The Faculty’s Senior Lecturer in Animal Behaviour, Dr Paul McGreevy (above right), is the author of a soon-to-be-released book on equine behaviour described as the “quintessential reference for all who want to know what makes horses tick”. *Equine Behaviour: A Guide for Veterinarians and Equine Scientists*, will be launched by the Faculty’s new Dean and internationally-renowned equine specialist, Professor Leo Jeffcott, following his presentation of the J D Stewart Address on Friday 9 July.

The book has been a labour of love for Paul McGreevy: “I delight in watching horses at work and play, and I wanted to create a book that would be a companion for all horsewatchers. The past three decades have witnessed a terrific explosion in equine ethology, the science of horse behaviour, making this an exciting time for anyone involved in horse training or concerned about horse welfare.”

Beautifully illustrated with more than 500 photographs and line drawings, the book’s fifteen chapters include learning, social behaviour, communication, locomotory behaviour, stallion and mare behaviour, training, handling and transport, and miscellaneous unwelcome behaviours and their resolution.

With its wealth of fascinating information about the way horses mature, socialise and learn, Paul hopes the book will be invaluable for a wide range of people, including hobby riders, practising veterinarians and veterinary science students, equine scientists and graduates in equine studies, and people who simply just love horses.

The book will be available to purchase at the launch on 9 July, or can be ordered by contacting the University of Sydney Medical Society Bookshop on (02) 9351 2482 or bookshop@medsoc.usyd.edu.au. (*Equine Behaviour: A Guide for Veterinarians and Equine Scientists* is published by Saunders, ISBN 0-7020-2634-4, RRP $137.50 incl. GST, 412pp).

To attend the J D Stewart Address, please RSVP to the Veterinary Science Foundation on (02) 9351 8024 or jenniec@vetsci.usyd.edu.au

Marking the half way point in the first full year of extramural placements for our final year students, the 2004 conference again provides the opportunity for all our Partner Practitioners to meet with each other and key Faculty staff involved in the program.

Along with the opportunity for discussion and to enable feedback on the program, sessions will include new developments in clinical practice. Conference presenters include keynote speaker Dr Tom Catanzaro, veterinary practice management consultant from the US, Faculty staff members and our new Dean, Professor Leo Jeffcott.

Keynote speaker:
Dr Tom Catanzaro
The Faculty has received the pleasing news that Associate Professor Chris Moran has been successful in achieving a College of Sciences and Technology Award for Excellence in Postgraduate Supervision. Not only is this prestigious for Chris but it is a timely reminder to the Faculty that there is a dual purpose for its existence: namely Teaching and Learning, and Research.

Research supervision combines both these roles and, if done well, leads to quality postgraduates who provide the next generation of research leaders - maybe even a future Nobel Prize winner? That is our challenge. Our Faculty prides itself on putting the student first, and this philosophy applies equally to both undergraduates and postgraduates. All in the Faculty contribute to the postgraduate experience in an effort to enrich the global community and contribute to Australia’s scientific success.

Acting Dean, Professor Paul Canfield

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