The Department of Veterinary Biosciences faculty will be gaining two new outstanding faculty members. Dr. Krista La Perle will join the faculty September 1, 2008. She is a DVM, PhD and a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. Dr. La Perle is a national leader in the field of laboratory animal pathology, in particular the pathobiology of genetically modified animals. She will be instrumental in our further developing our mouse phenotyping program and will act as a central resource to the Department, College, and University researchers. She will provide specialty training, and substantially contribute to teaching in the graduate and professional curricula of the College of Veterinary Medicine and allied OSU Colleges. Dr. La Perle will also provide leadership in the National Institutes of Health funded training program in Mouse Models of Human Disease and other campus-wide initiatives in laboratory animal pathology and comparative medicine.

Dr. Christopher Premanandan has accepted our offer to join the Department of Veterinary Biosciences as a Clinical Track Assistant Professor starting June 1, 2008. Dr. Premanandan is a DVM, PhD and Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. He will provide important leadership as a teaching intensive faculty position in the area of veterinary anatomic pathology. This position will build upon a program of excellence in investigatory pathology in the Department of Veterinary Biosciences (VBS). His duties will include didactic and laboratory instruction of veterinary medical students, pathology residents, and graduate students. His teaching activities will utilize diagnostic laboratories in VBS and the Ohio Department of Agriculture, with case submissions including those from the college Veterinary Teaching Hospital and the Columbus Zoo. His scholarly pursuits will include a range from reports based upon case materials to collaborative support of research projects within the university community.

We are extremely pleased to welcome both Drs. La Perle and Premanandan to our faculty!
Events and Programs

Come one Come all…Department Picnic, Friday, June 13, 2008 Noon-5:00 PM at Antrim Park! Food, Games, and Good Times!

Workplace Tip: Just 10 minutes of daily exercise boosts heart health. Study finds a little exercise provides cardiovascular benefits, and more is even better. With a very doable dose of physical activity, you can start seeing health benefits.

Selected Recent Grants/Publications/Presentations/Awards/Appointments

- Dr. Dave Malarkey of the National Institute of Environmental Health and Safety (NIEHS) presented several seminars to graduate students in the veterinary pathology training program in May (Photo left)
- Dr. Jennifer McCleese was awarded a two year Barber Fund award for her project entitled, "Use of a novel Hsp90 inhibitor STA-12-1474 for the treatment of osteosarcoma".
- Dr. Holly Borghese, Tissue Bank Liaison (Photo lower left), completed the National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI) Train-the-Trainer Workshop in April. The workshop taught participants the Prejudice Reduction and Conflict Resolution Workshop Model of the NCBI. Holly is now a member of the OSU-NCBI team and qualified to lead workshops anywhere on campus, upon request.
- Dr. Yaskuko Rikihisa presented her research at the International Ricketsial Meeting in Marseille, France May 16-21, 2008.

Staff Profile: Elizabeth Hope

Elizabeth Hope (Program Assistant) - is originally from Atlanta, Georgia and was accepted to The Ohio State University on an academic scholarship in the fall of 2002. She graduated from OSU with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology in 2006. Her hobbies include traveling to various places, dancing, and exercising. She has experience in customer service and office management.