

## 2006 Partners in Veterinary Education Conference

The 4th Provet Partners in Veterinary Education Conference was held July 6th and 7th at the Veterinary Science Conference Centre, University of Sydney. Organised by the Faculty of Veterinary Science, the Conference provides continuing education, feedback and networking opportunities for veterinary practices and other partners involved in hosting University of Sydney final year veterinary students.

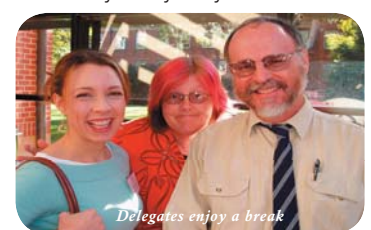
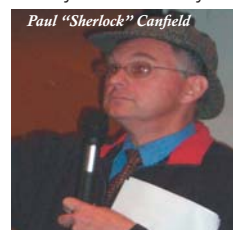
The Conference is a key part of the new curriculum at the University of Sydney and symbolises the importance of the partnership between the profession, the Faculty and major sponsor Provet.

There was a range of topics covered in the presentations this year. A highlight for many was the very entertaining and informative

session provided by Dr Paul Heinrich from the Pam McLean Cancer Communications Centre. Paul explained different learning styles and their application to student supervision and practice.

In addition there were presentations by Faculty members Leo Jeffcott and David Hodgson focusing on equine practice; John House, Imke Tammen and Peter Windsor on ruminant health and production; Kate Bosward and Paul Canfield presented on pathology and clinical pathology; Geraldine Hunt on small animal surgery and Glenn Shea reptiles.

The Conference is also about getting together with colleagues and friends each year. A feature is the Conference dinner also sponsored by Provet and held on Friday evening. This year Paul Canfield disguised as Sherlock Holmes revealed many of the darkest secrets of the Faculty through an entertaining after dinner quiz on the history of veterinary science at the University of Sydney.



## Companion Animal Practitioner in Residence



Applications are invited from the University of Sydney, Faculty of Veterinary Science, Partners in Veterinary Education to complete the **Cenvet Companion Animal Practitioner in Residence Program**.

This 12 week program will provide opportunities for continuing education in companion animal clinical studies and veterinary undergraduate education. The successful applicant will participate in the delivery of clinical services and clinical instruction in the areas of Small Animal Medicine, Surgery and Anaesthesia at the University Veterinary Centre Sydney.

### Criteria

Applicants must be registered with the NSW Veterinary Surgeons Board, have a current licence to use radiation apparatus and be participants in the Faculty of Veterinary Science Partners in Veterinary Education Year 5 Program. They will need to demonstrate:

- Commitment to student education
- Commitment to continuing education
- Willingness to enter into a contractual agreement with the UVCS to provide clinical services to the UVCS
- Willingness to participate in other prescribed activities related to the aims of the program

The successful applicant will receive an allowance of \$13,000. The 12 week program is to be completed before July 2007. Further information and application forms may be obtained from Partners in Veterinary Education website: <http://www.vetsci.usyd.edu.au/partners> or from the Faculty Office +61 (0)2 9351 3550.

The closing date for applications is 30 September 2006.

## From the Dean's Desk



Professor Leo Jeffcott

I have spoken previously in relation to the University's restructure of both senior management and the new grouping of faculties, and am delighted to update you on the progress of initiatives resulting from these changes, in relation particularly to our Camden Campus.

The grouping of Science, Agriculture and Veterinary Science has created some important academic and organisational opportunities for the future development and operation of the Camden Campus. The new initiatives which are well underway will recognise the contributions that the Camden Campus is making to the University of Sydney.

I am pleased to report that the development is on target and on track with the Wildlife Health and Conservation Centre's clinical facilities nearing completion and due to be officially opened early next year. These facilities will attract new clients and their exotic pets. It is anticipated that Camden will also be more extensively used for veterinary and bio-science student education with the completion of state of the art teaching facilities, due by the end of 2007. Four new class rooms are already complete and will be ready for use by next semester. These classrooms and associated 250 seat Lecture Theatre and Conference Centre will be an excellent teaching environment for students and have the potential for use as a major Conference Centre, in the region.

I look forward to keeping you updated as these exciting developments come to completion.

## Faculty News

### Congratulations!

**Pietro Celi** who was recently presented with the Young Scientist's Award at the 2006 Australian Society for Animal Production Conference in Perth for the best short communication by a scientist under 35 years.

**Imke Tammen** as a joint researcher in the National Institutes of Health collaborative project titled "Pathogenesis and possible therapies modelled in ovine Batten disease"

**Kathy Zhu**, recently departed from faculty after 6 years as PhD and research officer, has won "The Biannual Wiebe Visser International Dairy Nutrition Prize 2006" awarded by The Utrecht Group (Netherlands) for her work done at Sydney University.

**Kyall Zenger** was awarded a 1st prize for his poster 'Genome-wide SNP analyses of Holstein Friesian cattle reveal new insights into Australian and global population variability' at the 30th International Conference on Animal Genetics in Porto Seguro, Brazil. In addition to the prize Kyall was awarded an ISAG Travel Bursary and was invited to give an oral presentation in the 'ISAG-FAO Advisory Group on Animal Genetic Diversity Workshop'.

**Perin Vale** Sydney University graduate from 2005 has been nominated by The Faculty for the University of Sydney Convocation Medal for 2006. This award recognises the outstanding achievements and contributions of Sydney University graduating alumni to the community. The recipient of the Convocation Medal will be announced on Saturday, Feb 2 and will be

presented by Justice Kim Santow, the Chancellor of the University. Perin has made it to the final 10 people being considered for this meritorious award.

**Jenny Sinclair and Tina Baxter**, Research Abstract Prize winners at this year's Science Week.

Jenny won FIRST PRIZE for "Continuing pancreatic inflammation or reduced exocrine function are common in dogs after acute pancreatitis".

Tina was awarded SECOND PRIZE for "Ulcerative dermatosis of Border Collies in Australia: a novel disease that may represent a form of Canine Cutaneous Lupus Erythematosus"

## September Seminar Speakers

**Sydney Campus - Wednesdays, 1pm  
Webster Lecture Theatre**

**6 September** - Associate Professor Geraldine Hunt: "Crocodiles, Cages and Compass Bearings Swimming Across Australia's Inland Ocean"

**13 September** - Rebecca Johnson (Evolutionary Biology Unit, Australian Museum): "Molecules not morphology - Wildlife Forensics at the Australian Museum"

**20 September** - Dr Kyall Zenger: "Unravelling the population history of sharks, dairy cattle and wallabies"

**27 September** - Amber Alsop (Research School of Biological Sciences, ANU): "Devil Chromosomes: Clues to transmission and development of Tasmanian Devil Facial Tumour Disease"; Fabricia Nascimento: "Population studies of Alouatta carays (Alouattinae Primates): inferences on geographic distribution and ecology"

**Camden Campus - Thursdays, 1pm  
Shute Building Lecture Theatre**

**14 September** - Associate Professor Peter Thompson: "Evaluation of lactation curve data in dairy sheep; persistence and other traits"; Satako Kawaji: "John's Disease in Japan - our struggle with this shrewd bug"

**28 September** - Mini Singh; Chuan Qing Wang; "Avian Influenza and its control in China"

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