinical, toxicologic, or academic pathologists, then our recruiting, public relations, and development campaigns will benefit.

So what lies ahead for 2004? This year we hope to launch an ACVP/STP coalition to seek support for training fellowships. We hope to form an alliance among training programs to bolster recruitments and enhance training opportunities, as it is now important that each training site stay viable. We will also be encouraging you to be part of ACVP's future by 1) supporting training programs; 2) serving as a role model for aspiring pathologists; or 3) influencing state and national policies that strengthen our roles in animal and human health.

The upcoming year should bring us even closer to our vision "to be and be recognized as the leading force in comparative medical knowledge." I look forward to seeing you with the cheetahs at Disney's Wild Animal Kingdom in Orlando. ■

ACVP • Future Annual Meeting Sites



November 14-17, 2004
Disney's Coronado Springs Resort
Orlando, Florida

Disney's Coronado Springs Resort • <http://disneymeetings.disney.go.com>
Orlando Convention and Visitors Bureau • <http://www.orlandoinfo.com>



December 4-7, 2005
Boston Marriott Copley Place Hotel
Boston, Massachusetts

Boston Marriott Copley Place Hotel • <http://www.marriott.com>
Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau • <http://www.bostonusa.com/>

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The Secretary/Treasurer's Corner

“Show Me the Money”!

Paul C. Stromberg, DVM, PhD

Budget Woes

Every year we publish in the Annual Meeting Business Agenda book a summary of the College budget activity for our fiscal year. I try to concisely summarize this report during the business meeting, but each year it seems time is short, I come late in the schedule of presenters, and the desire to keep the meeting short mitigates against a detailed discussion of what we have been doing with the College monies. Most years nobody cares because we show a budget surplus and we have a fat bank account. However, this year we reported a substantial budget deficit and are likely to do so again in fiscal 2004.

At the outset, let me state that we are a financially sound organization with good fiscal policies and a substantial cash reserve in the bank. We have protocols for our financial transactions and good professional advice.

Dianne Benson, our accountant and **Mary Schumacher**, our Executive Director do an outstanding job of assisting us in money management. We have a full audit each year by an outside accountant who reports directly to me. Twice a year I travel to our headquarters in Middleton, Wisconsin for the express purpose of budget planning, management and review. Mary and Dianne send me monthly reports reviewing our projected and actual income and expenses, and throughout the year we walk the tightrope of balancing our cash flow. I also receive monthly and quarterly reports from Vanguard summarizing the activity in our investment portfolio. All of this is reviewed by Council at each quarterly meeting.

Nevertheless, a six figure budget deficit is a concern, and I would like to take some space to explain it. I don't think professional organizations grow in a linear fashion. The shape of the curve is more that of the “Punctuated Equilibrium” model in evolutionary biology. This model describes long periods of static activity with little change, punctuated by short bursts of rapid, “furious” change. ACVP is currently in one of those periods of rapid “furious” change. This is a direct result of the strategic plan initiated in 1999 and revisited in 2002. The plan appropriately frames the important issues before the College. I vowed in 1999 that we would not let the plan collect dust on a shelf somewhere but that Council would deal with the plan at every meeting and we have. The overriding issue defined by the plan is the shortage of veterinary pathologists and what to do about it.

Attacking the Problem

Council has developed a multifaceted approach to attack the problem ranging from increasing student interest in our profession, raising our profile in both the scientific community and the general population, and assisting young pathologists to successfully complete the certification examination, all of which facilitates College growth. Over the last 4 years we have reported a net gain in members to the American Board of Veterinary Specialties. We are growing and were still the largest specialty last year, but we are not growing fast enough to meet the demand for our skills. The employment survey that **Ricardo Ochoa's** committee produced predicts a substantial shortage of pathologists over the next 8 years, and at the current growth rate of the College we will be lucky to just replace those we lose.

These demographics have driven Council to action and we initiated several programs to support these efforts. We are expanding the number of student externships and funding them at a higher level to encourage interest. We originated the Pathology Clubs or Student Chapters at veterinary schools. Council decided to provide financial support to student chapters to encourage student attendance at the annual meeting. We initiated a Public Relations Committee chaired by **Gary Cockerell**, hired a PR company to help us market ourselves and raise our visibility. We have a campaign to increase our media exposure that got off the ground in Banff in 2003 with several media interviews about some of the presentations (aging, chronic wasting disease, and monkey pox). The media campaign will be expanded in Orlando this year. Each year our annual meeting planning will target topics that would be of interest to the media so we can attract coverage. We have a plan to hold an annual symposium on a focused topic in the springtime that would be of wider interest than just to ACVP members. The idea is to attract a broader audience and showcase the involvement of veterinary pathologists in a range of important topical issues (bioterrorism, for instance), attract media attention and raise the profile of the ACVP. We are assembling a speaker's bureau and a list of experts who can be consulted by outside sources in search of information about biomedical subjects and we are planning a series of “White Papers.” Veterinary pathologists are involved in an incredible array of important, exciting activities with potentially high visibility. It's time we became proactive about telling the world what we do. I was very surprised and pleased with the positive response we received from the Banff TV media in November, but somewhat dismayed to learn how little

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they know about veterinary pathologists. I'd like to say that we will know we are succeeding when “grandmothers in Peoria” know something about who we are and what we do. We have some way to go before we reach that goal.

Council has created a forum for the training institutions to share information among themselves and most importantly with the examination process to better assist our candidates in preparing for and passing the certification examination. Through a process called “Exam Demystification” begun by **Jim MacLachlan** when he was President, Council is seeking ways to potentiate exam success without lowering the standards we think pathologists should meet to become members of the College. Despite the reputation of exam difficulty, the numbers of new candidates applying to sit the exam continues to rise. A total of 167 pathologists submitted applications this year with a 26% increase in new (not repeat) candidates. An astounding number that portends healthy growth, but is it enough?

Solutions Take Money

Council wants to respond to the needs NOW, as we do not think we have the luxury of waiting. The hard facts are, however, that this activity costs money and we are at a point where the costs of our activities exceed our cash inflows to cover them. The result is a budget deficit. Fortunately, we maintain a significant cash reserve just for such developments, and we can afford to pay our bills this year—and even next year. But if we do not ratchet up our income, we will be forced to cut back some of these activities just when they are beginning to bear fruit. If you add in the increased costs of doing business that we cannot ignore, such as digital projection capability at the annual meeting, an electronic journal, electronic manuscript submission for *Veterinary Pathology*, new exam grading software and the management costs associated with our new activities, budgeting gets even more interesting. We are looking everywhere in the College budget for ways to

cut costs that will not be painful. For instance we trimmed \$10,000 out of our annual meeting costs this year that I think was pretty invisible to everyone. Yet the task of balancing our budget going forward will be Herculean and cost cutting alone will not seal the gap if we are to maintain momentum. We are able to run some annual deficits, but we should be reluctant to draw down the College reserves too far and make it difficult for future Councils to respond to emergencies.

How to Help

I have come to the conclusion that growing our way through this period by increasing fund raising is a better solution than cutting back programs already begun. **Reid Patterson's** development campaign, outlined at the Town Hall Meeting in Banff, is an important step in this goal. We have a plan to approach foundations and corporations, but Reid's development plan does contain ways in which members can give variable amounts and designate it to support specific activities. I have heard many times that if each of us gave just \$100 each year, it would raise about \$120,000 of new money. That's enough to maintain many of the student support, scholarship, externship programs, keep our PR campaign and exam demystification going and underwrite other spiraling costs. I know we are all deluged by requests for charitable donations and we all vary along a spectrum of what we are comfortable in giving. Many of our more senior members can give far more than \$100 per year, while for the students still in training, \$100 might be a stretch. But the idea is for all of us to give something, so collectively we demonstrate our belief in the value of the College, our confidence in its future, our desire to ensure its health for the next generation and acknowledge that being a member of the ACVP has and will promote opportunity for each of us. Pay back or pay forward. Give something. The amount does not matter as much as the act of giving and the statement it makes. You can go to the web page (https://www.acvp.org/about/donate_form.php) and make a pledge right on-line. ■

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Emeritus Membership

Council interprets Emeritus membership to be appropriate for members who have retired from the practice of pathology, and are no longer earning a living, performing the tasks or receiving compensation for pathology related activities. In the modern world, “retirement” may have many varied meanings. An individual may retire from a career in one institution, and work in another or continue to consult. Council does

not consider such individuals to be “retired” for the purposes of Emeritus membership.

If you would like emeritus membership, please send an email or letter to the Executive Office with your request and date of retirement. For more information about emeritus membership, see the ACVP membership directory or the website: <http://acvp.org/about/emeritus.php>.

Distinguished Members



Dr. Bennie Osburn, Distinguished Member, is congratulated by Drs. Davis and Capen

Drs. Bennie Osburn and **John Shadduck** were awarded Distinguished Membership in the American College of Veterinary Pathologists at the 54th Annual Meeting in Banff. Distinguished Membership is awarded to those diplomates of the College who, in the opinion of the ACVP Council, have rendered "...exceptionally distinguished service to the College or who have contributed in an exemplary manner to veterinary pathology..." Drs. Osburn and Shadduck join a select group of 28 others previously awarded Distinguished Membership out of the ACVP's approximately 1400 diplomates.

Dr. Osburn is Professor and Dean, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis, and has been a faculty member there since 1970. He has been involved in key discoveries about food animal viruses—including the bluetongue virus—developmental immunology, congenital infections and food safety. He currently serves as president of the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges, and has earned membership in the Johns Hopkins Society of Scholars and is a fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is a past president of both the American College of Veterinary Pathologists and the American Association of Veterinary Immunologists, and is an honorary diplomate of the American Veterinarian Epidemiology Society. He served as Chair



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of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Biotechnology Research Advisory Committee from 1988-1991. Among his awards are his recognition as a Distinguished Veterinary Immunologist of the American Association of Veterinary Immunologists and Distinguished Practitioner in the National Academy of Practice in Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Osburn also has received the American Feed Industry Association Award and the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine's Alumni Achievement Award.

Dr. Shadduck is Dean Emeritus, College of Veterinary Medicine, Texas A&M University, and prior to becoming A&M's Dean in 1988, he was Professor and Head, Department of Pathobiology, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Illinois. He recently retired as President and Chief Executive Officer of Optibrand, Ltd., LLC. He pursued research interests in infectious diseases and comparative ophthalmic pathology, and was especially influential in advancing our understanding of the microsporidia and their role as opportunistic infectious agents of animals and man. He has served the ACVP as President (1988), Councilor (1978 – 1981) and Associate Editor (1978) and Editor (1979 – 1985) of *Veterinary Pathology*. He also was a member of the Examination Committee (1974 – 1977), serving as Chair in 1977 and consultant to the Committee in 1978.

Certification Examinations

The 2004 certifying examinations will be held September 29-30, 2004, in Ames, Iowa.

All certifying examinations in the immediate future will be held at the Scheman Building, Iowa State Center, Iowa State University, Ames, IA.

2005: September 14-15

2006: September 20-21

2007: September 26-27

Thanks to 2003 ACVP Committee Members and Volunteers

Annual Meeting

R Sigler (Program Chair), H Thomas (Specialty Groups Coordinator), E Blomme (Specialty Groups Co-Coordinator and Young Investigator Awards), J Cullen (Council Liaison and Exhibits Liaison)



Dr. Harold Davis thanks Dr. Robert Sigler for his work as Program Chair.

Specialty Groups

Clinical Pathology

H Tvedten (Chair), W Reagan

Education

S Lenz, D DeNicola

Experimental Disease

S Kanaly (Chair), D Bouley, D French, V Godfrey

Natural Disease

J Ritchey (Chair), P Carmichael, F Del Piero, T Gross, A Hattel, B Homer, D Weinstock

Toxicologic Pathology

M Leach (Chair), B Car, D Gunson, D Hutto, R Marler

Education Committee

D Malarkey (Chair), R Sigler, T Rosol, J Markovits, J Ritchey, M Lairmore, K McDorman, H Thomas, E Blomme, MJ Burkhard, J Messick, G Cockerell, J Cullen

Examination

E Welles (General Chair)

Veterinary Anatomic Pathology

AM Ryan (Chair), D Baker, D Dunn, J Haynes, D Morton, B Stegelmeier, P Snyder, D Wilson, B Valentine. Proctors: K Eaton, A Fletcher, K Potter



Dr. Harold Davis thanks Dr. Elizabeth Welles for her work on the Examination Committee.

Veterinary Clinical Pathology

E Welles (Chair), D Fisher, J Meinkoth, S Tornquist, M Wellman. Proctors: H Jordan, S Stockham

QA Representative

PS MacWilliams



Dr. Harold Davis thanks Dr. Anne Ryan for her work on the Examination Committee

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M Christopher (Chair), C Hotz, B Njaa, B Williams, K Zimmerman

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World Wide Web

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Registry of Veterinary Pathology

Representative: JM Pletcher

AVMA - American Board of Veterinary Specialties

Representatives: LM Miller, M Evans

ACVP Newsletter Editor

M Topper

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The ACVP's success is largely due to those members who generously give their valuable time and extraordinary talents to the organization.

Members Honored

Dr. Harley Moon, a Distinguished Member of the ACVP and professor emeritus of veterinary pathology at Iowa State University, was elected as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). The AAAS is the world's largest federation of scientists and supports scientific exchange and discussion of science and social issues. Fellows are elected by their peers in recognition of their meritorious efforts to advance science or its applications. He is a pioneer in the research of E. coli in animals and was a former director of the USDA's National Animal Disease Center prior to his move to Iowa State. He is also an elected member of the National Academy of Sciences and an inducted member of the USDA Science Hall of Fame.

ACVP Outstanding Achievement Award

This ACVP Outstanding Achievement Award is presented to a Diplomate who performs extraordinary acts or makes an extraordinary contribution that brings great credit to themselves and the discipline of veterinary pathology. The 2003 award was presented to **James Thomson**, Chief Pathologist of the Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center and the University of Wisconsin Medical School John D. MacArthur Professor of Anatomy. Dr. Thomson received his VMD and PhD degrees from the University of Pennsylvania, and has held positions of increasing responsibility at the Wisconsin Regional Primate Center, the University of Wisconsin Medical School, and the WiCell Research Institute. He is internationally known for his work on embryonic stem cells, and this work contributed to his most recent award of the Frank Annunzio Award, of the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation for improving peoples lives through their work in science and technology, and contributed to the naming of the WiCell Research Institute as one of three Exploratory Centers for Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences. Some of his other outstanding awards include: Hall of Fame Award for Scientific Achievement at the 15th Annual Conference of Biotechnology CEOs, "One of the most intriguing people of 2001" by People Magazine, one of "America's Best in Science and Medicine," Time Magazine (cover photo), Wilson S. Stone Memorial Award for Biomedical Research, and the Lois Pope Award Annual LIFE International Research Award.

Dr. James Thomson,
Outstanding Achievement Award recipient,
is congratulated by Drs. Davis and Steinberg

Honorary Member

Dr. Gerald Wells was awarded Honorary Membership in the American College of Veterinary Pathologists in 2003. Honorary membership is awarded to a person who has contributed in any extraordinary manner to the advancement of veterinary pathology, elected by majority vote of Council, and confirmed by a majority vote of the membership.

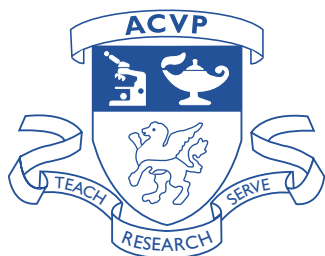
Dr. Wells is best known for his work on bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). He led the team that diagnosed first cases of BSE in the UK and convinced British authorities and the scientific community that BSE was similar to transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSE) in other species and that the BSE epidemic should be managed as a transmissible infectious disease like scrapie. He collaborated in epidemiological studies to discover that BSE was disseminated by rendered meat and bone meal fed to cattle, which together with diagnostic procedures and criteria provided basis for British and global programs to bring the disease under control. He also studied experimental transmission of the disease in several species and the pathogenesis of BSE in cattle. He received his B. Vet. Med. MRCVS from the Royal Veterinary College, University of London, and is a Diplomate of the ECVP. His honors include Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists, Officer of the British Empire and medal of merit from the Office International des Epizooties. From 1975-2000, he was employed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Veterinary Laboratories Agency-Weybridge, United Kingdom, during which time he served as section head of Neuropathology, Consultant Pathology Unit, and Diagnostic and Definitive Pathology of Pigs. From 2000-present, he has worked as Consultant Veterinary Pathologist to Veterinary Laboratories Agency-Weybridge and to the European Commission, World Health Organization.



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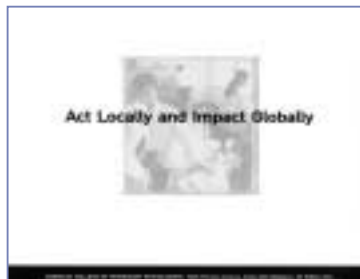
Act Locally, Impact Globally: Share in the Dream!

Reid Patterson, DVM, PhD, Chair of Development Committee

Please use the form in the enclosed "Act Locally" brochure to mail in your donation.

Your College has developed a vision for the future of the College and our profession that is filled with exceptional opportunities and many challenges. Our greatest challenge is the phenomenal increase in employment opportunities in virtually every arena in which we contribute, coupled with a continuing decline in new students of veterinary pathology. Thus, to support our efforts to retain and recognize distinguished faculty, the vital source of these new students, and to increase the numbers of students through enhanced recruitment and funding of training position, your College launched a new campaign at the Banff conference. The College needs you, your colleagues, and your firms to

sustain the quality of veterinary pathology through your time, talents and donations. Consider making a pledge (https://www.acvp.org/about/donate_form.php)



to the ACVP Membership Initiatives Program or the Endowment Fund of \$50 or \$100 per year for the next five years or join the President's Circle with a pledge of at least \$500 a year for 10 years. With everyone's support, that would provide \$60-120,000 to stimulate student pathology clubs, summer fellowships, small research grants, brief faculty sabbaticals, student travel and

external training opportunities, and exciting recruitment projects. So little can make a big difference in our vision for veterinary pathology in this new century!

Lead the Way

ACVP's leadership has stepped up with generous donations in response to **Reid Patterson's** call for donations in support of veterinary pathology. While contributions are still coming in, here is an initial list of past and present ACVP Council members and committee chairs who have given and pledged their financial support to "lead the way" as an inspiration for all ACVP Diplomates.

- ◆ 2004 contributions to date from ACVP leadership: \$6,983.33
- ◆ Multi-year pledges from ACVP leadership: \$34,250
- ◆ 2004 contributions to date from all ACVP members: \$27,283

ACVP Leaders who contributed in 2004 to date:

John Cullen	Linda Munson
Harold Davis	Reid Patterson
Robert Hall	Daniel Rudmann
Keith Harris	Trenton Schoeb
Evan Janovitz	Paul Stromberg
Margaret Miller	Mary Anna Thrall
Derek Mosier	Michael Topper

President's Circle:

(have pledged \$5,000 or more over a maximum of 10 years)

Robert Hall
 Keith Harris
 Linda Munson
 Paul Stromberg
 Mary Anna Thrall
 Michael Topper
 (specific support of ACVP Student Chapters)

Other Multi-Year Pledges:

John Cullen
 Evan Janovitz
 Daniel Rudmann

Lifetime Benefactors:

(have contributed \$10,000 or more to the Endowment Fund)

Brad N. Bolon (Amgen)*
 Charles H. Bridges
 Alexander M. Cameron
 Central Laboratory for Veterinarians
 (Dr. Sally J. Lester)
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 Anne M. Ryan (Pfizer Foundation)*
 William L. Spangler

* Corporate Donors who have matched employee contributions

Oncology Committee Welcomes Help from ACVP Members

Larry McGill, DVM, PhD, Chair, Oncology Committee

The ACVP Oncology Committee is the newest standing committee established by Council. **Barbara Powers** was asked to establish an Ad Hoc committee approximately 3.5 years ago to provide the veterinary pathology community with clinically oriented guidelines for diagnosis of neoplasia in animals. The clinically oriented aspect was a high priority to Council. Council strongly encouraged cooperative efforts with the oncology community.

Dr. Powers called for volunteers to this committee in a membership newsletter and initiated a meeting of interested ACVP members at the annual meeting at Amelia Island in 2000. From that meeting, a mission statement and steps to accomplish this mission were formulated. The mission statement developed is: "To provide a morphologic, immunologic and molecular basis by which veterinary pathology can appropriately address the current and future diagnostic and prognostic needs of veterinarians who treat animal cancer patients." With additional member input at this meeting, it was concluded that the first order of business was to determine the needs of the oncology community. A survey was drawn up and sent out with Council's financial support. The results were collated and presented to the Veterinary Cancer Society, AAVLD, ACVIM and ACVP meeting in Salt Lake City in 2001. The oncology community communicated strong support for this project and encouraged the continued leadership of the ACVP to accomplish the formulated goals.

Following the perceived directions of the survey, several specific topic subcommittees were established. A report from each of the subcommittees with their perspective of the current status of each area was presented at the 2002 meeting in New Orleans to a very large crowd. Requests for additional membership for the various subcommittees were made at that presentation. Following that meeting, with input from committee members and ACVP membership, one of the subcommittees was split into two.

ACVP Council decided to establish the committee as a standing committee, and I was asked to chair. This was due primarily to the fact that Dr. Powers had other administrative responsibilities that would interfere with her being able to give this committee the attention she and Council felt it deserved. She and I had worked very closely previous to this time, therefore I was familiar with the goals and direction of the committee up to this time. She remains a subcommittee chair and close adviser on all matters pertaining to the committee.

The established active subcommittees of the standing committee are the following:

- Immunohistochemistry in Veterinary Oncology
E.J. Ehrhart, chair
- Assessment of Surgical Margins
E.J. Ehrhart, chair
- Canine and Feline Mast Cell Tumors
Stephen Lenz, chair
- Lymphoid Leukemias and Lymphomas
Ted Valli, chair
- Myeloid and other Bone Marrow Neoplasia
Pat McManus, chair
- Canine Soft Tissue Sarcomas
Barbara Powers, chair
- Canine and Feline Mammary Tumors
L.D. McGill, chair
- Lip and Oral Mucous Membrane Melanomas
D. Glen Esplin, chair

The goal of each of these subcommittees is to produce a white paper, which can be documented, with Council's approval, as ACVP's recommendation as to the most current procedures to confirm a diagnosis of a specific neoplasm or diagnostic procedure that would provide additional information to assist with the clinical management of the case. The philosophy we are proceeding with is that each of these subcommittees will establish their own method of achieving this goal. When that goal is accomplished, then the subcommittee will be sunset. Within established parameters agreed to by Council and not yet confirmed, a certain number of subcommittees will always be active and thus when one subcommittee is sunset, another different subcommittee will be established. It is expected that certain tumors or procedures will be reevaluated periodically. This procedure is yet to be confirmed by Council, but it is the philosophy being followed at this time. An important effort of the committee will be to have appropriate SOPs confirmed by Council during 2004.

It is imperative for all members to understand that this committee is an ACVP supported endeavor and as such, will require extensive voluntary efforts from many members. It appears that it will be the largest active committee. This immense size is to encourage broad input from the membership as well as providing the capability of having several subcommittees working on different projects simultaneously. Oncologists are important active participants on all subcommittees.

As a result of interest from membership and the need to have active strong committees, I am asking for additional volunteers for various subcommittees. Please look at the subcommittee list, and decide which group you may have an interest in and would be willing to

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Congratulations to the 2003 Recipients of the ACVP Young Investigator Awards

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2003 ACVP Young Investigator Awards, given recently at the 2003 ACVP Annual Meeting in Banff. First (\$500), second (\$300) and third (\$200) places were awarded in three categories. The award-winning abstracts can be found at the ACVP website (<http://www.acvp.org/meeting/2003yia.php>).

Experimental Disease

First Place

Craig N. Morrell

Johns Hopkins University
(Coauthors: K. Matsushita, K. Chiles, R. Scharpf, A. Simmons, W. Baldwin, N. Faraday, C.J. Lowenstein)
Mechanism of Nitric Oxide Regulation of Platelet Granule Exocytosis

Second Place

G. D'Amours

University of Saskatchewan
(Coauthors: S. Taylor, E. Olfert I, E. Simko, A. Allen)
Guinea Pig Model of Equine Congenital Hypothyroidism

Third Place

Lee R. Silverman

Ohio State University
(Coauthors: J.W. Nisbet, A.J. Phipps, L. Ratner, M.D. Lairmore)
Human T-Lymphotropic Virus Type 1 Open Reading Frame II Encoded P30II is Required for In Vivo Replication: Evidence of In Vivo Reversion

Natural Disease

First Place

Sven Rottenberg

University of Bern
(Coauthors: V.T. Heussler, R. Schwab, D.A.E. Dobbelaere)
IKK Signalosomes, Used by the Cell, Abused by Theileria

Second Place

Kristie Karli

North Carolina State University
(Coauthors: K. Linder, D. Dixon)
Uterine Smooth Muscle Tumors in Potbellied Pigs (Sus Scrofa) Resemble Human Fibroids: A Potential Animal Model

Third Place

Greg Saturday

Armed Forces Institute of Pathology
(Coauthors: D. Frost, G. Hubbard, J. Lasota, M. Miettinen)
Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor in a Chimpanzee (Pan Troglodites)

Toxicologic Pathology

First Place

J. Todd Painter

Colorado State University
(Coauthors: L.S. Chubb, C.V. Lane, S.A. Benjamin)
GSTP and TGF-alpha Expression in Hepatic Preneoplasia Induced by PCB126 and Arsenic

Second Place

Igor Mikaelian

Jackson Laboratory
(Coauthors: L.B. Nanney, K.S. Parman, D. Kusewitt, J.M. Ward, D. Näf, D.M. Krupke, J.T. Eppig, C.J. Bult, T. Ichiki, J.P. Sundberg)
The Mouse Tumor Biology Database: a Public Resource for Immunomarkers for Paraffin-Embedded Mouse Tissues

Third Place

Younès Chorfi

University of Montreal
(Coauthors: A. Lanevski, A.V. Tremblay)
Copper and Zinc Subtoxicoses in Quebec Dairy Herds Stemming from Nutritional Herd Surveillance by Biochemical Profile Analysis

Special thanks go to the 2003 Young Investigator Award Judges:

Experimental Disease Specialty:

Bruce D. Car, BVSc, PhD
Nathaniel D. Collins, DVM, PhD
Dimitry Danilenko, DVM, PhD
Dennis W. Wilson, DVM, PhD

Natural Disease Specialty:

Andrea Groene, DVM, PhD
Bruce L. Homer, DVM, PhD
Bruce E. Leroy, DVM

Toxicologic Pathology Specialty:

Elizabeth J. Galbreath, DVM, PhD
Magali R. Guffroy, DVM, PhD
Laura N. Healy, DVM, PhD
Kevin McDorman, DVM, PhD

Students Attend the Annual Meeting in Banff

Students from eight ACVP Student Chapters were able to rearrange their academic schedules and attend the 2003 ACVP Annual Meeting in Banff. ACVP Student Travel Awards of \$1,000 were given to each attending chapter to help defray some of the travel costs. Attendees were from the ACVP Student Chapters at: Tufts University, Colorado State University, Michigan State University, Kansas State University, Ohio State University, University of California-Davis, University of Missouri, and North Carolina State University.

Students were given free registration to the meeting, and were provided with a hospitality room. In addition to being able to attend all other activities of the meeting, they attended a special reception in their honor to meet with Council and members of the ACVP Student Chapter Subcommittee. At the reception, a member of each chapter gave a short presentation on their chapter's activities. Ideas presented by the students, such as,

establishing a student listserv, a student bulletin board, and updating the ACVP website regarding training programs and externships, are already being implemented.

It is expected that the 2004 ACVP Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida will have a greater attendance of ACVP Student Chapters due to its location. Planning for student activities at the meeting is underway.

The ACVP would like to welcome its two newest ACVP Student Chapters at the School of Veterinary Medicine, Louisiana State University, and the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine. This brings the number of ACVP Student Chapters to 13 as these new chapters join the ones at: Tufts University, Colorado State University, Michigan State University, Kansas State University, Ohio State University, University of California-Davis, University of Missouri, North Carolina State University, University of Georgia, University of Tennessee, and the University of Illinois.



ACVP Student Chapter Subcommittee chair, Mike Topper, (far left) and the attending members of the ACVP Student Chapters.

The ACVP Web Site: Helping to Fulfill the Strategic Goals of the College

Dan Rudmann, DVM, PhD
Chair, World Wide Web Committee

The ACVP World Wide Web (WWW) committee, formed in 2002, has worked with the previous and present management companies, to redesign and restructure the previous ACVP internet site. The new site (www.acvp.org) has been on-line for more than two years, and its use has grown enormously. In September 2003 alone, over 14,000 visitors viewed the ACVP site.

Creating a functional and attractive internet site was a significant accomplishment for ACVP; however, keeping the internet site information current and changing the site structure and organization as the goals and needs of the College evolve remains a continuing challenge. An emerging goal for ACVP is to increase public awareness of the contributions of veterinary pathology and to provide students with information about pathology as a career option in veterinary medicine. In pursuance of this, the WWW committee and management company will be working with the Public Relations, Development, and Recruitment committees to add

new content to the internet site during 2004. Public relations content has already been developed and put on-line (<http://www.acvp.org/news/>).

A final important initiative involving the ACVP internet site is in the discussion phase. Although the ACVP internet site is a very professional and useful site for its members, it may not be optimal for attracting the eyes of the younger generation looking for potential career opportunities. The WWW committee is working on a more visual page with a separate internet address to promote careers in veterinary pathology. The page would target high school and undergraduate college students and would be linked back to our traditional internet site.

If you have any comments about the ACVP internet site or have an interest in helping with its continued development, please feel free to contact the WWW committee chairperson, Dan Rudmann (rudmann@lilly.com).

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expend efforts to assist this specific group in reaching its established goals. If you have an interest in being active in one of the groups, please contact that subcommittee chair or myself so that we can make you an active member. This will require a lot of work from a large group of members, so please don't hesitate if you have an interest. Some subcommittees are getting large and may be more selective in adding members, but keep looking for a group with your interest. Remember that there will be different tumors or procedures to evaluate in the future. When they are announced, please volunteer willingly (http://www.acvp.org/members/committee_volunteer.pdf). This process can only work with a commitment from a large membership group. A comprehensive voluntary effort is required for this committee to reach the assigned goals. ■

Obituary

Dr. Duane F. Ford died on September 8, 2003 in Raleigh, NC at the age of 80. He was an ACVP and ACLAM Diplomate, and a graduate of the College of Veterinary Medicine, Michigan State University. Prior to his retirement in 1985, he served as a pathologist with the NC Diagnostic Laboratory beginning in 1978. He also served as a veterinary pathologist with the federal government from 1961-1978 after his service in the US Army. He was a veteran of the Korean War, and a member of Sigma Chi, AVMA, BPO Elks, in addition to the ACVP and ACLAM. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn, and two children, and preceded in death by one son. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association at 434 Fayetteville Mall, Raleigh, NC 27601.



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Call for Abstracts

Joint Meeting of the ACVP & the ASVCP

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- There will be five specialty groups: Clinical Pathology, Education, Experimental Disease, Natural Disease, and Toxicologic Pathology.
- Abstracts will be presented at the Annual Meeting as posters and/or short oral presentations. Specialty group committees will designate abstracts for either short oral presentation or poster, and your preference will not always be possible. Oral presentations and the poster session will be organized in the specialty group sessions by organ system. Presenters are required to register for the meeting.
- Young Investigator Awards (YIA) are based on poster (ACVP) or oral (ASVCP) presentations. Please see the ACVP website for additional details.
- The deadline for on-line submission is June 1, 2004.
- The website for abstract submission is <http://www.acvp.org/meeting>

For more information on the ACVP Annual Meeting, please contact the National Office:
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Announcements

Topics in Laboratory Animal Medicine

The C. L. Davis, D.V.M. Foundation is cosponsoring a meeting on "Topics in Laboratory Animal Medicine" with Charles River Laboratories, the College of Veterinary Medicine, North Carolina State University, and GlaxoSmithKline on May 20-23, 2004 at NC State University, Raleigh. The general format for this meeting will be altered from the previous years. This year, the group will review slides from the NIEHS collection. The species covered will rotate on a three-year basis and will be coordinated with other courses offered in laboratory animal medicine. The literature review will remain the same as in previous years. For further information contact the Foundation by phone at (847) 367-4359 or via email at cldavisdvm@ameritech.net.

New Livestock Health Policy Book

Global Livestock Health Policy: Challenges, Opportunities, and Strategies for Positive Action, by **Robert F. Kahrs**, was released this fall by Iowa State Press. This book untangles the politics, policies, and pressures that shape animal disease control, food safety, and trade in livestock products in a bioterrorism-threatened, unpredictable, and highly competitive global economy. This is an indispensable reference for anyone involved in the production, processing, distribution, transportation, and consumption of livestock products and their impact on global stability. It can be ordered at www.iowastatepress.com; by calling (800) 862-6657; at Amazon.com; or at a local bookstore.

Submission of Articles and Information for the ACVP Newsletter

Articles and information to be published in the ACVP Newsletter should be submitted to the Newsletter Editor, **Mike Topper**. The preferred method is electronically via email at mtopper@genelogic.com. Alternately, they can be faxed to (240) 631-1317. The Newsletter is currently published quarterly in March, June, September, and December. In order to meet deadlines for printing and mailing of the Newsletter in hardcopy, submitted materials must be received by January 15 for the March issue, April 15 for the June issue, July 15 for the September issue, and October 15 for the December issue. In the future, if the Newsletter is primarily sent out electronically, then these deadlines will be adjusted accordingly.

Correction

The December 2003 Newsletter item on Members Honored, should have read that Dr. Robert Glock received the Stange Award for Meritorious Service from the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Our apologies to ISU and the Stange family for the error.



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