

2006 **PROVET**[®] Partners in Veterinary Education Conference

The 2006 Provet Partners in Veterinary Education Conference will be held 6 and 7 July. This annual event provides the Faculty with an opportunity to recognise and thank its partner practitioners, the veterinarians who host our senior interns during their final year of the BVSc degree. The Faculty wishes to acknowledge Provet's very generous and valued sponsorship of the conference for the third consecutive year – the company's continuing support has been critical to the success of this annual event.

The 2006 conference will be a Faculty showcase - an opportunity to hear staff members share clinical expertise and findings on a wide range of topics:

- Developmental disease affecting growing horses: **Dean, Professor Leo Jeffcott**
- Snake bite and case-based pathology teaching: **Dr Kate Bosward**
- Clinical pathology and the diagnostic process: **Professor Paul Canfield**
- A feast for sore horse eyes: **Professor David Hodgson**

- Ruminant Health and Production at the Veterinary Centre Camden: **Associate Professor John House**
- Zebras dressed up as horses – unusual diagnostic challenges: **Associate Professor Geraldine Hunt**
- The rise and rise of reptiles as companion animals – how can the veterinary profession catch up? **Dr Glenn Shea**
- Cattle Diseases – are they inherited? **Dr Imke Tammen**
- Keep the Farm Gate Open, but how? **Associate Professor Peter Windsor**

As in past years, the conference will provide opportunities for feedback and discussion on the Faculty's final year program. Educational sessions will focus on learning styles, with discussions with recent graduates, and a new Practitioners' Forum is being introduced. A conference dinner will be held on the evening of Friday 7 July for all attendees.

For further details on the conference please email: extramural@vetsci.usyd.edu.au.

J D Stewart 2006 - 6 July Barometers of the Antarctic: What seals tell us about climate change

Conference delegates and members of the public are invited to the 2006 J D Stewart Address, from 6 to 7pm on Thursday 6 July. Dr Tracey Rogers (Director, Australian Marine Mammal Research Centre and Adjunct Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Veterinary Science) presents this year's address 'Barometers of the Antarctic: What seals tell us about climate change.' Drinks and refreshments will be served after the Address.



To RSVP to the J D Stewart Address, please contact us on: vsf@vetsci.usyd.edu.au.



National Teaching Award Nomination

Associate Professor Rosanne Taylor will be the University of Sydney's 2006 nomination for the Biological Sciences, Health and Related Studies - Carrick Award in Australian University Teaching. This is one of the eight categories for Awards in Teaching Excellence.

Associate Professor Taylor was selected from nominees across the Biological Science Faculties, including Medicine.

The Carrick Institute for Learning and Teaching in Higher Education was launched in 2004 to promote and advance learning and teaching in Australian higher education. The 2006 recipients will be announced in September 2006.

Teaching and Learning Award

Lecturers Drs Kate Bosward and Mark Krockenberger, Mr Gerard Marcus (Educational Developer and Instructional Designer - Thyne Reid Teaching Innovations Unit) and Mr Federico Costa (Faculty Web Services Coordinator), have won a Pearson Education UniServe Science Teaching Award for their project: Innovations in Veterinary Pathology Learning and Teaching. The award recognises in particular their development of eLearning activities to enhance students' learning experience and to improve learning outcomes.

The Faculty team's submission was considered outstanding and acknowledged as being firmly based on strong educational principles leading to the development of a very effective learning environment and ensuring their students are stimulated and motivated.

They will be presenting at the UniServe Science Annual Symposium at the University of Sydney later this year. The conference is a platform for presenting and developing high quality research in tertiary science teaching and learning.



'Meet the Deans': (left to right) Professors Norm Williamson (Massey), John Edwards (Murdoch), Kym Abbott (Charles Sturt), Ivan Caple (Melbourne), Leo Jeffcott, Lloyd Reeve-Johnson (Queensland)

From the Dean's Desk

Professor Leo Jeffcott

I have just returned from Hobart where I attended the Australian Veterinary Association Conference from 21-26 May 2006. The venue was excellent and Hobart is a beautiful city (my first visit). The conference was well attended (~600 delegates) and extremely well organised, and it was pleasing to see that our Faculty made a significant contribution to many areas on the scientific program. In particular our Chair of Farm Animal Health Professor Richard Whittington's plenary session on "Global Veterinary Defence" was first class and really made the audience take note of the need to think seriously about where the profession is headed and how to achieve greater diversity of our graduates. Senior Lecturer Dr Paul McGreevy (as the recipient of the AVA Excellence in Teaching Award) gave a tremendous presentation on the use of IT in his teaching. With seven sessions running concurrently, there was almost too much choice of educational and professional lectures to attend.

The only disappointing aspect of the conference was a new feature in the social program called "Meet the Deans" on Tuesday evening. Towards the end of the Happy Hour, each of the seven Australasian Deans was placed behind a sign of their Faculty to receive and talk to alumni. I positioned myself and waited for the rush, but after 40 minutes and only two delegates (who really only wanted to know where the bar was!) – I gracefully retired. Next year I will definitely need to do better!

Faculty News



New Sub Dean International

Professor Tom Scott, Director of the Poultry Research Foundation, has been announced as the new Sub Dean International for the Faculty. He will hold the position until December 2007.

Professor Scott's role focuses on:

- promoting internationalisation in the Faculty to maximise the international experience and engagement of both staff and students, and encouraging staff to internationalise their teaching curriculum and research interests
- providing support to international students
- assisting Associate Dean Students and the Faculty Manager with the development and implementation of an international marketing plan

Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) Student Award

Dr Jillian Kelly, 2005 Sydney graduate, was awarded the AVA 2006 Don Kerr Veterinary Student Award at the recent annual conference.

The Award is given to a final year veterinary student for academic achievement and exceptional commitment to cattle medicine. The winner is selected by a panel of Deans, the Australian Cattle Veterinarian Association President and AVA President.

The Award commemorates the work of the late Dr Don Kerr, an enthusiastic cattle practitioner and dedicated educator of veterinary undergraduates, who died in 1992 while serving as AVA President.

June Seminar Speakers

Sydney Campus – Wednesdays, 1pm, Webster Lecture Theatre

7 June - Diseases of the koala: an overview, Dr Damien Higgins

14 June - The mysterious Mycobacteria, Adjunct Professor Richard Malik

21 June – Professor Chris Moran (Title to be confirmed)

28 June - MHC and a Devilish Disease, Hannah Siddle, and Have lucrative prizes for two-year-old racehorses put selective pressure on Thoroughbreds? A discussion of the rewards and challenges in breeding two-year old winners, Kao Castle

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

8 June

Role of linkage disequilibrium in gene mapping, Mehar Khatkar, and Inherited disorders in Danish cattle, Jorgen Agerholm

22 June

Map integration and genome comparison of Tamar wallaby, Cherry Wang, and A journey from dreams to reality: Analyse data in SAS and publish with Excel, Navneet Dhand

Royal Easter Showgirl Success

Ms Jennifer Clulow (pictured - far right), final year PhD student, was announced the first runner up of the 44th Land Sydney Royal Showgirl Competition at the 2006 Easter Show. She represented the Bathurst Show Society, competing against sixteen other finalists.

The competition attracts nearly 600 entrants each year from across the state. Competitors are judged on a variety of criteria including personality, ambition, general knowledge, presentation skills. They must also demonstrate knowledge of their local community, current affairs and potential ambassadorial qualities.

Jennifer's success follows the crowning of BVSc student Ashley Wright-Hands with the 2005 Land Sydney Royal Showgirl title.

