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Dr. Gustavo D. Aguirre, C'66, V'68, GR'75, professor of medical genetics and ophthalmology, has been named a Distinguished Fellow by the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology. Dr. Aguirre's research focuses on identifying the genetic causes of inherited blindness and the mechanisms linking mutation to disease, and developing treatments.

At the American Veterinary Medical Association meeting in July 2008, **Eleanor M. Boyd, RHIT**, senior associate for medical records, was elected to a two-year term as secretary of the American Veterinary Health Information Management Association.

Drs. Evita Busschers, lecturer in large animal surgery, and **Steven T. Zedler, V'04**, were certified as veterinary surgery specialists by the American College of Veterinary Surgeons (ACVS). There are 1,403 ACVS board-certified veterinary surgeons.

Dr. Margret L. Casal, GR'99, has been promoted to associate professor of medical genetics. The promotion is effective July 1, 2009.

Barbara Cavanaugh, head of the veterinary libraries, was promoted to director of the Biomedical Library and associate director of the Health Sciences Libraries, effective April 2009. Ms. Cavanaugh has been at Penn Vet since 2001 and played a pivotal role in the planning and development of the school's Steven W. Atwood Library & Information Commons in the Hill Pavilion.

In March 2009, **Dr. Roberta Di Terlizzi** joined Penn Vet as clinical pathologist. Dr. Di Terlizzi, who finished her residency training at Kansas State University in 2007, comes from Iowa State University, where she was a lecturer.



Dr. Peter Dodson, professor of anatomy, was invited by the College of Charleston, South Carolina to be a "Darwin Week" speaker in February 2009.

In February he also spoke at "Dinopaloosa" at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia and at the "Darwin Evolution Teach-In" at the University of Pennsylvania Museum for Archaeology and Anthropology.

Dr. Zhengxia Dou, associate professor of agricultural systems, received a Penn Hewlett Award (one of four awards university-wide), which he is using to take 12 Penn Vet students to China this summer. The students will learn about Chinese dairy industry (nutrition,

management, environmental issues, and so forth). Also involved in the project are **Drs. James D. Ferguson**, section chief of Nutrition and Animal Health Economics and professor of clinical nutrition; **David T. Galligan, C'76, V'81, WG'85, HOM'91**, professor of animal health economics and director of Center for Animal Health and Productivity; **Alan M. Kelly**, emeritus dean; and **Charles F. Ramberg, V'64, GV'65**.

Dr. Dou also was awarded a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for working with dairy farms in the Chesapeake Bay watershed to enhance productivity and reduce environmental footprint. Also involved in the project are **Drs. James D. Ferguson, V'81, HOM'95, GR'10, David T. Galligan, Charles F. Ramberg, Robert J. Munson, V'73, Linda Baker, V'84, G'93**; and **Zhiguo Wu**.



Dr. Kenneth Drobatz, professor and section chief of Critical Care and director of Emergency Services at the Ryan Veterinary Hospital, was named associate chair of the Department of Clinical Studies–Philadelphia. Dr. Drobatz also serves as associate chair for education of the Department of Clinical Studies–Philadelphia.

Karen Gries, CVT, director of nurse recruitment, accepted the position of wards nursing supervisor at the Ryan Veterinary Hospital.



Dr. Christopher Hunter, professor and chair of the Department of Pathobiology, was elected a member of the American Academy of Microbiology. Dr. Hunter was also appointed to the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Experimental Medicine*.

Dr. Brett A. Kaufman joined Penn Vet in January 2009 as assistant professor of biochemistry. Dr. Kaufman previously worked in the Department of Physics at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. He earned a PhD in cell and molecular biology from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in 2003.



Dr. Kathryn E. Michel, associate professor of nutrition and president of the Board of Regents of the American College of Veterinary Nutrition, will become chair of the board in June 2009.

Dr. Ariel Mosenco, staff veterinarian, was appointed medical director for the Ryan Veterinary Hospital wards. He will assist in developing new policies and procedures as well as fostering relationships between staff, clinicians and students.

In June 2008 **Dr. Denys V. Volgin**, research assistant professor of physiology, was awarded the Childhood Sleep Disorders and Development Section Investigator Award from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine. His submitted abstract was “Perinatal Alcohol Exposure Leads to Long-Lasting Overexpression of GABA(A) Receptors in the Rat Posterior Hypothalamus and Increases Behavioral Sensitivity to Gaboxadol.”

deaths

Dr. David K. Detweiler, C’41, V’42, G’49, professor emeritus of physiology and animal biology, died from esophageal cancer February 15 at 89. See p. 23 for more details.

Dr. Charles F. Reid, professor emeritus of radiology and a founder of the American College of Veterinary Radiologists, died February 12 at 75. See p. 23 for more details.

Dr. Paul Rothaug, a surgery resident at New Bolton Center from 1995 to 1998, died April 2, 2009, after suffering a return and spread of a malignant melanoma. After his

residency, Dr. Rothaug joined a practice near Columbus, Ohio, concentrating mostly on Standardbred horses.

Dr. Leon Z. Saunders, former adjunct professor of pathology in the Department of Pathobiology, died of Alzheimer’s disease in March 2009. Dr. Saunders also served as director of the Pathology and Toxicology Department of Smith Kline & French Laboratories, now GlaxoSmithKline. He received Penn Vet’s prestigious Centennial Medal when he retired in 1984. He was past president of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists and the World Federation of Veterinary Pathologists. In 2000 Dr. Saunders was awarded the lifetime achievement commendation from the American Veterinary Medical History Society.

Dr. Gerhard Adam “Gerry” Schad, professor of parasitology in the Department of Pathobiology, died after a long battle with cancer on April 25, 2009. Dr. Schad gained worldwide recognition as an authority on the population biology of helminth parasites and their behavioral neurobiology, and made significant discoveries about the epidemiology of hookworm, a major tropical disease. In the last 10 years of his work, Dr. Schad focused his research on the sensory biology of parasites that may help better control parasites in the future. Of his many awards and accolades, Dr. Schad was most proud of the American Society of Parasitologists’ Clark Read Mentor Award in recognition of his leading role in training young scientists. ■

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