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*Some recent accomplishments of note at the School*

**Dr. Corinne Sweeney**, professor of medicine, was appointed associate dean for New Bolton Center, and chief operating officer and executive director of the Widener Hospital for Large Animals.

In March, **Dr. James Serpell**, Marie A. Moore Associate Professor of Humane Ethics and Animal Welfare, will receive the 2006 Hill's Animal Welfare and Humane Ethics Award at the American Animal Hospital Association conference in March 2006.

**Dr. Sydney M. Evans, V'77**, professor of radiology, has been promoted to professor and director of research in the Department of Radiation Oncology at the Ryan Veterinary Hospital.

**Dr. Cynthia M. Otto**, associate professor of critical care medicine, was named director of the Veterinary Clinical Investigations Center and associate chair for research in the Department of Clinical Studies—Philadelphia. Dr. Otto also was the keynote speaker at the Annual Emergency and Critical Care Symposium at the University of California—Davis, where she spoke on “Caring for the critical patient: Practical emergency medicine.” In January 2006, she was the featured speaker at the ACVECC Postgraduate Course at the Society of Critical Care Medicine Congress in San Francisco, where she spoke about “Sepsis in veterinary medicine.”

**Dr. Kathryn Michel** was promoted to associate professor of nutrition in the clinician/educator track.

**Barry Stupine**, vice dean for administration and finance and executive director/chief operating officer of the Ryan Veterinary Hospital, was elected treasurer and member of the Executive Board of the Philadelphia Animal Care and Control Association.

**Dr. Rosario Cerundolo**, assistant professor of developmental biology, was elected president of the European College of Veterinary Dermatology in January 2006. Dr. Cerundolo also was awarded a grant from Royal Canin to study the effect of a soy-based diet on canine health. The work is being done in collaboration with **Dr. Kathryn Michel**, assistant professor of nutrition, and **Dr. Ilana Reisner**, assistant professor of behavioral medicine.

**Dr. Robert L. Owen, V'76**, diplomate of the American College of Poultry Veterinarians, was installed as president of the American Association of Avian Pathologists in July 2005. He will speak in China at the Metabolic Diseases Symposium and will open a New Bolton Center Poultry Field Office in Manheim, Pa., in March.

In November 2005, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press published *The Dog and Its Genome* by Drs. Elaine Ostrander, Kerstin Lindblad-Tohl and **Urs Giger**, the Charlotte Newton Sheppard Professor Chief of Section of Medical Genetics.

**Dr. Jean-Pierre Saint-Jeannet**, associate professor of developmental biology in the Department of Animal Biology,

was awarded a five-year RO1 from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders to study factors regulating inner ear specification in *Xenopus*.

**Dr. Jorge Guerrero**, adjunct professor of parasitology, received the International Award from the Brazilian Association of Animal Health Marketing in August 2005. In addition, he received the Award for Academic Excellency from the Peruvian Academy of Veterinary Sciences in December 2005 and was elected vice president of the North American Veterinary Conference in January 2006.

**Dr. Charles F. Reid**, emeritus professor of radiology, received the American Association of Equine Practitioners' Distinguished Educator Award, presented at the Annual Convention of the AAEP in December 2005.

In October 2005, anesthesia/critical care resident **Dr. Benjamin Brainard, V'00**, won third place in the residents' abstract competition at the 2005 American College of Veterinary Anesthesiologists Conference in Atlanta. His abstract was entitled “Changes in primary hemostasis and prostaglandin expression with deracoxib or carprofen.”

**Dr. Jeremy Wang**, assistant professor of physiology, received a one-year seed grant in January 2006 from the Penn Genomics Institute to identify NXF2-exported mRNAs in mouse germ cells using microarray.

**Dr. John Pehrson**, associate professor of biochemistry, was featured in the December 2005 *Nature Milestones* publication for his work on “Gene expression on the histone MacroH2A.”

**Dr. Bernd Driessen**, associate professor of anesthesia and chief of large animal anesthesia, was a visiting professor at the University of Bari Veterinary School in Italy in December 2005. He gave three presentations on the pharmacology of alpha2 agonists and their use in equine practice, regional anesthesia for dentistry procedures in the horse and intravenous lidocaine infusion in horses undergoing abdominal surgery. Dr. Driessen and **Dr. James Orsini**, associate professor of surgery, received a two-year grant from the Morris Animal Foundation to develop a continuous perineural block technique for pain relief in the distal equine forelimb.

**Dr. Gary Althouse**, associate professor of clinical studies, was an invited panelist to help shape future research efforts for the March of Dimes Prematurity Research Initiative in Washington, D.C.

**Dr. Gail K. Smith, V'74**, professor of surgery, was an invited lecturer at the ACVS meeting in San Diego on osteoarthritis in cats.

In October 2005, **Dr. Ina Dobrinski**, associate professor of reproduction, presented “Germ cell transplantation and testis tissue xenografting in domestic animals” at the International Symposium on Stallion Reproduction in Germany. In December 2005, she presented “Transplantation of testis tissue” at the

Toxicology Graduate Group Seminar Series at the University of Illinois.

Donna Oakley, director of the Penn Animal Blood Bank; **Dr. Kathryn Michel**, associate professor of nutrition, clinician educator; and **Dr. Chick Weisse, V'98**, assistant professor of soft tissue surgery, traveled to the Waltham Centre for Pet Nutrition in England in November 2005, where they met with researchers and gave presentations on minimally invasive diagnostic and therapeutics and the blood bank.


In December 2005, **Dr. Gary Smith**, professor of population biology and epidemiology, spoke at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health on "Epidemic disease in animals: Controversy and consequences." He spoke at the Annual Biomedical Seminar at Chestnut Hill College on "Foot and mouth disease: Catastrophic infectious disease epidemics in domesticated animals" in November 2005. In addition, Dr. Smith has joined the Models of Infectious Disease Agent Study, an international research network developing computer-based simulations of infectious disease outbreaks.


**Dr. Meryl Littman, V'75**, associate professor of medicine, spoke at the North American Veterinary Conference in Orlando in January on "Lyme disease: What do to when the SNAP is positive." In addition, an examination room at the Ryan Hospital was named in her honor in December 2005, made possible through donations from breeders and owners of soft-coated Wheaten terriers.

**Dr. Andrew Wood**, professor emeritus of radiology, presented the results of an NIH grant (held with colleagues from Penn's Medical School) to the International Symposium on Therapeutic Ultrasound at Harvard. In January 2006, he was named president of Penn's John Morgan Society. He also presented a seminar on "Large animal models for gene therapy" at the University of Florida Medical School.

In October 2005, **Dr. Sherrill Davison, V'83**, associate professor of avian medicine and pathology, was the featured expert on avian flu on "Radio Times with Marty Moss-Coane," a syndicated show of National Public Radio. In December 2005, she gave a talk on avian flu at the PennAg Meat and Egg Committee Meeting.

In October 2005, **Dr. Peter Dodson**, professor of anatomy, was a guest of the Geological Bureau of Gansu Province in China for the dedication of the skeleton of *Lanzhousaurus*, a new dinosaur found in China. Also in October 2005, Dr. Dodson and Dr. You, Geological Institute of Beijing, named a new dinosaur, *Auroraceratops rugosus*, in honor of Dr. Dodson's wife, Dawn.

Anesthesiology staff members **Lori Marturano** and **Stacey Reiling** were awarded certifications as veterinary technician specialists in anesthesia by the Academy of Veterinary Technician Anesthetists. 

If you have submissions for Rosettes and Ribbons, please e-mail them to John Donges at [jdonges@vet.upenn.edu](mailto:jdonges@vet.upenn.edu). Also, watch for the latest in Rosettes and Ribbons at  [www.vet.upenn.edu/bellwether](http://www.vet.upenn.edu/bellwether).

2006 is the 25th Anniversary of the Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital Building! Join us as we celebrate this milestone in the School's history. Watch for details on our Web site in the months ahead at [www.vet.upenn.edu](http://www.vet.upenn.edu).

## MAY 2006

5 – 5:00 p.m.

Inaugural Specialty Day  
"The Melding of Medicine: Trends in Human and Animal Health"  
*Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital  
Philadelphia, Pa.*



10 – 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Opportunity Scholarship Annual Retreat  
*New Bolton Center  
Kennett Square, Pa.*

10 – 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Veterinary Medical Alumni Society  
Executive Board Meeting  
*New Bolton Center  
Kennett Square, Pa.*

15 – Commencement of the School of Veterinary Medicine  
*Philadelphia, Pa.*

## OCTOBER 2006

6-7

Alumni Weekend  
*Philadelphia, Pa.*

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Parents and Partners Day  
*Philadelphia, Pa.*

## NOVEMBER 2006

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Rush Shippen Huidekoper Society Dinner  
*Adventure Aquarium, Camden, N.J.*  
Opportunity Scholarship Reception

## COMING THIS FALL

Global Food Symposium  
Vernon and Shirley Hill Pavilion Dedication  
Rosenthal Imaging and Treatment Center Celebration