Ohio State leads the first International Congress on Pathogens at the Human-Animal Interface (ICOPHAI): Impact, Limitations and Needs in Developing Countries

The Ohio State University in partnership with institutes from various parts of the world including Asia-Pacific, Latin America, Eastern Africa, and the US is organizing the first “International Congress on Pathogens at the Human-Animal Interface (ICOPHAI)" to be held on Sept 15-17, 2011, at the United Nations Conference Center, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The congress aims to raise awareness through the exchange of scientific and policy information, facilitate networking, and stimulate interactions among scientists in academia, industry,
governmental, and inter-governmental organization. The President of Ethiopia will give a welcome address, and Dean Lonnie King will serve as a keynote speaker. Deadline for abstract submission is June 30th. For more information on the congress please visit http://icophai2011.org/ or email to Info@ICOPHAI2011.org.

Thank you- Global Health Seminar series speakers

Dr. Kira Christian, Veterinary Medical Officer, Global Disease Detection Operations Center, Division of Global Disease Detection and Emergency Response, Global Disease detection Operation Center (GDDOC) at the CDC visited the College of Veterinary Medicine on April 5-6, 2011. During her visit she discussed the opportunities and potential partnership areas at the CDC Global Health Coordinating Office. Dr. Christian gave a seminar to the Ohio State community – “Global Health at CDC: Overview and Opportunities”. Dr. Christian’s seminar can be accessed at: http://ohiosu.adobeconnect.com/p49851258/

Dr. Karen Sliter, Ohio State Alumna and Associate Deputy Administrator, International Services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) visited the College of Veterinary Medicine on April 22, 2011. Dr. Sliter is responsible for APHIS’ animal and plant health activities around the world, and she will move to Brussels, Belgium, in July 2011, to assume the responsibilities of Regional Manager for Europe, the Near East, and Africa. Dr. Sliter met with students and discussed opportunities and partnerships in global health and also presented a seminar- APHIS International Activities and Opportunities. Recording of Dr. Sliter’s seminar can be found at: http://ohiosu.adobeconnect.com/p29506443/

Dr. Rudovick Kazwala works on epidemiology of key bacterial and viral zoonoses including tuberculosis, brucellosis, campylobacteriosis, and rabies. He is a member of the International Health Regulations and International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases. Dr. Kazwala coordinates the Bovine Tuberculosis
Network for Africa and the Zoonoses Section of the Collaborative Research in Environmental Toxicology and Zoonotic Diseases in the Human-Domestic Animal-Wildlife Interface Areas of Eastern and Southern Africa - A South-North Veterinary Network. He is also co-investigator of the NIH-Fogarty Research and Training Eastern Africa program in partnership with Ohio State. Dr. Kazwala’s seminar can be accessed at: http://ohiosu.adobeconnect.com/p67714357/

**Welcome “One Health” Eastern Africa Scholars**

As part of the “Veterinary Public Health-Biotech Global Consortium” capacity building efforts, the three “One Health” scholars from three Eastern Africa Institutes (Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia; University of Nairobi, Kenya and Sokoine University of Agriculture, Tanzania) have joined collaborating units within Ohio State. A welcome reception for the scholars was organized by the Office of the Global Health Programs on April 22, 2011. The reception was attended by Dean Lonnie King, Associate Dean Dr. Michael Lairmore, Chair of Dept. Veterinary Preventive Medicine Dr. Saville, and staff, faculty, and students interested in global health. The three visiting scholars are Joshua Amimo, University of Nairobi (mentor: Dr Linda Saif of FHARP); Nigatu K. Wubie, Addis Ababa University (mentor: Dr. Abhay Satoskar, CMIB) and Julius Medardus, Sokoine University of Agriculture (mentor: Dr. Wondwossen Gebreyes, VPM with co-mentor Rebecca Garabed of VPM).

**Collaborating with the Global Veterinary Public Health Network (SAPUVETNET)**

The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine was accepted as a collaborating member in the Veterinary Public Health Network (SAPUVETNET, Salud Publica Veterinaria Network) in their last annual meeting in Valdivia Chile, March 21-25, 2011. SAPUVETNET is a consortium of Colleges of Veterinary Medicine representing 15 countries across Latin America and Europe, which is supported by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the European College of Veterinary Public Health (ECVPH), among many other international institutions. The main objective of SAPUVETNET is to contribute in the development of the Veterinary Public Health (VPH) field in higher education. The Director of the Veterinary Public Health program at OSU-CVM, Dr Armando Hoet, is serving as a
member of the peer-review team to evaluate a curriculum to be created by this
network. This new collaboration will also increase the possibility for interchange
of faculty and students. For detailed information, please contact
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Ohio State students embark on summer Global Service Learning in
Africa, Latin America, and Asia-Pacific

The Global Health Program (CVM-GHP) through funding from the CVM summer
research program, Global Gateways and Battelle Endowment for Technology
and Human Affairs (BETHA) is supporting thirteen students for service learning
projects in Eastern Africa: Kenya =4, Ethiopia =3, and Tanzania =2 students; Asia
pacific: Thailand =2 and semi-arid Brazil=2 students under the auspices of the
VPH-Biotech Global Consortium. Some of the projects funding is further matched
by the Health Sciences Center for Global Health (HSC GH). Selected candidates
will be conducting field, clinical or bench top service learning activities in
partnership with students in academic, research and/or service providing
institutes for a minimum of six weeks. Topics include tuberculosis, rabies,
toxoplasmosis, brucellosis, milk safety, salmonellosis, campylobacteriosis, and
others.

Ohio State and UMN Farm-to-Table Study Program in Costa Rica

In partnership with the University of Minnesota, Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica and the
Costa Rican Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock and The Ohio State University College of
Veterinary Medicine is organizing the Farm-to-
Table program in Costa Rica for the 3rd time. This
program, which will take place on October 31st
to November 4th, 2011, will allow the participants
to understand through an experiential program
how food animal production systems work in
exporting countries. The participants will visit multiple production systems of food
products of animal origin including beef and dairy farms, slaughter and milk
processing plants, supermarkets, and other components of the food chain. For
more information visit the web site:
http://www.cahfs.umn.edu/meetings_and_events/famtotable2011/home.html
**MOU signed between Ohio State and UNICEN, Argentina**

This past October, a memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed between the College of Veterinary Medicine at the Ohio State University and the National University of the Centre of Buenos Aires (UNICEN), [http://www.unicen.edu.ar](http://www.unicen.edu.ar). Dr. Gustavo Schuenemann (VPM) initiated collaborative efforts on sustainable dairy production with the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences (FVS) - UNICEN in late 2008. This partnership between OSU-VPM and FVS-UNICEN includes a series of cooperative activities involving research and extension collaboration in various areas dealing with food animals; student exchange and study abroad programs; and organization of joint workshops, symposia, etc. on topics of mutual interest to both parties. For more information please contact [Gustavo.Schuenemann@cvm.osu.edu](mailto:Gustavo.Schuenemann@cvm.osu.edu).

**Xinjiang Agricultural University of China delegates visited CVM**

Delegates from the Xinjiang Agricultural University of China, lead by Prof. Wang Changxin, Vice President of the University visited FARP and VPM recently. The main purpose of the visit was to have preliminary discussions on potential partnership areas with Ohio State. The delegates were hosted by Dr. Jeff LeJeune, Diplomate ACVPM. For more information please send an e-mail to lejeune.3@osu.edu.

**Funding opportunities - Global health related**

**American Society of Microbiology Opportunities**

- **ASM International Fellowships for Africa, Asia, and Latin American and the Caribbean**: Funded by ASM these grants offer fellowships to promising young investigators in resource limited nations in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean. [http://www.asm.org/International-fellowship-programs.html](http://www.asm.org/International-fellowship-programs.html)
- **ASM-PAHO Infectious Diseases Epidemiology and Surveillance Professorship** provides funding specifically for ASM members in the US to teach short courses in the area of antimicrobial resistance at institutions of higher learning in Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic,
Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, or Peru. [http://www.asm.org/International/professorship](http://www.asm.org/International/professorship)

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