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Dr. Kurt D. Hankenson was awarded the Fuller Albright Award by the American Society of Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR) in September 2008. Dr. Hankenson, assistant professor of cell biology, is the first veterinarian to receive the award, given in recognition of meritorious scientific accomplishment in the bone and mineral field to an ASBMR member who has not turned 41 by July of the award year.

In October 2008, **Dr. Corinne Sweeney**, professor of medicine and associate dean for the New Bolton Center, was named chairwoman of the Commonwealth's Horse Racing Commission.

In April 2008, **Dr. Michael Atchison**, professor of biochemistry and director of the VMD-PhD program, received a Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching. The Lindback Awards, presented to members of Penn's standing faculty since 1961, were established by the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation to recognize distinguished teaching at colleges and universities throughout the mid-Atlantic service area of Abbott's Dairies, Inc. Christian Lindback was president and principal of Abbott's Dairies.

In December 2008, **Dr. Colin Harvey**, professor of surgery and dentistry at Ryan Veterinary Hospital, was appointed to the new Canine Health Board, charged with making key decisions on standards for flooring, lighting and ventilation for commercial breeding kennels in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

In September 2008, **Dr. Karen Rosenthal** was appointed medical director of the Ryan Veterinary Hospital. The appointment is for a four-year period with annual reviews. Dr. Rosenthal has served as director and section chief of Special Species Medicine and Surgery.



In October 2008, **Dr. Tracy Bale**, assistant professor of neuroscience in the Department of Animal Biology, was appointed the first director of Penn Vet's neuroscience program. Along with infectious disease, comparative oncology and regenerative medicine, neuroscience is one of Penn Vet's four translational research focus areas.

In September 2008, **Dr. Richard O. Davies**, professor emeritus of physiology, was appointed by the university's provost to a two-year term as chair of the Department of Clinical Studies, Philadelphia.

In June 2008, **Dr. Louise Southwood Parente**, assistant professor of emergency medicine and critical care at New Bolton Center, received the Pfizer Animal Health Award for Research Excellence at the annual faculty research retreat.

Drs. Sarah L. Teegarden and **Tracy L. Bale** in the Department of Animal Biology were awarded the 2008 Ziskind-Somerfeld Research Award given for the top science paper of the year. The paper, "Decreases in Dietary Preference Produce Increased Emotionality and Risk for Dietary Relapse" (*Biological Psychiatry* 2007; 61), demonstrated that stress contributes to increased consumption of food high in fat and carbohydrates and possibly could increase the risk of obesity.



Dr. David Artis, assistant professor in the Department of Pathobiology, was selected as a 2008 Investigator in the Pathogenesis of Infectious Disease Award by the Burroughs Wellcome Fund. The selection was based on his proposal's scientific excellence and innovation, the strength of the scholarly environment at Penn Vet and his accomplishments as an independent researcher.

Dr. Carrie Tupper Hume, third-year oncology resident, received the Robert S. Brodey Memorial Award for Clinical Science. At the annual conference of the Veterinary Cancer Society, Dr. Tupper Hume delivered a presentation describing the results of a collaborative study between the Oncology and Radiology sections at the Ryan Veterinary Hospital.

Dr. Adrian Morrison, professor emeritus of behavioral neuroscience, has published *An Odyssey with Animals: A Veterinarian's Reflections on the Animals Rights & Welfare Debate*. The book from Oxford University Press describes the culmination of Dr. Morrison's decades of reflection, scholarly research into the animal rights issue and first-hand work with animals.

Gail Luciani, executive director of public relations, and **Jennifer Rench**, marketing and communication coordinator, received the university's Commitment to Excellence award for their outstanding communications work during Barbaro's lengthy stay and extensive treatment in 2006 and 2007 at Penn Vet's New Bolton Center. The Commitment to Excellence program was introduced in 2004 to offer a way for leadership to recognize outstanding commitment to Penn goals in the face of extraordinary external circumstances.

Staff contributions to Penn Vet have been incalculable over the years, and the following staff members have been part of the Penn Vet family for at least 25 years.

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In August 2008, the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medicine Association (PVMA) presented the Distinguished Veterinary Service Award to **Dr. James A. Orsini**, associate professor of surgery and director of Penn Vet's Laminitis Institute. The PVMA also named **Dr. Joan C. Hendricks, V'79, GR'80**, the Gilbert S. Kahn Dean of Veterinary Medicine, as recipient of the Veterinarian of the Year Award, given annually to a PVMA member for outstanding achievement in veterinary medicine over the past year. In addition, **Dr. Lisa Murphy, V'97**, assistant professor of toxicology, was installed as president of the PVMA.

In June 2008, **Dr. Cindy Otto**, associate professor of critical care, received the Distinguished Alumni Award from The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Samuel K. Chacko, professor of pathology in the Department of Pathobiology, and director of basic urology research in the Department of Surgery, School of Medicine, received a George O'Brien Urology Research Center grant for \$6.1 million spread over five years from The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

The Awards for Publication Excellence named *Bellwether* the most improved magazine of 2007–2008. With close to 4,500 entries across dozens of categories, this year's annual competition was exceptionally intense.

deaths

Bill Coring, large-animal attendant and stallion handler at the George D. Widener Hospital, died suddenly on October 25, 2008 from cardiac arrest. He had been employed at New Bolton Center for more than 20 years.

Dr. Ellis Croshaw died April 25, 2008 after open-heart surgery. He taught anatomy at Penn Vet from 1954 to 1966, after which he left to join the faculty of Delaware Valley College in Doylestown, Pa. as professor of animal science. Dr. Croshaw also practiced medicine in Boyle County since 1975.

Dr. Robert M. Kenney died in May 2008 after a long illness. Dr. Kenney joined Penn Vet as associate professor in 1969. From 1973 to 1983 he was chief of the Section of Reproductive Studies at the Department of Clinical Studies at New Bolton Center. As a reproductive pathologist, Dr. Kenney developed the concept, scientific basis, technique and interpretation of uterine biopsy in the mare.

Dr. Monica Reynolds died of age-related causes on April 19, 2008. Dr. Reynolds was professor of physiology at Penn Vet from 1949 to 1979 and for many years was a pathologist at New Bolton Center.

Dr. James R. Rooney, former pathology professor at Penn Vet, died of complications from lung and bladder cancer on September 5, 2008 at his home in Chestertown, Md. Dr. Rooney was professor emeritus at the University of Kentucky, where he taught until he retired in 1989. He taught at Penn Vet from 1968 until 1976.