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UK Medicine of Cats 2012 Membership Examination team (from left to right) Elaine Lowe, Liz Dill-Macky, Annette Litster, Kerry Simpson, Amy Lingard, Chris Maguire and Megan Parker

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Seasons Greetings from the President

On behalf of Council and Staff of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists I would like to extend a message of Peace and Good Wishes to our membership and their families everywhere.

ACVIM Associate Membership Status



Dr Philip Moses

As you will be aware, the College has been committed to raising its domestic and international profile as well as maintaining our relationships with

our international colleagues. As a result of significant work by many members and the staff of the College I am very pleased to announce that the College has been advised that the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine has recently launched a new level of formal recognition with the development of the ACVIM Associate Status. The purpose of Associate Status of the ACVIM is to provide an avenue for Colleges like ours to participate in the activities of the ACVIM and to share in the many of the benefits afforded to the ACVIM Diplomats.

Associate status of the ACVIM is open at both the Specialty College and individual Chapter. Our College has been invited to apply for Associate Status as

our credentialing process (residency training, examinations and publications) is comparable to that of respective ACVIM specialities. Benefits recognition include a simplified application process for College members to become ACVIM Associates. For individual veterinarians, Associate status can be obtained via a streamlined process if the applicant's College has received Associate Status, or through submission of individual credentials. The benefits of Associate Status to individuals include qualification to apply for ACVIM Foundation grants, reduced fees for ACVIM educational programs and the ACVIM Forum (including priority registration for limited attendance events), the potential to participate in resident supervision as dictated by the individual ACVIM speciality, and the potential to serve on committees of the ACVIM College (except the Board of Regents) or serve on certain committees of the ACVIM Specialty.

This is an important step for the advancement of our College internationally. Associate Membership of the ACVIM allows for supervision of residency programs of ACVIM Diplomats. This is similar to the agreement we have in Europe with ECVS. College Council is very pleased with these achievements and the increased international understanding and recognition of our College. I wish to thank all those who have worked so hard to improve our International standing.

As always I am available if any problems arise. Fond regards to all College members and their families at this time of the year.

Philip Moses
College President



CEO REPORT – DECEMBER 2012



CURRENT COLLEGE STATISTICS

The College currently has a strong membership base of 2203; 1702 of which are Members, 225 are Fellows, 15 are Honorary Fellows, 42 are Associate Members, and 219 are Life members or Life Fellows. 1705 (77%) reside in Australia, 282 (13%) in New Zealand and 216 in other countries.

There are 90 Fellowship Candidates actively progressing through the Fellowship system spread across the following disciplines:

- Animal Reproduction 2
- Avian Medicine 2
- Aquatic Animal Health 1
- Canine Medicine 4
- Dairy Cattle Medicine 3
- Equine Medicine 6
- Equine Surgery 3
- Feline Medicine 4
- Small Animal Medicine 16
- Small Animal Surgery 17
- Veterinary Anaesthesia 3
- Veterinary Anatomical Pathology 1
- Veterinary Behaviour 1
- Veterinary Clinical Pathology 1
- Veterinary Emergency Medicine 9
- Veterinary Dermatology 4
- Veterinary Oncology 3
- Veterinary Ophthalmology 3
- Veterinary Radiology 5

Plus another 27 2013 Fellowship examination candidates for 2013

- Equine Medicine 3
- Vet. Anaesthesia 1
- Small Animal Surgery 7
- Small Animal Medicine 9
- Vet. Ophthalmology 1
- Vet. Anatomical Pathology 1
- Vet. Oncology 2
- Vet. Radiology 1
- Epidemiology 1
- Vet. Behaviour 1

Also, 191 Membership examination candidates for 2013

- Animal Nutrition 4 (Australia)
- Medicine and Surgery of Unusual Pets 6 (Australia)
- Medicine of Cats UK 11 – including 3 supp. writtens
- Medicine of Cats 3 (2 Australia, 1 Hong Kong)
- Medicine of Dairy Cattle 5 (3 New Zealand, 2 Australia)
- Medicine of Horses 13 (3 New Zealand, 10 Australia)
- Med of Sheep 3 (2 Australia, 1 New Zealand)
- Small Animal Dentistry 1- supp. oral (Australia)
- Small Animal Medicine 43 – including 3 supp. orals and 3 supp. writtens. (2 Hong Kong, 1 Singapore, 1 New Zealand, 39 Australia)
- Small Animal Surgery 28 including 1 supp. written. (1 Canada, 1 USA, 6 New Zealand, 1 Singapore, 19 Australia)
- Vet. Anaesthesia 10 (9 Australia, 1 Taiwan)
- Vet. Behaviour 8 including 1 supp. written
- Vet. Emergency and Critical Care 37 including 4 supp. writtens and 1 supp. oral (1 UK, 36 Australia)
- Vet. Epidemiology 18 including 1 supp written (6 New Zealand, 12 Australia)
- Vet. Radiology 2 both supp. prac/oral

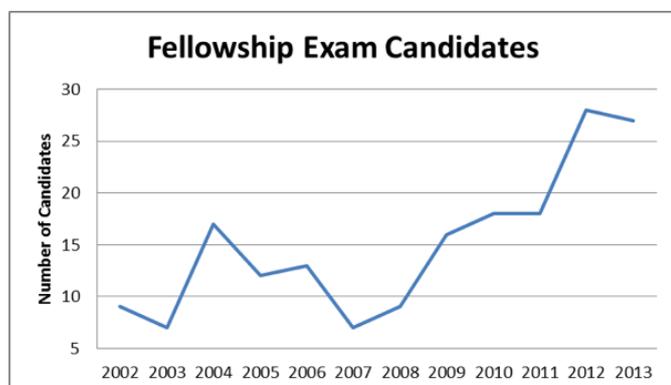
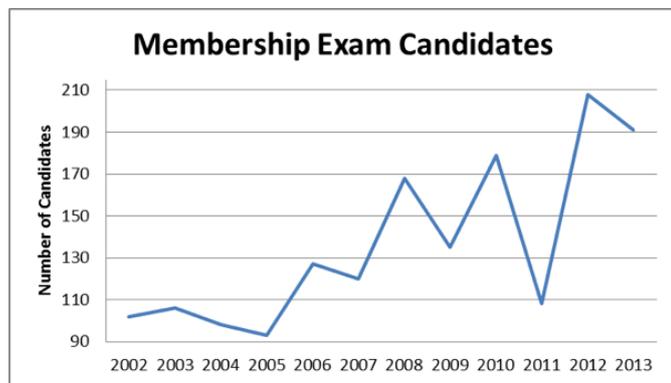


There has been a pleasing, steady trend associated with an increase in examination candidate numbers each year.

Examination Numbers* per year
(*In house figures as distributed to Members at AGM)

Year	Membership Exam Candidates	Fellowship Exam Candidates
2002	102	9
2003	106	7
2004	98	17
2005	93	12
2006	127	13
2007	120	7
2008	168	9
2009	135	16
2010	179	18
2011	108	18
2012	208	28
2013	191 [#]	27 [#]

[#] at time of closure of candidature applications



2013 Examiners

Thank you to the 66 examiners who have agreed to give their time and expertise to deliver the examinations for the ANZ College in 2013. These individuals have been selected to examine due to their high level of expertise in their relevant discipline, and the high professional regard in which they are held. The Board of Examiners Examination Committee and College staff look forward to working with the teams of examiners and their Chapter Examination Committees, as we develop examinations for 2013.

College Office and Staffing

Thank you for the opportunity for a fabulous break whilst I took long service leave between late September and mid November. I very much appreciated the time for rest and relaxation.

Ms Yvette O'Keefe is familiarising herself well with the College processes and doing a tremendous job supporting the Board of Examiners and 2013 examiner teams and Chapter Examination Committees.

The College Office has successfully and smoothly relocated upstairs at AVA House under the careful and thorough supervision of Elaine. Our new offices are attractive and pleasant; and the new layout should work well.

ANNUAL CALENDAR 2012/2013

- Thur 13 Dec 4pm** BoE meeting
- Mon 24 Dec – Fri 4 Jan** College Office closed for Christmas break
- 7 – 11 January** Elaine Annual Leave
- 14 – 25 January** Megan Annual Leave
- Sat - Sun 2-3 Feb** Exam Writing Workshop
- Mon 18 Feb 4pm** Council Meeting
- Fri/Sat 22 – 23 Feb** ABVS Meeting, Chicago (AL)
- 6 – 9 March 2013** WSAVA, Auckland (PM)
- Mon 15 April 4pm** Council Meeting
- April 12 – 13** EBVS General Assembly, Brussels (EDM)
- April 26 – 29 May** AVA Conference, Cairns (PM)
- June 11 and 12** Fellowship written exams
- June 11** Membership written exams
- July 7 – 10** Prac/Oral exams
- July 11 – 13** College Science Week 2013



Examiner training workshop

The Board of Examiners has determined that they will run an exam writing workshop on the weekend of 2 and 3 February next year in Brisbane; this initiative is envisaged to significantly assist examiners, and increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the exam writing process. It has been approved by Council and an Examination Development Fund approved for this purpose. The workshop to be facilitated by Professor Glen Coleman will focus on assisting examiners with writing all components of the Fellowship and Membership examinations, from the initial examination blueprint to actual construction and wording of questions and the review process.

Fellowship and Membership subjects in Small Animal Surgery, Small Animal Medicine; and Membership Subjects in Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care and Medicine of Cats have been selected as the subject areas for focus in 2013. The Head Subject Examiners for each of these examinations will be invited to attend, plus one other examiner and the Chapter Examination Committee liaison. It is envisaged that local examiners in other disciplines may also attend to assist with the exam preparation in their respective subjects.

All examiners in participating subjects will be expected to have considered the broad subject areas they wish to cover and to have contributed to draft examination questions for their exam. The attending examiners will then bring the draft questions along to the workshop. It is envisaged at the end of the weekend that the written, practical and oral examination papers will be finalised.



Dr Zoe Lenard chairing the mentor plenary at Science Week 2012;



From left to right: Drs Tracey Bradley, Cristy Secombe, David Cook and Paul Mills participating in the mentor plenary at Science Week 2012.

College Science Week 2013

Please note that the College Science Week Conference will be held a little later in 2013; between July 11 – 13, at the QT Gold Coast Hotel. The reason for the later date is to avoid a clash with the Massey University reunion.

UK Medicine of Cats Exams

We are delighted that in 2013, eleven veterinarians in UK/Europe will sit *Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists* Membership examinations in Medicine of Cats to demonstrate they have a high level of standing in this discipline. The examination will be conducted by the ANZCVS through proud support of the *International Society of Feline Medicine (ISFM)*. The written examinations will be held in June 2012, with the oral examinations on 13 August. The written examinations will again be available at a number of locations throughout UK/Europe, while the practical/oral examinations will be conducted in a single central location in Birmingham, UK.





WSAVA Conference Auckland 2013

Keep an eye out for the ANZCVS pod at the WSAVA Conference in Auckland in March 2013. The College president, Dr Philip Moses, will be in attendance at the conference; representing the College at a range of meetings and promoting the College and its examinations to international visitors.

Christmas Greetings



Dr Megan Parker

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the members of the College a joyous, relaxing and safe Christmas and a successful year ahead for 2013. 2012 has been a tremendous year for the College, with an unprecedented

examination candidate cohort at both membership and fellowship levels, and many changes made to embrace new opportunities for ongoing improvement of the College's processes. We have also continued the commitment to raise the profile of the college domestically and internationally and to strengthen strategic partnerships, with highly positive results such as the recent invitation for ACVIM Associate Status. The College continues to enjoy strong support for its examination system and scientific conference and looks forward to a very bright future.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Mrs Elaine Lowe, the College Manager, for her genuine hard work, support and friendship in what has been a fast paced and challenging year. Also, I would like to thank Ms Sharon Tinsley and Ms Yvette O'Keefe, who have worked diligently and tirelessly behind the scenes in the College Office. I would like to acknowledge the current officers of the College; including the President, Dr Philip Moses; Honorary Treasurer, Dr Liz Dill-Macky; Chief Examiner, Dr Mandy Burrows; Assistant Chief Examiners' Dr Liz Norman and Mark Owen. These, plus all the other members of the Council, Board of Examiners, Chapter executives, Chapter committees and the examiners themselves work incredibly hard; giving their time, support and expertise behind the scenes of the College to keep day to day processes moving as well as they do. Their efforts are gratefully acknowledged and it continues to be a pleasure working with them.

Best Wishes

Dr Megan Parker, CEO



COMPUTER BASED EXAMINATIONS

CALL FOR INTEREST IN JOINING A WORKING PARTY

The use of computers /keyboards for examinations has been discussed by the Board of examiners for many years and has been unable to be resolved. There are a constant low level of requests for this from candidates citing issues with being able to write fast enough and clearly enough to demonstrate their skills and knowledge. Technical and practical issues complicate the potential for use of keyboards or computers for examinations. These include:

- Provision of equipment, especially when currently we offer examinations in multiple worldwide centres
- Secure lockdown of the equipment to be used to prevent internet access or other communication

Solutions may have to include the limiting of examination centres to 1-2 key centres and this may involve a large cultural change in the examination process.

The use of computers for examinations would afford potential advantages over and above the handwriting speed and legibility issues which include:

- improving the authenticity of assessment
- word processing
- the use of other software eg: excel spread sheets
- the provision of images and video in questions

This issue will persist and the Board of Examiners believes that it is time to put in place some firm long term plans for moving to computer based examining in future. The Board has therefore resolved to form a special working party to investigate and draft options and plans for managing the issue of the use of computers /keyboards for examinations. It is envisaged that the working party comprise interested College members. Interested College members are hereby invited to apply to the Board of Examiners for consideration for joining this exciting working party. Expressions of interest may be made to the College Office.



CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

The World Aquatic Veterinary Medical Association has welcomed the Aquatic Animal Health Chapter (AAH) of the ANZCVS as members as an Allied Veterinary Organisation. While the ANZCVS serves as primarily a credentialing body for veterinarians, the WAVMA has a complementary role in serving the discipline of aquatic veterinary medicine through developing CPD programs, identify, foster and strengthen professional interactions among aquatic veterinary medical practitioners and other organisations around the world.

With the Aquatic Animal Health Chapter joining WAVMA as an AVO, both organisations stand to gain in a multitude of ways in the synergistic partnership to optimally position and advance the discipline of aquatic veterinary medicine, and support the practice of aquatic veterinary medicine globally.

This partnership will foster more discussion between professionals, making it easier to address global issues which affect us all; a larger group will generate more discussions on Listservs and provide greater response to consultations; and it will bring greater visibility within the AVO which will create greater awareness for WAVMA's activities (e.g. promoting conferences, continuing education opportunities, WAVMA member's business, etc.) and hence influence to the wider veterinary community.

More information on WAVMA can be found at www.wavma.org

Dr Richmond Loh has been elected to serve as WAVMA's president in 2014.

Our very own Dr Richmond Loh, will be president-elect of the World Aquatic Veterinary Medical Association in 2013, graduating to the presidency position in 2014.

This will bring Australia to the forefront of global aquatic veterinary medicine and foster stronger relationships between aquatic veterinarians worldwide. During his term, he seeks to promote and convince fellow veterinarians that we can do well to serve in the field of aquatic animal health. "Once we can convince ourselves that we can do it, then we can convince our clients (aquaculturists, fish owners, public aquaria, etc.) that we can do it."

Dr Loh was admitted into the College in 2006 after passing his exams in Aquatic Animal Health and later, received his Memberships in Pathobiology. He is currently serving on the Aquatic Animal Health board as their Secretary.

Aquatic Animal Health Chapter presented on the ANZCVS's credentialing system at the NOVICE Conference in Bucharest, Romania.

The Network Of Veterinary ICT (information and communications technology) in Education (NOVICE) that started in 2010 which is supported by EU funds, is a *professional network* that enables its members (veterinarians,



veterinary students, ICT educationalists or veterinary educationalists) to exchange knowledge and expertise throughout Europe and beyond. During October 4th - 5th, 2012, a conference was held with an aquatic stream with two themes, '*Supplementing Veterinary Curricula & CEPD with Aquatic Veterinary Medicine*' and '*Promoting Aquatic Vet Education through NOVICE & Other Social Media*'.

The selection of presentation topics drew a number of the 100 plus attendees from Europe and around the world, stimulating good discussions.

Dr Loh, Secretary of the Aquatic Animal Health Chapter, presented on the state of aquatic specialisation programs via a pre-recorded presentation, focussing on the ANZCVS's Membership and Fellowship examinations.

Other topics are listed below:

- "International Approaches to Expanding Aquatic Veterinary Educational and day-One Competency" (David Scarfe)
- "WAVMA Aquatic Veterinary Day-One Competency Program" (Dušan Palić)
- "Aquatic Veterinary Board Certification & Specialization Programs" (Richmond Loh)
- "Encouraging Aquatic Courses in Veterinary School Curricula" (Greg Lewbart)
- "Promoting Aquatic Vet Education through NOVICE & Other Social Media" (Laura Urdeş)
- "Michigan State University On-line Fish Health Management Course" (Mohamed Faisal)
- "Using NOVICE and Other Social Media to Promote Aquatic Veterinary Medicine" (Devon Dublin)
- "WAVMA WebCEPD (Webinars) for Global Aquatic Veterinary Education" (Chris Walster)

Because of strong encouragement to carry these messages to others around the world, NOVICE and WAVMA are planning to upload videos of the presentations to their respective websites (www.noviceproject.eu and www.WAVMA.org):



AVIAN

Offering examinations every 2 years, the avian chapter continues to steadily grow.

The Chapter is again planning on attending Science Week in 2013, and joining with another chapter so that each group can benefit from the sharing of ideas and perspectives.

Our current initiatives include a Membership Training Day. Held in the 'off year' to Membership, this day aims to assist candidates in preparing for their examinations. Covering examination technique, depth and breadth of knowledge required and basic case management, the inaugural day was a success last year. Interested candidates should contact Deborah Monks bbevs@bbevs.com.au to place themselves on the waiting list for the training day of 2013.

The website is in the process of being updated, to more accurately reflect member needs. The Membership and Fellowship Guidelines are being overhauled as well.





EQUINE

We hope all our members have the chance to enjoy a peaceful and joyous time (and respite if needed from the rigours of the season). We have been quietly toiling away with some action planned. Dr Tias Muurlink will be representing the college and our surgery chapter at the European College Examinations. We are anticipating that this will continue the collaboration between ours and the European colleges and are confident that Tias will represent us admirably and do his utmost to progress this aim.

The wheels are also turning rapidly for Science week; we anticipate joint sessions with dermatology and radiology chapters for some mouth watering sessions. Dr Gareth Trope (Equine Surgery) is ably toiling away to help put this extravaganza together. It is not too late to make any science week 2013 suggestions or requests to any of us.

Finally please feel free to contact myself or John regarding any matters, we are very grateful for any ideas to assist existing members or encourage future candidates.

Compliments of the season and smiles aplenty!

Charlie El-Hage and John Chopin

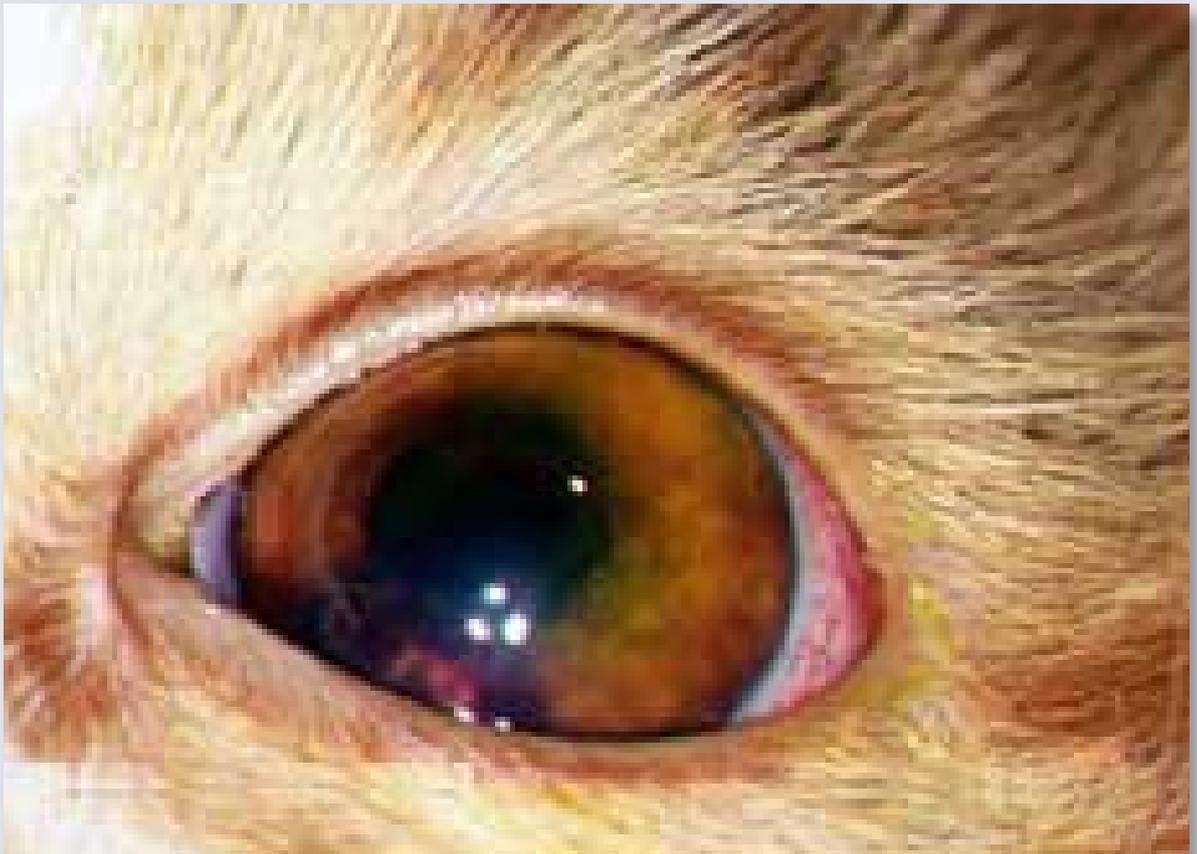


OPHTHALMOLOGY

The Chapter's interim meeting this year at Silky Oaks Lodge, Mossman was a great success. Professors Chris Murphy and Joanne Paul-Murphy from the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine gave a series of fascinating lecture presentations on avian and exotic ophthalmology and optics.

The Ophthalmology Chapter will also be contributing speakers to next year's International Society of Veterinary Ophthalmology (ISVO) weekend meeting in Auckland, 9th and 10th March 2013. The ISVO meeting will be held in association with the WSAVA 2013 Congress, and includes both international veterinary ophthalmologists and the Magrane Memorial Lecture to be delivered by Professor Anthony Molteno, Head of Ophthalmology at Otago University School of Medicine. The meeting is open to anyone interested in Ophthalmology, so please contact the Chapter if you are interested in attending.

The Ophthalmology Chapter is planning another exciting programme for the 2013 Science Week meeting, with details available in the next issue of the Courier.





RADIOLOGY

The Radiology Chapter will be splitting its Membership stream into a Small Animal and Large Animal stream with separate exams from 2014. Previously the Radiology Membership has focussed predominantly on small animals with only part of the examination dedicated to large animal (equine) cases. From 2014, candidates will be able to select which stream they would prefer to sit in. It is anticipated the Large Animal stream will focus on predominantly equine radiology, but may incorporate some other production animal radiography whereas the Small Animal stream will focus on predominantly dogs and cats (with some equine or large animal questions).

The Chapter hopes that this change will make the discipline more appealing to many practitioners, as they may not need to worry about studying up on species that they rarely (if ever) see. For those in mixed practice who are keen, they are able to sit in both streams (but not in the same year). For those enrolled in Fellowship training programs for Radiology, obtaining Membership in either stream will be acceptable for credentialing.

No new Radiology Chapter exams will be conducted in 2013 so the next opportunity to obtain Membership in Radiology will be in 2014.

Science Week 2013:

The Radiology Chapter will be actively involved in College Science Week 2013. We have invited Dr Erik Wisner from UCD to speak to the Radiology Chapter and in combined sessions with the Equine and Small Animal Medicine Chapters. The Chapter is looking forward to an inspiring 2 day session held over the Thursday and Friday of CSW.



SMALL ANIMAL MEDICINE

Once again the focus of the SAM chapter over the past few months has been organising examiners and associated support people for the 2012 membership and fellowship examinations. This has been challenging, especially at fellowship level as we rely on the generosity and support of all our fellows. A big thanks to Darren Fry and the CEC members for all the hard work that they have done. Following is another plug for being an examiner:

- It provides a great way to meet and get to know new colleagues.
- Preparing exams is a good way to stay up to date with advances in small animal medicine.
- Travelling to a warmer climate in the middle of winter is always nice!

Examining also involves a lot of time, effort and organisation and the chapter is very grateful to

those who have examined in the past as well as those who have agreed to examine in 2013. If you are interested in examining in the future, please contact the college!

Mike Coleman, President



SURGERY

Program for Science Week 2013

The Surgery Chapter is organising a full three-day conference of local and international expert speakers focussing on topics that are clinically relevant to practitioners involved with orthopaedic surgery.

Dr Bill Liska, the founder of Gulf Coast Veterinary Specialists in the US state of Texas, is one of the world's leading experts in joint replacement surgery and he will share his experiences in this field.

Dr Chris Sidebotham, is the CEO and founder of Biomedtrix, one of the largest firms worldwide that produce implants for small animal orthopaedic surgery.

He will share his thoughts on the role of this surgery and present a very practically based view on the new products and techniques available on the horizon.

Local expert speakers will be talking on a range of topics on hip and stifle surgery including cruciate ligament and patellar disease. There will be a morning session for interns and residents to present papers in the Young Speakers Program.

Overall the Surgery Chapter is expecting 2013 to be a dynamic and enjoyable learning experience mingled with several social evenings sponsored by some of the major surgical companies, that will allow us to catch up with old friends and discuss new techniques.

