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**december 2003 events**

17 December
On Wednesday 17 December, commencing at 2pm in the Webster Lecture Theatre, three distinguished guests of the Faculty will be delivering seminars on: ‘Strategies for innovative leadership by the Veterinary Faculty at the University of Sydney in light of contemporary national and international developments in Veterinary Science.’

Presentations are by:

**Professor Rick Le Couteur**
Professor and Chair, Department of Surgical and Radiological Sciences, University of California, Davis

**Professor Leo Jeffcott**
Dean, Veterinary School and Professorial Fellow of Pembroke College, University of Cambridge

**Professor Kenneth Hinchcliff**
Dept of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, The Ohio State University

The presentations will be followed by the **Faculty Christmas Party** from 4.30pm on the VSCC lawn. Don’t forget to sign up your volleyball team with Karen Barnes (x13188)!

19 December
The 2003 Graduation Cocktail Party will be held from 5.30pm on Friday 19 December in the Veterinary Science Conference Centre. For further details and tickets ($25) please contact Tess La Lande in the Faculty Office on extension 16933.

**postgraduate conference prizes**

The Third Annual Faculty Post Graduate Research Conference, held during November, featured over fifty contributions. Prizes for the best abstracts with the clearest summary of aims, results and conclusions were won by:

**Roslyn Bathgate** - Observational study on the effect of bleeding from the reproductive tract on the fertility and fecundity of sows after deep intrauterine insemination

**Felicity Cole** - Exercise-induced myopathy in the Australian equine population: prevalence and demographic data

**Damien Higgins** - Host response to chlamydial infection

**Robert Pottie** - Clinical study of the nature of induction of and recovery from anaesthesia using three inhalant and one injectable agent

Best poster was awarded to:

**Simon de Graaf** - The effect of sheath fluid on the quality of sex-sorted ram spermatozoa

**BSc (vet) seminars**

The 2003 BSc (Vet) students presented their findings from work undertaken during this research year at seminars held on 24 and 25 November.

**website for post graduate veterinary public health management**

A new easy to navigate website now offers better assistance for VPHMgt students and information for others interested in this online program. Comprehensive details on enrolment, degree requirements, the facilitators, units of study and the program’s structure are now available at [www.vetsci.usyd.edu.au/publichealth_management/index.php](http://www.vetsci.usyd.edu.au/publichealth_management/index.php). Current students can also access online classrooms and reach external facilitators for support in their studies. A particular innovation of the site is a news section regularly updated with posts on VPHMgt activities and stories of interest. For more information, contact Program Administrator Hannah Forsythe on x69105.
from the dean’s desk

As the year draws to an end it is time to reflect. In many ways it has been a challenging year for all in the Faculty. There have been triumphs and tragedies - and, of course, much hard work. But the hard work is paying off for us in many ways. We are highly regarded within the University as a Faculty that is not frightened to embrace change and that delivers on promises. Our core business of research and teaching continues to grow and improve. We also have made inroads on our aging infrastructure. The new Valentine Charlton wing of the UVCS is under way and the Veterinary Science Foundation is already actively engaged in raising funds for the second stage. Plans for the new Wildlife Health and Conservation Centre at Camden are progressing while refurbishments of the Shute Building are close to completion.

The Faculty, however, is about its people. This month is joyous in many ways. It is a month that we can celebrate the end of a long hard road for our students. Their graduation is a culmination of many years of learning. It is a proud day not only for their families and them but also for us - for we have all contributed to their success. The day of graduation will also be special because there will be Faculty awards for teaching and service. This is one small way that the Faculty can show its appreciation and recognition for some staff who are prepared to go the extra yard and provide leadership. When I reflect on the dedication and commitment of so many people in the Faculty, it makes me feel proud and humble. On behalf of the Faculty Executive, I thank all of you for your loyalty and support and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I’m looking forward to our Christmas party when we can all relax and enjoy.

new staff

Stephanie Stanyer has joined the Faculty as Personnel Officer. She will be taking over from Liz Thomas - who has decided to take some well earned Long Service Leave.

Coming from CHASS Personnel, Stephanie has extensive experience in personnel issues and University procedures. She will be based in the Gunn Building, Level 3, Room 352 on x12464.


vets go wild

Departing 29 January 2004, the University of Sydney Wildlife Society with Africa Travel Centre and Wild Living will be running a 22 day tailored safari - ‘Bush Essentials for Vets to South Africa’. Led by Year 4 veterinary student Jade Patterson, the trip will enable students and qualified vets to have direct contact with the vets and researchers in Kruger National Park, the De Wildt Cheetah Breeding Centre and the excitement of a real game capture experience at the Game Capture School. Accreditations will be arranged through the University of Pretoria. For further details contact Africa Travel Centre on (02) 9327 0668 or visit www.africatravelcentre.com.au.

staff news

Dr Jennifer Hodgson, Senior Lecturer at Camden, has been promoted to Associate Professor from 1 January 2004.

Associate Professor Rosanne Taylor and Dr Michelle Hyde have reached the finals of the 2003 Australian Awards for University Teaching for the second year running. They will be attending the awards ceremony in Canberra this month.

Acting Dean, Associate Professor Paul Canfield, has been awarded the higher degree of DVSc for ‘published work which, in the opinion of the examiners, has been generally recognised by scholars in the field concerned as a distinguished contribution to knowledge’. Paul will receive his degree at the graduation ceremony next month.

We want your feedback and contributions. Contact the newsletter team on email vsf@vetsci.usyd.edu.au, phone Jennie Churchill, Director of the VSF on 9351 8024, or Zara Gosson, VSF Project Coordinator, on 9351 8026.