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2004 j d stewart address

9 July 2004

Professor Leo Jeffcott, internationally-renowned equine specialist and, from October 2004 the Faculty's new Dean, will be delivering the 2004 J D Stewart Address: *'On the back of the horse - a tribute to the horse and its special relationship with a vet.'*

This is a great opportunity to meet our new Dean, and to gain an insight into his distinguished career in equine medicine. A member of the Federation Equestre Internationale, Professor Jeffcott officiated at a series of World Equestrian Games and enjoyed a long association with the Olympic Games, a role that will continue in Athens this year.

Prior to his current role as Dean of the Veterinary School at Cambridge University in the UK, Professor Jeffcott spent nine years in Australia at Melbourne University. He is a graduate of London's Royal Veterinary College and has extensive experience working in the UK and Europe.



The J D Stewart address will be held on Friday 9 July from 6.30pm to 7.30pm in the Veterinary Science Conference Centre. *Drinks and refreshments will be served from 5.30pm.*

If you would like to attend or need more information, please contact us on (02) 9351 8026 or e-mail vsf@vetsci.usyd.edu.au.

children and animals: kindness and cruelty

Public Lecture and Workshop:
Sydney, 20 & 21 July 2004

Professor Frank Ascione, Department of Psychology and adjunct Professor of Family and Human Development at Utah State University, will visit Australia in July to speak about his research into disturbing new links between animal cruelty, child abuse and domestic violence. His recent work examines the common roots of violence towards people and animals.



Professor Ascione will deliver a public lecture at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music on Tuesday 20 July at 6pm, and is the key-note speaker at a major one-day seminar for veterinarians, health professionals, social workers and law enforcement agencies at the University of Sydney on Wednesday 21 July. Other speakers include Associate Professor

Eleonora Gullone (Department of Psychology at Monash University); veterinarian Dr Peter Green (degree in Behavioural Science and a Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology from Monash University); and Ms Judy Johnson (experienced in domestic violence services).

Professor Ascione will deliver the Delta Society Australia 'Inaugural Robert Kibble Memorial Lectures', and his visit is also supported by the Veterinary Science Foundation and the NSW Animal Welfare League. He will also speak in Melbourne and Brisbane.

For further details on these upcoming events and to register for the seminar, visit the Veterinary Science Foundation website:

www.vetsci.usyd.edu.au/Foundation/events_frankascione.shtm

july 2004 events

from the dean's desk

In early June I had the opportunity and privilege to meet and talk with Emeritus Professor Ian Beveridge. Professor Beveridge graduated in 1931 and worked with such greats as Sir Ian Clunies Ross and Sir Macfarlane Burnet. He had a distinguished career encompassing pivotal work in ovine footrot, avian and mammalian influenza, and porcine enzootic pneumonia. Professor Beveridge was instrumental in establishing the Veterinary School at Cambridge and was a consultant to the World Health Organisation.

Why was it such an honour to talk to this 96 year-old man? For me, it was a reminder of the high quality graduates this Faculty has produced for more than 90 years. History provides us with many lessons, but none is more important than the reminder of the core purpose of the Faculty: to produce fine graduates that enrich the community. All in the Faculty can take pride in the fact that they contribute to that product, and all our alumni can be proud of their heritage and ongoing contribution to the well-being of animals in Australia and throughout the world.

Acting Dean, Professor Paul Canfield

Faculty staff members Dr Jacqui Norris and Associate Professor Jennie Hodgson recently received the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Teaching - an award promoting, recognising and rewarding excellence in teaching at the University of Sydney.

Described by students as having "an infectious enthusiasm and passion for their subject and for teaching", Jennie and Jacqui have developed innovative course work in Veterinary Microbiology focusing on realistic clinical scenarios and a practical knowledge of infectious diseases. Numerous testimonials were received from their students: "This is the best unit of study I have encountered in the three degrees I have studied, including degrees overseas," (international Year 3 student) and from another student, "Jennie and Jacqui challenged us to learn, conclude things for ourselves, and to understand the reasoning behind the answers."

Their team approach to teaching, an emphasis on the clinical application of microbiology to veterinary practice, and a friendly and caring learning environment has made their unit one of the most popular in the new veterinary curriculum.

vice-chancellor's award



From left to right: **Professor Peter Martin**, Professor of Horticulture at the University's Plant Breeding Institute, **The Hon David Kemp MP**, Minister for the Environment and Heritage, the Faculty's **Associate Professor Tony English**, Director of the WHCC, and **Mr Pat Farmer MP**, federal Member for Macarthur

visit by federal minister

The Faculty and the Veterinary Science Foundation hosted a lunch and briefing for the Hon David Kemp MP, federal Minister for the Environment and Heritage, at Camden on 28 May. The briefing focused on the Faculty's proposed Wildlife Health and Conservation Centre (WHCC), now supported by a \$2.2 million federal Sustainable Regions Programme grant secured with the help of local MP and Member for Macarthur, Mr Pat Farmer.

The briefing was an excellent opportunity to update the Minister on key Camden projects and included a presentation by the University's Plant Breeding Institute and an overview of the whole-of-Camden Campus plan, a critical project involving all University of Sydney faculties based at Camden. The vision for Camden is to develop an internationally-recognised agricultural and veterinary biosciences centre of excellence that will be capable of rapid response to government and industry, and the delivery of high quality research and undergraduate and postgraduate education. The WHCC, to be constructed adjacent to a proposed new lecture theatre, is the first agreed priority in the Camden campus plan.

new staff

The following new staff have recently joined the Faculty:

Ms Lorena Munos, Ms Natasha Burton, Ms Joanne Tapp and Ms Kylie Drake - Veterinary Nurses at the University Veterinary Centre Sydney
Dr Anthony Rowe - Post-Doctoral Fellow
Dr Nicholas Malikides - Research Fellow
Ms Reena Mehta - Research Assistant

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