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Dr. Michael Lairmore Elected into the Institute of Medicine

Dr. Michael Lairmore, Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Studies was recently elected into the prestigious Institute of Medicine of the National Academies of Science. He was recognized as a “renowned scientist and leader who bridges multiple disciplines to address basic questions to viral causes of cancer”. Dr. Lairmore has been continuously funded by the National Institutes of Health for nearly 20 years (totaling nearly $30 million in direct costs) and has authored or co-authored over 170 scientific publications. He has been appointed to numerous National Institutes of Health Study Sections and scientific panels in addition to directing an NCI Program Project Grant and post doctoral NIH T-32 training grant. Dr. Lairmore is the recipient of numerous academic awards including the Hero of Hope Award by the American Cancer Society, is an Ohio State (OSU) University Distinguished Scholar and...
is a Fellow of the *American Association for the Advancement of Sciences*. Among his many leadership positions, he is currently an Associate Director for Basic Sciences at the OSU Comprehensive Cancer Center and President of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. To read a full release: [http://researchnews.osu.edu/archive/iomlairmore.htm](http://researchnews.osu.edu/archive/iomlairmore.htm)

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**Dr. Michael Oglesbee Selected as Academic Leadership Program Fellow**

Dr. Michael Oglesbee, Professor and Interim Chair in the Department of Veterinary Biosciences was selected as an Academic Leadership Program Fellow. The Office of Academic Affairs sponsored five Ohio State faculty members to participate as fellows in the Committee on Institutional Cooperation’s Academic Leadership Program. The CIC is a consortium of the Big Ten universities, plus the University of Chicago, and this annual program includes three seminars at CIC institutions, as well as a full program of the faculty members’ home institution.

Vice Provost for Academic Policy and Faculty Resources Susan Williams and the fellows have attended the first seminar at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in October. Future events will be held at the University of Minnesota (February, 2011) and the Ohio State University (April, 2011).

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**Dr. Nong Inpanbutr Honored as Pathbreaker**

Dr. Nong Inpanbutr, professor in the Department of Veterinary Biosciences, was recognized as a “Pathbreaker” at last month’s Annual Women’s Reception hosted by The Women’s Place. Throughout the history of OSU, many women have helped make the university a more welcoming community for women and all under-represented groups in significant ways. Their stories are documented in this new encyclopedic piece: “*Encyclopedia of Pathbreaking Women at The Ohio State University.*” For more details, refer to page 84 of to see her accomplishments.
Dr. Paul Stromberg Attended the FDA VMAC Meeting on GE Salmon

Dr. Paul Stromberg, Professor in the Department of Veterinary Biosciences was appointed to the Veterinary Medical Advisory Committee (VMAC) of the Food and Drug Administration in 2010 for a three year term of service through 2012. He participated in the VMAC meeting held in Washington DC on September 19 and 20th that considered the application of Aqua Bounty, a company in Massachusetts, for a license to produce genetically engineered Atlantic salmon. This is the first genetically modified animal food for human consumption considered for approval in the USA. All the major networks and cable news stations covered the meeting which was attended by hundreds of lay people and lobbying groups. In addition, the committee received tens of thousands of email comments from the public all voicing their opinions and concerns about this issue. A full report of the VMAC can be found in its entirety at: http://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/CommitteesMeetingMaterials/VeterinaryMedicineAdvisoryCommittee/ucm201810.htm

Announcements:

Staff Career Development Grants application deadline Nov. 15

Human Resources is partnering with USAC to award this year's Staff Career Development Grants, presented annually to offset costs needed to further staff career goals and professional development. The grant can be used toward conference fees, tuition, textbooks, research supplies, and transportation costs for activities that occur in 2011. Regular, full-time or part-time staff with at least two years of continuous employment with Ohio State by Jan. 1, 2011 is eligible to apply. Applications are available at http://hr.osu.edu/special/careerdevgrt.pdf

Complete the Your Plan for Health Personal Health Assessment by 11/30!

Faculty and Staff: Benefits-eligible faculty and staff members must complete their 2010 Personal Health Assessment (PHA) by Nov. 30, 2010 to receive their full 2011 medical premium reduction of $360. They are able to complete their PHA in December; however, their 2011 premium reduction will be prorated based on when the PHA is processed.

Spouses and Same-Sex Domestic Partners: Spouses and same-sex domestic partners enrolled in a university medical plan must complete their PHA by Nov. 30, 2010 to receive the 2010 incentive of a $100 Visa debit card. Cards automatically ship 10-15 business days upon PHA completion. As a reminder, they must log in as their own person – PHAs completed while logged in as the OSU faculty/staff member will not be recognized by the
system for incentive eligibility. PHAs completed after 11/30 will be awarded under the 2011 plan year. Faculty and staff members are not eligible for this incentive, but may participate in the YP4H Incentive Program to earn up to $125. Selected Presentations, Publications, Appointment, Invitations, Grants and Awards

Presentations:

Drs. Famke Aeffner and Kendra Wolk attended the 25th annual meeting of the Ohio Physiological Society held in Cleveland this year. Dr. Aeffner presented a poster with the title: ARDS-like alterations of pulmonary function in Influenza A (H1N1)-infected mice. OPS is the oldest chapter of The American Physiological Society.

Publications:


Invitations:

Dr. Cheryl London, Associate Professor has been invited to speak at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research. This meeting will be held from April 2-6, 2011, in Orlando, FL, with approximately 18,000 scientists and exhibitors in attendance.

Grants:

Dr. Tracey Papenfuss received a Canine grant entitled "Myeloid derived suppressor cells in canine cancer" to look at whether MDSCs are present in canine cancer patients.

Awards:

Award Recipients from ACVP 2010

Several students in the combined pathology residency/graduate program were recognized for their outstanding achievements at the annual meeting of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists, held in Baltimore Maryland, October 31-November 2.

(Left to right) Drs. Brannick, Aeffner, Santangelo, Pieczarka, McCleese toasting to news of their ACVP awards
Young Investigator Awards

There are three categories of Young Investigators that are considered and our students were recognized in each of the three categories.

Dr. Kelly Santangelo (1st place, Natural Disease)
Dr. Erin Brannick (2nd place, Diagnostic Pathology)
Dr. Jennifer McCleese (1st place, Experimental Disease)

Charles C. Capen Memorial Scholarship

This is the first year of the award and Dr. Famke Aeffner was the recipient.

CL Davis Foundation for the Advancement of Veterinary and Comparative Pathology, Student Scholarship – Dr. Chelsea Martin

OSU Travel Award Winners

Drs. Jennifer McCleese, Emily Pieczarka, and Kelly Santangelo each received an ACVP travel award in the amount of $500 to attend this past month’s ACVP/ASVCP Meeting in Baltimore. Dr. Jennifer McCleese also received a travel award to ACVP/ASVCP Meeting for $500 from the Intersociety Council for Pathology Information (ICPI).

ACVP Highlight:

ACVP Charles Capen Memorial Symposium on Endocrine Disease

The annual ACVP meeting (Oct 31, 2010, Baltimore) was the location of a special symposium honoring Dr. Charles Capen. There were four invited speakers (2 MDs, a DVM colleague from Utrecht, and Dr. Tom Rosol). Dr. Steven Weisbrode spoke briefly. Dr. Capen's wife Dr. Sharron Martin-Capen attended this momentous occasion.

Staff Feature: Zachary VanGundy

Zachary VanGundy is a Research Assistant in the Papenfuss lab. He grew up in Lancaster, Ohio and attended Wilmington College to earn his Bachelor of Science degree. After graduation, he worked at Battelle where he developed his rodent handling skills. Currently, Zach is pursuing a Masters in Immunology at The Ohio State University. While not working in the lab, his interests include sports (Ohio State football, Cincinnati Reds baseball, and Indianapolis Colts football); ice skating, and being outdoors. We are all happy to have Zachary in the VBS family!
Wellness News: November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month

November is National Lung Cancer Awareness month. More than 170,000 cases of lung cancer are diagnosed each year in the US, accounting for approximately 13% of all new cancer diagnoses. And deaths from lung cancer—approximately 160,000 annually—account for 28% of all cancer deaths. While lung cancer deaths have declined significantly among men since 1991, those for Caucasian and African-American women have continued to increase. Since 1987, more women have died from lung cancer annually than from breast cancer. One of the keys to success in reducing the number of these deaths for both sexes is prevention. Tobacco use is believed to be the cause of 80% of lung cancer cases. Smoking cessation, or even better, never smoking at all, coupled with an awareness of risk factors and knowledge of signs of the disease can help reduce the risk of developing this malignancy. For more information, go to http://www.lungusa.org/about-us/our-impact/top-stories/november-is-national-lung-1.html

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