Dr. Michael Lairmore Hired as Dean of UC Davis Veterinary School

Dr. Michael D. Lairmore, veterinarian, cancer researcher, and top administrator at the Ohio State University’s College of Veterinary Medicine has been named the new dean of UC Davis’ School of Veterinary Medicine following a nationwide search. His expertise bridges multiple disciplines to address basic questions related to viral causes of cancer and the biology of retroviruses. Among Dr. Lairmore’s many notable accomplishments is the development of one of the first animal models of AIDS-associated pediatric pneumonia. UCD Chancellor Linda P.B. Katehi along with Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Ralph J. Hexter announced Lairmore’s appointment, praising his accomplishments as a researcher and administrator. “Michael’s record of excellence at Ohio State is a great match for our top-ranked school of veterinary medicine here at UC Davis,” Katehi said. “We are excited about the opportunity for an even brighter future for our program under Michael’s guidance and leadership.” He will join UCD on October 24.

During his tenure at Ohio State Dr. Lairmore chaired the Department of Veterinary Biosciences for eight years (2002-2010). While in that position, his research extramural funding more than doubled and the department received the first NIH Program Project Grant in the college. He was central in establishing the highly competitive NIH T32 training grant, for which he serves as program
director, and that has provided funding for dozens of veterinary pathology residents to obtain PhDs. In addition, he spearheaded the effort to obtain more than $3.9 million in federal funding for a construction grant from the NIH to make much needed improvements in Goss Laboratory. Dr. Lairmore served the past two years as the Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies.

In addition to his administrative duties, Dr. Lairmore has garnered more than $32 million in funding and has trained 28 graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. He has more than 170 peer-reviewed publications, serves as an associate editor for Retrovirology, and is an editorial board member for the journal Virology. Dr. Lairmore received his DVM from the University of Missouri, his PhD from Colorado State University, and is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists and the American College Veterinary Microbiologists. He has received the Distinguished Scholar Award from The Ohio State University, is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences, a recipient of the American Cancer Society's Hero of Hope Award, and was recently named to the Institute of Medicine.

Congratulations to Dr. Michael Lairmore as the new Dean at the University of California-Davis School of Veterinary Medicine.

For more information of the story, go to:
http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/whatsnew/article.cfm?id=2430

Dr. Patrick Green Accepts New Position as Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies

Dr. Patrick Green, professor in the Department of Veterinary Biosciences, has accepted the position of Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies in the College of Veterinary Medicine. He will oversee the Office of Research and Graduate Studies which oversees grant support for all faculty and graduate students in the College, coordinates the combined Veterinary and Comparative Medicine graduate program, hosts the Summer Research Program, and gives direction for the research agenda for the College. He will also work closely with Dr. Jean Schelhorn to advance commercialization opportunities for faculty discoveries with the ultimate goal of creating new revenue streams for the College. He will begin his new position on October 1, replacing Dr. Michael Lairmore who departs to become the new dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of California-Davis.

Dr. Green has enjoyed a distinguished research career and has made important contributions to our scientific understanding of the molecular basis of infection and pathogenesis of human and animal cancer viruses. He has received
numerous honors, including the Ohio State University Distinguished Scholar Award, the Charles C. Capen Award for Teaching Excellence in Graduate Education, the International Retrovirology Association Award, and the Pfizer Award for Research Excellence as well as designation as an American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Fellow, an American Cancer Society Fellow, Fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology, Leukemia Society of America Scholar, and member of the Board of Trustees of the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society. Since 2004, Dr. Green has been Director of the Center for Retrovirus Research and in 2005, he was appointed co-leader of the Comprehensive Cancer Center Viral Oncology Program. He has over 30 years of research experience and continuous extramural funding as PI, Co-PI, and Program grants throughout his entire career totaling nearly $30 million. He is Principal Investigator on two multi-year NIH grant awards. Dr. Green is committed to graduate training and has worked with numerous graduate students and post doctoral scientists. He received his PhD at the University of Wisconsin; he completed post-doctoral work at UCLA and was an assistant professor at Vanderbilt University before coming to Ohio State.

It is a pleasure to welcome Dr. Patrick Green into this important leadership role for our College.

**Staff Accomplishment: Lisa Wilkosz Retires After 30 Years at Ohio State**

Lisa Wilkosz served the university community for over 30 years. She served as our Department Fiscal Officer for the last 25 years but started working at OSU full-time in 1978 in Student Financial Aid in the Need Analysis office. She was only there about 7 months when she accepted another position working in the business office at the Fawcett Center. In 1985, Ms. Wilkosz joined the Department of Veterinary Biosciences. During her tenure in the department, her duties included: bi-monthly reporting of account balances, verification, cost-share & release time appointments, and invoices (external). During her retirement, Ms. Wilcosz will be traveling to see her daughter in NYC and Las Vegas to visit her son. She is looking forward to both of those trips! More importantly, she will be returning to the department on a part-time basis to continue her contributions to the finance team. We wish Lisa the best of luck in her future endeavors and appreciate all of her years of service to the department.

**VBS Faculty Awarded Funds to Support Teaching Programs**

At the Alumni Reunion Weekend (September 9-11), the College hosted the Alumni Society Board Meeting at which members donated more than $24,000 to support a variety of college projects. We are grateful to the Society for their continued support of our
programs and especially their emphasis on projects that aid teaching and learning for students. There were two awards granted to VBS faculty for educational purposes: the first will support the Gross Anatomy Laboratory with $4,000 to help purchase TV monitors and a camera to be used in the Canine Anatomy Course for first year veterinary students, the second will be used to upgrade the current microscope projection system in the Alumni Lab (VMAB 155) microscopy laboratory with $5,386 to purchase a new digital camera, software package, new projector, and mounting bracket. Thanks to support from the OSU Veterinary Alumni Society, these two projects will help provide a more enriched teaching environment for incoming classes of students.

VBS Graduate Student Accomplishments

**Kristin Lewis**, PhD student and anatomic pathology resident recently received a three-year fellowship award from the American College of Veterinary Pathologists/Society of Toxicologic Pathology (ACVP/STP) Coalition and Genentech for her proposal entitled: “Structural and Functional Remodeling Following Pharmacologic Intervention in Volume Overload Heart Failure”. In December, Dr. Lewis will be giving a presentation at the Coalition’s Scientific Conference held in conjunction with the ACVP/ASVCP Annual Meeting in Nashville, TN; in the next year, she will be visiting Genentech for an externship. Her mentor is Pamela Lucchesi, PhD, a Professor of Pediatrics at OSU and Principle Investigator in the Center for Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Research at Nationwide Children’s Hospital.

**Lisa Berman-Booty**, PhD student and anatomic pathology resident was awarded the Charles and Sharron Capen Fellowship in Veterinary Pathology offered through the ACVP/STP Coalition. Dr. Berman-Booty’s current research focus is the suppression of Carcinogenesis and Tumor Progression by Novel Indole-3-Carbinol Derivatives and Energy Restriction-Mimetic Agents in Murine Models of Prostate Cancer. Her academic advisor is Ching-Shih Chen, PhD, Professor of Medicinal Chemistry, Internal Medicine, and Urology from the College of Pharmacy. The Coalition is grateful to ACVP for the opportunity to manage this fellowship made possible by the generosity of the Doctors Capen. This is the first Coalition fellowship supported by funds other than from industry sources.

Finally, it is heartwarming that this inaugural Fellowship was awarded to the institution where the Capens spent so much of their distinguished careers.

Congratulations to Kristin and Lisa on your prestigious awards!
**Selected Publications and Awards:**

**Publications:**


**Awards:** Chris Frasure, Instructional Laboratory Supervisor and Laboratory Instructor was one of three awardees who received the Distinguished Staff Award at the Kudos Luncheon on September 8 for his contributions to the College. Chris has worked in the Department of Veterinary Biosciences for 13 years.

**Staff Feature: Qiuping Hu**

Qiuping Hu is a Research Associate in Dr. Jim DeWille’s Lab. She earned her bachelor degree in science from China Pharmaceutical University and received her PhD in medical science from Tokyo Medical and Dental University. Currently, she is working on the project to investigate the role of “paused” RNA Polymerase II in breast cancer and the influence of CDK9 inhibitor drug Flavopiridol on the expression of “paused” RNA Pol II genes. While she is not in the lab, she enjoys flower arranging along with reading articles and books about history and autobiographies. We are all happy to have Qiuping in the VBS family!

**Announcements:**

October 5, 2011- Annual Women's Reception from 4 - 6 p.m.
Location: Longaberger Alumni House, 2200 Olentangy River Rd

Celebrate Ohio State women by joining us at our 2011 Annual Women's Reception. The reception will feature special guest Tally Hart, senior advisor for Economic Access, and remarks by President Gee and Provost Alutto.
CVM Work-Life Committee Update

Did you know that any member of the CVM community can submit comments to the CVM Work/Life Committee? One way is to fill out a hardcopy form and put it in one of the suggestion boxes. There will now be one suggestion box in each of the four College of Veterinary Medicine buildings. The other way is to submit online comments via the anonymous feedback link on the MyCVM home page.

Again, we encourage people to identify problems, propose and/or implement solution-based strategies rather than “venting” personal issues. This will contribute to a great and positive work environment for everyone. While the title is “anonymous feedback” we do encourage you to provide your name, especially if it is something in which you would like direct follow-up or that we may need to obtain more information from you.

It’s that time of year again! The WLC is beginning to plan the Halloween party and Pumpkin Carving Contest. Because Homecoming is the last weekend of October, we’re proposing that the party and contest be held on Monday, October 31st. We will likely mix it up this year and have it in a different location, so please be on the lookout for details about the party.

Wellness News: September Is National Leukemia and Lymphoma Awareness Month

September is leukemia and lymphoma awareness month, and the first step toward raising awareness is by understanding the diseases.

Leukemia
Leukemia is a cancer of the blood and bone marrow. Leukemia means that a person’s bone marrow is creating abnormal white blood cells. The uncontrollable amount of cells produced from the bone marrow is why leukemia is characterized as a blood disease.

Lymphoma
There are two categories of lymphoma: Hodgkin’s and Non-Hodgkin’s. Hodgkin’s lymphoma (HL) is a cancer that is identified by the presence of the Reed-Sternberg cell. HL is a cancer of the blood and bone marrow. This disease is distinguished by the spreading from one lymph node group to another. According to the American Accreditation Health Care Commission, Hodgkin’s lymphoma is one of the most curable cancers.

Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma (NHL) represents the multiple types of lymphoma diseases that affect different cancer cells in the body. NHL can be further divided into indolent (slow-growing) and aggressive (fast-growing) sub-groups.

To learn more about leukemia and lymphoma, go to http://www.lls.org/

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