

Animalia 2006

The Veterinary Science Foundation is delighted to present Animalia 2006, featuring the one and only James Morrison.

One of Australia's greatest jazz icons, Mr Morrison will perform with the Australian Youth Orchestra, singer Emma Pask and, back by popular demand our 2005 musical director and renowned harpist Marshall McGuire, in the Veterinary Science Foundation's third annual fundraising concert. James and Emma - both dog owners - will join the ranks of animal-loving musicians and singers who have helped the VSF raise funds.

Animalia 2006 will be a *one night only* performance - Friday 3 November in the Conservatorium of Music, Sydney. For our corporate friends, Animalia 2006 will be a fabulous way to entertain clients in the lead up to the festive season.

Contact us on (02) 9351 8026 or vsf@vetsci.usyd.edu.au to receive an invitation or information about our sponsorship packages.



Dr Tracey Rogers, Senior Adjunct Lecturer and Director of the Australian Marine Mammal Research Centre (AMMRC) at Taronga Zoo, will deliver the Faculty's 2006 J D Stewart Address from 6pm, Thursday 6 July. The Address will be followed by a cocktail reception.

AMMRC is a joint initiative of the Zoological Parks Board of NSW and the Faculty of Veterinary Science, and Tracey, an ecologist with a PhD from the Faculty, supervises a number of our PhD students conducting research with seals and whales in Antarctica. A highly experienced Antarctic researcher - for six years, she spent six months per year in the Antarctic - Tracey recently won a 2005 Young Tall Poppy Award, created by the Australian Institute of Political Science to recognise outstanding young scientists.

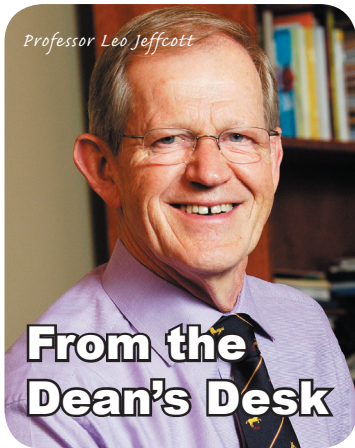
Tracey will speak on the Antarctic, the health status of its marine mammals, and how they can be a barometer for climate change. This illustrated lecture is highly topical and not to be missed. Contact us on vsf@vetsci.usyd.edu.au to receive an invitation.

J D Stewart Address 2006

In collaboration with the 2006 Partners in Veterinary Education Conference, 6- 7 July.



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Professor Leo Jeffcott

From the Dean's Desk

The Faculty continues to have an unrelenting focus on improving teaching and learning and the excellent 2005 results of the annual Student Course Experience Questionnaire, reported in the last issue, were some of the highest of any Faculty in the University. These results confirmed that the strategies developed by our dedicated Teaching and Learning Committee are achieving their planned outcomes.

These results are due to our staff and their high levels of effort, cooperation, enthusiasm and commitment. Despite their demanding teaching and research loads, many staff members have embarked on, or completed, formal postgraduate training in higher education – that is, teaching the teachers how to teach.

I am delighted to congratulate the latest group of Faculty staff to complete postgraduate training in higher education: Senior Lecturer Dr Imke Tammen and Sub Dean for Postgraduate Education Dr Merran Govendir have graduated with a Masters in Education (Higher Education), and Dr Jeff Downing and Dr Saana Zaki now hold Graduate Certificates in Education (Higher Education). The Faculty is proud of all the staff members who have committed to extra postgraduate study to further their teaching skills.

Following the announcement of veterinary science student prizes in the April issue, the Faculty is delighted to congratulate our Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Bioscience prize winners. A four-year degree program, the BaAnBioScience is an applied science degree blending a basic science foundation with fields specific to animal sciences. It provides an excellent pathway to careers in the animal industries, and animal and biomedical research, and the Faculty already has highly valued PhD students working in fields as diverse as quantitative and molecular genetics, animal behaviour, wildlife nutrition and reproduction, endangered species conservation, assisted reproductive technology, and traditional areas of animal production research.

Dean's List: awarded for excellence in academic performance:

Year 1: Gemma Hogg, Katrina Morris, Tresilla Hellman, Rochelle Pasley, Simon Wai-Shing

Year 2: Ryan Stevenson, Kylie Dunn, Rebecca Ting, Claire Nunis

Year 3: Zamira Gibb, Megan Donahoo, Hannah Salvin, Catherine Gulliver

Year 4: Amanda Guy, Kiri Beilby, Cameron Tomkinson, Tamara Leahy

Dairy Research Foundation Prize in Animal Science: awarded for proficiency in Year 4 Animal Production (Dairy): Helen Smith

Poultry Research Foundation Prize in Animal Science: awarded for proficiency in Year 4 Animal Production (Poultry): Cameron Tomkinson

Ridley AgriProducts Prize in Animal Nutrition: awarded for proficiency in Year 3 unit of Animal Nutrition: Camilla Whittington

Sheep CRC Research Award: awarded in recognition of academic excellence in Year 2 Wool Marketing: Emma Cook

More Prize Winners



2006 AnBioSc
Dean's List
Recipients

Faculty News

Cenvet Companion Animal Practitioner in Residence



Staff and sponsors at Dr Mark Allison's Faculty welcome, left to right: Dr John Baguley, Cenvet's Lara Sheeley, Dean Professor Leo Jeffcott, Cenvet's Aaron Hildred, Dr Mark Allison, VSF Director Dr Jennie Churchill, and Director of the University Veterinary Centre Sydney Associate Professor Geraldine Hunt.

Dr Mark Allison from Balgownie Veterinary Hospital, the Faculty's first Cenvet Companion Animal Practitioner in Residence, is currently spending 12 weeks at the University Veterinary Centre Sydney assisting in the delivery of clinical services and instruction in small animal medicine, surgery and anaesthesia. Mark is participating in clinical tutorials, and has the opportunity to prepare a review article for publication.

The Program aims to provide our Partner Practitioners with opportunities for continuing education in companion animal clinical studies and veterinary undergraduate education. The program is generously supported by principal sponsor Cenvet, and supporting sponsors the Veterinary Science Foundation and the Australian Small Animal Veterinary Association.

The Faculty is offering the Practitioner in Residence Program annually – contact Dr John Baguley on 9036 9479 or email j.baguley@vetc.usyd.edu.au.

May Seminar Speakers

The following speakers will present seminars in May:

Sydney Campus – Wednesdays, 1pm, Webster Lecture Theatre:

10 May - Professor Travis Glenn

Reptilian Genomics - from multiple paternity to feathered alligators

(Clunies Ross lecture theatre)

17 May - Dr Jorgen Agerholm Genetic diseases in cattle

24 May - Dr Tom Gottlieb

Senior Specialist in Infectious Diseases and Microbiology Department of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Concord Hospital (topic to be confirmed)

31 May - Grand rounds - UVCS cases

Camden Campus – Thursdays, 1pm, Shute Building Lecture Theatre

11 May - Dr Imke Tammen: Postgraduate studies - frequently asked questions from students and supervisors. **Jen Clulow:** Development of heterologous binding assay to determine the in vitro fertility of stallion spermatozoa.

25 May - Nicole Schembri: Pig identification and and traceability in Australia. **Priscilla Spendlove:** Positive or negative? Detecting equine inhaled medications