



# College Courier

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## Science Week Conference 28th June to 30th June 2012

### QT GOLD COAST

#### Surfers Paradise, Queensland, Australia

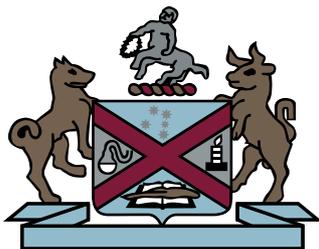
A great opportunity exists for you to be part of this popular integrated multi-stream programme, with ample time to interact socially and scientifically with key members of the profession from Australia, New Zealand and beyond, in the following disciplines:

Small Animal Medicine	Small Animal Surgery
Equine	Animal Welfare
Cattle	Epidemiology
Ophthalmology	Dentistry
Radiology	Feline
Zoo and Wildlife	Veterinary Behaviour
Pharmacology	Veterinary Oncology
Anaesthesia and Emergency Medicine	

College Science Week presents material from the CUTTING EDGE and scientific and clinical updates from Australian, New Zealand and overseas experts.

This meeting is **NOT RESTRICTED** to College Members.

Details of the full programme are available on the College website.



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## President's Message



Dr Philip Moses

I trust this finds all members of the College well rested after a break over Easter. It is a very busy time of year in the College office. The College staff, Board of Examiners as well as the Chapter Examination Committees and Examiners from each of the 20 Chapters offering examinations this year have been working very hard over the past few months to finalise the examinations

for 2012. At this time there are 217 candidates sitting Membership in 20 subjects as well as 28 candidates sitting Fellowship in 15 subjects. I am sure all members of the college wish them all the best in their endeavours.

It gives me great pleasure to announce the formation of a new chapter of the College – Veterinary Oncology. The subject of Veterinary Oncology is a rapidly evolving one comprising Medical, Surgical and Radiation fields. With the establishment of our new Oncology Chapter the College hopes to continue to remain at the forefront of our profession.

### Council Strategic Planning Meeting

On the first weekend in March, College Council met at the QT Gold Coast to hold our quinquennial Strategic Planning Meeting. This meeting is vital to the continued growth and development of the College. The meeting was again facilitated by Dr Liz Mellish who worked with Council previously in 2008.

The final Strategic Plan is currently being finalised and will be available to members soon.

ANZCVS Strategic Priorities were identified as Certification, Member value and Sustainability.



**College Council resolved that the focus areas for the next five years are to be:**

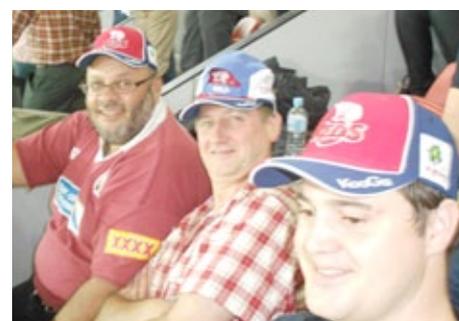
- » Setting up of an Examination Development Fund
- » Review of examination construction and delivery
- » Provision of examiner training
- » Review of the list of subjects managed by chapters
- » Maintaining Science Week as Australia/New Zealand's premier veterinary scientific conference
- » Development of an ANZCVS annual budget plan
- » Enhancement of engagement with Chapters
- » Investment in College staff capacity, capability and succession planning

**As a measure of our success we have identified the following parameters.**

- » A validated, high-quality examination delivered by trained examiners
- » Ensured examiner training
- » Provision of a financially sustainable Examination Development Fund
- » Increased number of new members (10% pa, 2600 in 2016)
- » Enhanced chapter governance
- » Science Week – maintained or increased attendance
- » Strong applicant pool for all College positions
- » Financial reserve maintained at one year's operating expenses
- » Accountable College business and administrative systems

As always if there is anything I can do for any member of the College or the Veterinary Profession please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Dr Philip Moses, President ANZCVS**



*Council letting their hair down at the rugby after strategic planning*



## CEO Report



Dr Megan Parker

### Ongoing Advances in International Recognition of ANZCVS Qualifications

The international profile of the college and the international currency of our qualifications (Fellowship in particular) are of paramount importance to our members but especially our fellows and current and potential Fellowship candidates. The ANZCVS continues to be active in the international arena through:

- » ANZCVS representation at high level international meetings
- » The building of key international relationships with overseas colleges and speciality boards
- » The participation in pivotal discussions with overseas colleges and speciality boards about the structure of the ANZCVS, its role in veterinary specialisation and advanced education in Australia and New Zealand, and the relationship its members would like with equivalent overseas colleges.
- » The development of agreed international standards for specialist training and examinations
- » The advancement of the pursuit of international recognition of ANZCVS Fellowship and Membership qualifications.

Our approach is that international recognition of ANZCVS qualifications will come as a result of a sound and respected international profile. We have therefore continued to strategically accept a number of invitations to key international meetings to benefit the college and its profile.

In July 2011, Professor David Spreng – Chair of the European College of Veterinary Surgeons Board of Regents invited ANZCVS observer(s) to the 2012 ECVS examinations. This invitation was in response to the ANZCVS invitation to the ECVS for an observer at the ANZCVS examinations in 2011. The then Chair of Examinations Committee - Small Animals, Dr Prue Neath represented the ECVS at ANZCVS exams in 2011. Dr Philip Moses attended the European College of Veterinary Surgery's examinations in February 2012 as an observer and exchanged valuable information about our respective College's examination processes. The collaborative examination observation is considered to be an excellent way to observe the standard and methodology of the ECVS and ANZCVS examinations.

Also, in February 2012, I attended and addressed the Annual Meeting of the **American Board of Veterinary Specialities (ABVS)** Annual Meeting in snowy Schaumburg, Illinois. Again, it was an extremely valuable opportunity to represent the ANZ College at this important



Snowy Schaumburg



## CEO Report



*American Board of Veterinary Specialities meeting February 2012 Schaumburg Illinois*

forum. I was warmly welcomed and invited to contribute to the full Board discussions and to update the ABVS on our College's activities over the last twelve months. Eighteen Colleges were represented at the ABVS meeting, plus various AVMA committees and Boards. The AVMA CEO Dr Ron Dehaven addressed the meeting and welcomed our participation. During the meeting there was an important and moving tribute to Dr Dougie McIntyre who was the first examinee in the VEMCC College and a leader in the field who passed away recently. Others honoured during the tribute were Drs Bob Kirk and Bill Jackson.

The **International Veterinary Specialty Working Group (IVSWG)** also met during the ABVS meeting. The three parent organisations - The European Board

of Veterinary Specialisation (EBVS), the ABVS and the ANZCVS now demonstrate a strong alliance, sharing ideas and experiences and looking for opportunities for future collaboration and mutual learning. It was agreed that the Chair of IVSWG would rotate biennially and the ANZCVS representative would be the next Chair. IVSWG will meet again in April in Brussels.

In April 2011, I will attend and address the **European Board of Veterinary Specialities (EBVS)** General Assembly in Brussels, Belgium; plus present a session at an examiner training workshop for EBVS Colleges explaining some of the recent work and policies of our Board of Examiners' Examination Committee.

Through these activities, some exciting momentum is being generated and there is evidence of significant and tangible progress being achieved in promoting our College, advancing international relations and progressing the pursuit of international recognition of our qualifications.

### **International Recognition - What can you do to help?**

To be successful at raising international awareness of the college and its structure and processes, each member of the college needs to please support and work alongside Council in its pursuits. Every Member and Fellow should realise that he/she is an ambassador for the ANZCVS system and has the ability to make an impact by demonstrating strong support of our College and its processes. Everyone can help and make a significant difference by being available to explain and support our system in discussions they have with each other and with individuals they meet overseas.



*European Board of Veterinary Specialisation meeting April 2012 Brussels*



## CEO Report

### Board of Examiners

Dr Mark Burgemeister has completed his term on the Board of Examiners. We have been greatly appreciative of the enormous and valuable contribution Mark has made to the full Board and the Examination Committee. We have valued Mark's humour, commitment, intelligence, careful consideration and hard work. He will be sorely missed but will no doubt remain an active member of the College, especially of the Cattle Chapter. The selection committee was extremely impressed with the high calibre of applicants for the vacant Board position and went on to interview four short-listed candidates.

The new member of the Board is Dr Sharanne Raidal BVSc MVSt PhD FANZCVS Grad Dip Ed. Sharanne will join the Examinations Committee. Sharanne brings to the Board a keen interest in teaching, learning and assessment. She has a graduate diploma in tertiary education and is an experienced Membership and Fellowship examiner. Sharanne has taught at UQ, Murdoch and CSU and currently coordinates clinical placements at CSU and is overseeing the CSU final year examination process.

Drs Bob Doneley and Dick Roe have kindly agreed to join the examinations review team, reporting to the Board of Examiners' Examination Committee (EC). Both Bob and Dick were trained in examination review by the Assistant Chief Examiner – Training and Chief Examiner. They have subsequently performed extremely well in this role and the Examinations Committee is grateful for their hard work and support. There are plans to establish a formal examinations review committee of four who will report to the Board of Examiners Examinations Committee (EC), allowing the EC to focus on more strategic examination matters on behalf of the Board.

Sharon Tinsley, our administrative assistant, started her third year with us on 23 November 2011 and in February 2012 moved from two to four x five- hour-days per week, permanent part time. This is an increase on average for Sharon of eight- ten hours per week; much of this time will be allocated to the needs of examinations administration.

In addition; the office is currently recruiting a new professional staff member: an 'Examinations Officer'. The newly created Examinations Officer will have management responsibility for the College's examination administration including preparation, delivery and review of the examinations. The individual will administer and

manage a large diverse group of people; collate and present information, respond promptly and efficiently, communicate effectively and call and coordinate meetings as required. The successful candidate will be a competent and motivated high-level administrator with:

- » excellent communication, organisation and decision-making skills and the ability to work independently within guidelines
- » thorough attention to detail and ability to produce orderly work
- » excellent written English skills including those of English grammar and punctuation
- » excellent working knowledge and skills in advanced word processing and the management of spread sheets and databases; including a thorough understanding of the principles of Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint especially document formatting and the use of templates and formulas

### Current College Statistics

The College currently has a Membership of 2072; 1600 of which are Members, 207 Fellows, 15 Honorary Fellows, 32 Associate Members, and 218 Life members or Life Fellows. 1611 (78%) reside in Australia, 276 in New Zealand and 185 in other countries.

### Examination Candidature

The 2012 Membership examinations enrolments closed at 241 candidates in 21 different subjects from Australia, New Zealand UK, Hong Kong, Netherlands, Canada, Germany, Finland, Norway and Singapore. Included in this number is 21 Medicine of Cats candidates who will sit the examinations in the UK and 9 supplementary candidates, so a total of 211 new membership candidates. This is a record candidature. There have been 25 withdrawals plus one supplementary candidate deferring; so this leaves us with 221 candidates: 21 sitting in the UK and 200 in Australia including 5 supp. orals and 3 supp. Writtens. In addition to these membership candidates we will be examining 29 fellowship candidates. This is exciting evidence of the health and relevance of the ANZ College and the important role it plays in ongoing professional development of veterinarians in Australia/New Zealand and beyond.



## CEO Report

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### Plenary

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This year's Science Week Plenary at 8am on Thursday morning June 28 will be an interactive forum about Mentoring Membership Candidates. There will be a facilitated discussion with a panel representing a breadth of subjects offering experiences and opinions on mentoring for College Membership examinations. Individuals around the room will be invited to contribute their thoughts and experiences to highlight and support mentoring as an important College activity.

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### Ongoing Certification

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The Board of Examiners' Training and Credentials Committee recently invited Fellows and Associate Members to participate in a survey regarding a proposal for ongoing certification of Fellows. This will be followed-up by an interactive discussion on Friday 29 June at 7.30am at Science Week. Please come along and express your views.

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### Fellowship Information Session

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Immediately after the AGM at 6.30pm on Friday evening, the Training and Credentials Committee will be holding an open forum about Fellowship Training for any Fellowship Candidates or Supervisors (present or potential) who may have questions of clarification or concerns about Fellowship training that they wish to raise directly with the Board of Examiners.

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### Chapter Meeting at Science Week

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A meeting with Chapters and members of Council is scheduled for Saturday 30 June, at 7.00 a.m. at the College Science Week Venue. Chapter representatives are invited to come along and discuss matters of interest and concern with Council and hear about latest Council initiatives. Coffee and muffins will be served.

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### Council Corner

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#### Council Elections

As a member of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists, you are encouraged to vote in the 2012 Council election. Council, as the Board of Directors of the College manages the day to day operations and strategic objectives of the College and therefore significantly influences the future of the veterinary profession

in Australia and New Zealand. Two places on Council are up for election this year for which nominations are currently being called. Please consider nominating someone for Council who you know has an interest in the future and objectives of the College and a desire to make a significant contribution to the veterinary profession. Councillors are offered directorship training and extensive support from the College office and find the experience of serving on Council to be a most rewarding and enjoyable one.

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### Notices of Meetings

From 2012, the College Office will issue notices of meetings (predominantly those related to Annual General Meetings) via email. It is envisaged that this initiative will save time plus generate significant savings in financial and environmental resources. The Corporations Act 2001 requires each member of the College to provide a written authority stating that he/she is willing to accept notices of meetings via email. Each member has been sent an authority slip to complete and return to the College Office. The authority slip may be scanned and emailed to [admin@acvs.org.au](mailto:admin@acvs.org.au), faxed to the College Office on (07) 3423 2977 or mailed to: Mrs Elaine Lowe, Office Manager, Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists, Garden City Office Park, Building 3, 2404 Logan Road, EIGHT MILE PLAINS QLD 4113. I thank you in advance for your support of this important initiative.

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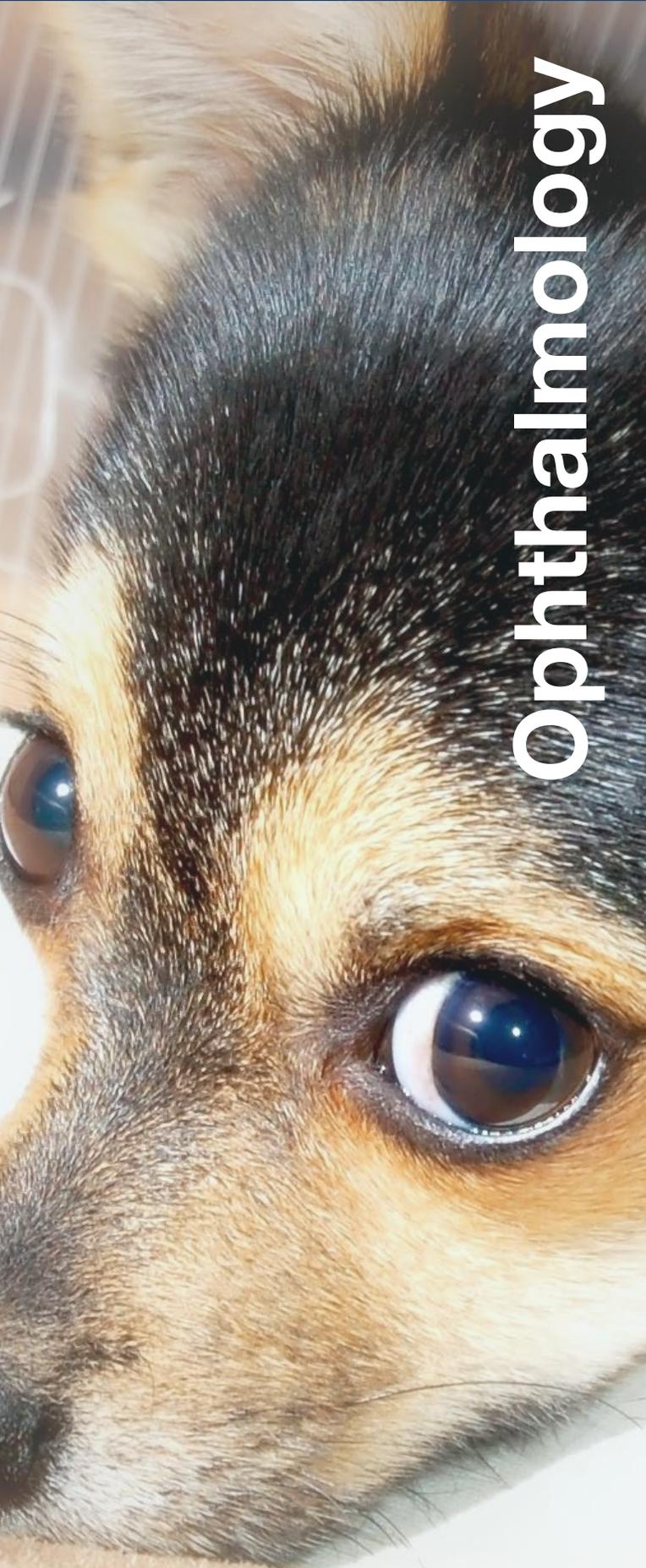
### New Oncology Chapter

Council has accepted the introduction of a new Chapter of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists, the Oncology Chapter. Oncology is a rapidly developing field in Medical and Veterinary Science and it combines many aspects of management including medical, surgical and radiation oncology. Oncological disease is now recognized as a prominent cause of morbidity and mortality in companion animals and there is increased interest from other areas of veterinary medicine. The formation of a separate chapter will foster and aid collaboration between medical, surgical and radiation oncologists and further contribute to the sharing of knowledge and advancement in the field of Veterinary Oncology. The oncology chapter will run a stream at Science Week. We wish the Chapter all the very best with their endeavours and look forward to working with the Chapter as a new entity within the College.

**Dr Megan Parker, CEO**



## Chapter Reports



# Ophthalmology

This year the Ophthalmology Chapter has great pleasure inviting David Maggs, Professor of Comparative Ophthalmology at University of California, to present at Science Week. Professor Maggs is a dynamic and engaging speaker with major interests in surface ocular diseases and feline herpesvirus. He will present a two hour interactive discussion "Scratching the Surface: Case studies in surface ocular disease of horse, cats and dogs" on Thursday morning and present his latest research findings "Antiviral drugs from bench to clinic – cats are not just large Petri dishes" on Friday morning.

Professor Maggs will also participate in the combined Ophthalmology/ Pharmacology/Feline Medicine Chapters program: "From bench to cutting edge to evidence-based best practice". This program will also feature discussions on the latest developments in antibiotic and anti-inflammatory drugs and their use in clinical ophthalmology and general practice.



The Ophthalmology Chapter has also invited Associate Professor Tony Kwan, Director of Vitreoretinal Surgery at the Queensland Eye Institute, to present the basic science and clinical applications of retinal OCT imaging and their interpretation in human diseases. Thereafter, Mr Andrew Furness, Designs for Vision, will guide us through the use of the Nidek RS-3000 OCT system in an interactive OCT workshop on Thursday afternoon.

The Ophthalmology Chapter warmly encourages everyone with an interest or an uncertain curiosity in veterinary ophthalmology to attend our sessions during Science Week.

**Edith Hampson, Science Week Convenor,  
Ophthalmology**



## Chapter Reports

# Veterinary Pharmacology

As we draw closer to Science Week 2012, the Chapter of Veterinary Pharmacology has been working closely with the Chapter of Ophthalmology and Veterinary Epidemiology for our program this year. Also, we will be holding our biannual membership examinations and we look forward to meeting our candidates and future members of the Chapter.

Every year, the Chapter sponsors an undergraduate prize for excellence in veterinary pharmacology, to promote education in veterinary pharmacology and also acknowledge deserving recipients. I'm very proud to announce the winners of the 2012 prize are:

Adelaide University: Melissa Ewens

Charles Sturt University: Rosemary McKean

James Cook University: Rochelle Jensen

Massey University: Rachel Procter

Melbourne University: Tsai Tse Yin

Murdoch University: Claire Ransom

University of Queensland: Anna Wing

University of Sydney: Marcel Walsh

In addition, in our aim of promoting education in veterinary pharmacology, we have updated our website with an FAQ section on the Veterinary Pharmacology Study Course, which can be found at <http://pharmacology.anzcvsc.org.au/pharmacology/faq/>. We trust this will answer most of the questions posed by interested candidates regarding the course and gaining membership to the Chapter.

In early May, we will be confirming our AGM details, which we anticipate will be held during Science Week. We will also be combining our annual Chapter dinner with the Ophthalmology Chapter this year, with more details to follow.

We look forward to seeing you at Science Week 2012!

**Charmaine Tham, President, Veterinary Pharmacology**



## Chapter Reports



# Small Animal Medicine

Once again we have a great programme lined up for College Science Week. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Please do come to our AGM, this is on Friday 29th June at 4.30 pm. Tickets and drink vouchers to our cocktail party (which follows the College AGM, and so starts at 6.30 pm) will be supplied there. Thanks to Hills for their sponsorship of the cocktail party*

### AGM

There are many topics that will be discussed at this meeting that could be important to you and would benefit from your input:

- » Election of new office bearers
- » Continued discussion of ways to improve the examination process to encourage retention of examiners, particularly at fellowship level.

### CSW programme

The College Science Week organising committee has created an exciting and innovative programme. Once again we have collaborative sessions with a number of other College chapters: Radiology, Emergency/Critical Care and Feline Medicine. Our focus this year is on respiratory disease in dogs and cats. Our celebrity guest speaker this year is Dr Lynelle Johnson, who will be presenting a number of talks on both upper and lower respiratory disease.

### Abstract submission

The Small Animal Medicine and Feline Medicine Chapters invite postgraduate students, residents, interns, clinicians, and researchers to submit abstracts of practical and scientific topics related to canine and feline medicine. Abstracts can be focused on applied or clinical research. Case series describing unusual or difficult cases are also encouraged. Outstanding single case reports will additionally be considered.

**Submission deadline: 11:59pm AEST 07 May, 2012.**

## Chapter Reports



## Small Animal Medicine

Abstracts must be submitted electronically to Mary Thompson at [m.thompson3@uq.edu.au](mailto:m.thompson3@uq.edu.au). They will be reviewed by a board of clinical specialists and/or researchers and selected on merit. Authors will be notified via email of acceptance on or before 21 May, 2012. Successful authors must be able to submit their Power Point presentation to convenors via email by 5pm AEST on June 27 and attend the abstract session in its entirety on the morning of June 28 (9am-12:30pm). Prize winners will be awarded a ticket and will be expected to attend the College Awards Dinner on June 30 at 7:30pm, at which they will receive their prize. Additionally, the winning abstract for SAM and Feline must be presented again in the small animal medicine program on Saturday June 30.

All abstracts presented by postgraduate students, residents (including those who have completed a residency within the last 6 months but have not yet completed certifying examinations), and interns will be eligible for prizes. Abstracts that have been presented at other conferences are welcome but this must be disclosed and these abstracts will not be eligible for prizes. No abstract should be entered that will have been submitted as a full-length publication before the abstract submission deadline. Please state your eligibility for a prize and your ability to attend the awards dinner with your submission. The Small Animal Medicine Chapter prizes include a first prize of \$1000, second prize of \$750, and a third prize of \$500. The Feline Chapter Abstract prize for the best feline presentation is \$1000.

Full details are also available on the College website.

### Chapter Award for meritorious service

The Chapter is inviting nominations for the Chapter Award for meritorious service. This award is for someone who has shown a long commitment to the small animal medicine chapter and has been responsible for developing or promoting it. Our winner in 2009 was Boyd Jones, 2010 was Darren Merrett and 2011 Linda Fleeman. If you would like to nominate somebody for this award please follow the links and instructions on our website:

[http://samedicine.acvsc.org.au/samedicine/awards\\_prizes/chapter\\_service\\_award/default.asp](http://samedicine.acvsc.org.au/samedicine/awards_prizes/chapter_service_award/default.asp) by May 20, 2012

We look forward to seeing you on the Gold Coast and encourage you to become involved in your chapter.

**Mike Coleman, President, Small Animal Medicine**



# Epidemiology



### PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

## Sampling and Analysis of Survey Data

**25th – 27th  
June 2012**

**Ian Dohoo** Atlantic Veterinary College  
University of Prince Edward Island  
QT Hotel, Surfers Paradise

**This is an opportunity to receive in-depth, hands-on training in sampling and the analysis of survey data from one of the world's leading veterinary epidemiologists. Limited enrolments. Don't miss out!**

### Workshop Objectives

The objective of this course is to provide participants with a fundamental understanding of the major types of sampling schemes (simple random, systematic, stratified, cluster and multistage) and how to deal with the main issues (sampling weights, stratification and clustering of data) involved in the analysis of survey data. Standard methods for the analysis of survey data will be presented. This will be followed by a discussion of two more advanced topics - clustering and missing data - with the emphasis on the latter. Because clustering of data (e.g. cows within herds) is such a common issue in veterinary medicine, we will review one alternative to standard survey methods for dealing with clustering (marginal estimation using generalized estimating equations (GEE)) and will briefly review alternative approaches (e.g. subject specific estimation using mixed models). Missing data are a common problem in all survey activities and there has recently been a lot of development of methods to deal with this problem (particularly imputation). The third day of the workshop will focus on this topic with a discussion of the types of missing data (patterns of "missingness") and an exploration of how imputation can be applied to the problem.

### Who will benefit from this workshop?

Anyone who needs to explore and/or analyse survey data and also those needing to assess the quality and validity of survey data: clinicians, epidemiologists, those involved in research and government. This workshop may also be of benefit for those preparing to sit the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Science epidemiology chapter membership examinations.



## Chapter Reports

# Epidemiology

### Workshop Outline

The workshop will involve a strong focus on hands-on practical or workshop activities involving sample datasets to illustrate various approaches. Practicals will be accompanied by lectures to introduce and outline concepts.

The workshop will run over three days. There will be a chronological development of material starting with introductory material on sampling methods and analyses working towards more complex issues such as the management of missing data.

Topics covered include:

- » Sampling methods - simple random, systematic, stratified, cluster, multistage
- » EpiInfo and Stata (descriptive statistics, program coding)
- » Analysis of survey data – stratification and sampling weights
- » Analysis of survey data – clustering
- » Marginal modelling using generalized estimating equations (GEE)
- » Subject specific modelling - mixed models
- » Missing data – types, consequences and imputation

### Workshop Prerequisites

#### Prior knowledge

An understanding of basic epidemiological and statistical concepts will be expected. A reasonable degree of computer literacy is required, including familiarity with common software such as Excel.

#### Computers and Data Sets

Participants will be expected to bring a laptop computer to the course. Those who do not have access to a laptop will be paired with a participant who does. As much as possible, the public domain program EpiInfo will be used for laboratory exercises (Participants will be asked to pre-load this on their computer if at all possible). Stata will be used for more advanced procedures and a limited-time licence to this program will be provided to all course participants.

Options for carrying out these analyses in the other software (particularly the public domain program R) will be discussed.

Some data sets will be provided (for use in lectures and labs). If participants have relevant data of their own, they are encouraged to bring them and to carry out lab exercises on their own data.

#### Instructor

Workshop delivery will be lead by Professor Ian Dohoo (Atlantic Veterinary College, University of Prince Edward Island, Canada). Ian has been teaching epidemiology and conducting epidemiologic research for more years than he is willing to admit. He has an international reputation as an excellent teacher and has been the recipient of numerous research and teaching awards. His particular interest is in the application of quantitative methods to animal-health research problems.

#### Limited enrolment

This workshop is designed to be delivered in an interactive and hands-on manner. As a result there will be limitations in the number of people who will be able to attend. Interested participants are urged to enrol early to ensure they will be able to attend.

#### Registration and price details

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ANZCVS Member, Student, Candidate preparing for membership exams

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Early Bird (up to 30.04.12) ..... \$695

After 30.04.12 ..... \$745

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Non ANZCVS Member

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Early Bird (up to 30.04.12) ..... \$895

After 30.04.12 ..... \$945

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The registration fee includes notes, morning and afternoon teas and lunches.

For more information about this course, please contact:  
**Kim Halpin** kim.halpin@lifetech.com

**Kim Halpin, Secretary, Epidemiology**



## Chapter Reports

# Feline



Well it's that time of year again... and the Feline Chapter, in association with the Small Animal Medicine and Ophthalmology Chapters, have organised another fantastic session of continuing education at Science Week this year.



On Friday the 29th June, we have arranged a combined morning session with the Ophthalmology chapter. Speakers include David Maggs, Mark Billson, Stephen Page, Charmaine Tham and Vicki Liddle. On Saturday the 30th June, in collaboration

with the Small Animal Medicine Chapter, the day takes the theme of Feline Cardiorespiratory disease. Speakers include Lynelle Johnson, Richard Woolley, Fiona Campbell, Niek Beijerink, Dez Hughes, and Vanessa Barrs. With this high calibre of speakers, it promises to be an exceptional meeting that is not to be missed. A detailed program will be circulated by the College shortly.

The feline chapter annual general meeting will be held on Saturday the 30th June at 5pm. We would welcome all chapter members to attend and become involved in your chapter. One of the initiatives from last year was the electronic circulation of feline medicine abstracts, which we hope you have all found valuable. Come along and share your thoughts.

Once again this year, the Feline Chapter will be offering a \$1000 prize for the best feline abstract presented at Science week. Abstract presentations will be held on the morning of Thursday the 28th June. College members are invited to submit abstracts of practical and scientific topics related to Feline Medicine. Abstracts can be focused on applied or clinical research. Case series describing unusual or difficult cases are also encouraged. Outstanding single case reports will also be considered. Full abstract guidelines will be made available shortly.

**Amy Lingard, Secretary, Feline**

## Chapter Reports

# Zoo and Wildlife



The Chapter of Zoo and Wildlife Medicine will be participating in three sessions at Science Week 2012 – a combined session with the Equine Chapter on Thursday, the early session of the combined Animal Welfare and Veterinary Behaviour session on Friday and a stand-alone session for the remainder of Friday. Chris Walzer, from the Research Institute of Wildlife Ecology at the University of

Veterinary Medicine in Vienna, and a Diplomat of the European College of Zoological Medicine in Wildlife Population Health, will be visiting and talking on the Przewalski horse reintroduction program and other subjects of interest to both wildlife and equine



vets. Please contact the session convenors if you are interested in presenting at these sessions: David McLelland ([dmclelland@zoossa.com.au](mailto:dmclelland@zoossa.com.au)) for the combined Equine session and Animal Welfare/ Behaviour session and David Blyde ([David.Blyde@wvtp.com.au](mailto:David.Blyde@wvtp.com.au)) for the stand-alone session.

The Chapter is also conducting membership exams in 2012 in both of our disciplines: Medicine of Zoo Animals and Medicine of Australasian Wildlife during Science Week. The Chapter's AGM will be held on Friday 29th June at the QT Gold Coast Hotel. We look forward to seeing you at Science Week 2012.

**David McLelland, President, Zoo and Wildlife**



## Keith John Dregghorn Astill (1923 – 2012)

Keith after war service with the RAN completed his veterinary science course at Sydney in 1949 prior to the re-opening of The Queensland School. He served with the old Dept. of Agriculture & Stock at Blackall gaining considerable some five years experience in problems in the sheep industry. He joined ICIANZ Ltd first in Queensland and later in Sydney and in 1968 joined Dow Chemicals in their Research and Development Division.

Keith revealed his interest in veterinary profession organisations at State and National levels, being at various times involved in both the Queensland and New South Wales Divisions as an active committee member and President. He served prominently at the national level convening Local Arrangements Committees and serving as AVA President, and was involved in the formation of one of the first Special Interest Groups. He was elected a Fellow in 1970.

Keith was very prominent in the establishment of the College, being a member of the Interim Council and a member of Council to 1985. President in 1982-83 and Hon Treasurer from 1971 to 1980. He was a foundation member of the Chapter of Veterinary Pharmacology, serving on the committee for four years. His contributions to the profession were outstanding, particularly to the College in its establishment and formative years. Keith and Marie retired to Bribie Island, enjoying their still active life until the end.

### New College Acronym

Members are reminded that the correct new College acronym is ANZCVS with Membership being abbreviated as MANZCVS and Fellowship FANZCVS



## AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SCIENTISTS



### NOMINATION OF COUNCILLORS 2012 – 2015

FULL NAME OF NOMINEE<sup>1</sup> .....

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS<sup>1</sup> .....

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH<sup>1</sup> .....

I agree to stand for election for Council 2012-2015 .....

Signature

Proposer<sup>2</sup> ..... Seconder<sup>2</sup> .....

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Please include a personal statement of the nominee (*no greater than 100 words*) and return to the **Chief Executive Officer, ANZCVS, Building 3, Garden City Office Park, 2404 Logan Road, Eight Mile Plains, Qld. 4113, Australia.**

CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF NOMINATIONS: **18 MAY 2012**

#### RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNCILLORS

1. Councillors should hold copies of and be familiar with the current Constitution.
2. Councillors have an obligation to participate actively in College affairs and activities and to this end should familiarise themselves with the decisions of the Council and Board of Examiners by reading all Minutes, Memoranda and Reports distributed by the College Office. Councillors should respond to College issues raised in these documents.
3. Councillors should maintain an active interest in the affairs and activities of Chapters and provide an avenue of liaison and guidance.
4. Councillors have an obligation to attend in-person Council meetings and the Annual General Meeting where fares, accommodation and necessary meals are paid by the College.
5. Councillors should act as ambassadors for the College by promoting membership and where appropriate fellowship and be active participators in the continuing education activities of the College and its chapters.
6. Councillors have the same legal responsibilities as the directors of any company of limited liability.
7. All elected Councillors must be prepared to offer themselves for office.

<sup>1</sup>Details required by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission

<sup>2</sup>Must be a current member of the College



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### College Apparel

## NEW COLLEGE MERCHANDISE

College Polar Fleece vests, colour Navy, displaying the new College name are now available.



Contact the College Office to place your order:  
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### COUNCIL

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**Past President:** Dr. Robert Labuc

**Honorary Treasurer:** Dr. Liz Dill-Macky

**Honorary Secretary:** Dr. Michael Paton

**Chief Examiner:** Dr. Mandy Burrows

**Awards Committee Convenor:** Dr Caroline Mansfield

**Councillor:** Dr. Norm Williamson

### BOARD OF EXAMINERS

**Chief Examiner:** Dr. Mandy Burrows

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