

COLLEGE COURIER



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is my first Courier contribution as President, and is a perfect opportunity for me to acknowledge the wonderful work of the paid and volunteer workforce of the College. I particularly want to acknowledge and thank Phil Moses for his leadership over the past 3 years as President. He has been a wonderful advocate for the College and has helped it achieve a sound financial position, as well as overseeing many other improvements. His work for the College is not over yet, as he is still serving as Past-President and will continue to be a wise voice on Council. Thanks Phil for all that you have done.

The past year has seen some changes in the way the office runs, and our Executive Officer Kim Hudson is becoming familiar to you. The next year will also herald some changes, with Elaine Lowe reducing her working time to 2 days a week. For many, Elaine is synonymous with the College and nobody knows more about the College than her. Mary Anne Hiscutt has been appointed as Assistant College Manager and will be working closely with Elaine to ensure there is no loss of function within the office. We welcome Mary Anne, and are confident that she will do a great job.

The core business of the College is the examination system, with our other major activity being College Science Week. Both of these activities ran very smoothly this year. This apparently easy process was only made possible by incredible hard work behind the scenes. Thank-you to all the people who made this possible:

- » The College examinations team: Mark Owen (Chief Examiner), Robyn Pettigrew (Exams Officer) and the very hardworking Board of Examiners, particularly Carolyn Guy (Exams Committee chair) and Tias Muurlink (Credentials Committee chair), performed a massive task. Their efforts spanned many months prior to the exams, and will continue on for the rest of the year.
- » The examiners, observers and Chapter Executive Committees without whom the exams would not exist.
- » The Chapter conference organisers and executives.
- » The College office staff: Kim Hudson (Executive Officer), Elaine Lowe (no job description necessary) and Sharon Tinsley (Office Assistant) who helped behind the scenes. Elaine and Sharon were also responsible for the organisation of Science Week, and did a wonderful job with this. We are very comfortable with the service the QT provides us, and felt the conference rooms and AV were vastly improved this year.

- » The mentors and supervisors who encouraged and trained the examination candidates.
- » And lastly the members who either attended Science Week, or sat the examinations- you are the reason the College exists.
- » The College is unique in the veterinary world; it is a wonderful community of motivated professionals who are passionate about a range of interests with the goal of improving their own and others' knowledge in that area. The College is working with Chapters about ways to increase member benefits as well as continually refining and improving the examination process. The Board of Examiners are working with the Chapters to provide support and training for examiners, and Council has approved an Examination Development Fund to be used to go towards examiner training and other exam-related activities. The recent examination writing workshops are one example where the College is helping to make the exam process robust and sustainable.

The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons has approved the Medicine of Cats membership as a suitable qualification to enable application for Advanced Practitioner Status in the UK. The Advanced Practitioner Status recognises veterinarians who have undertaken additional learning in a specific subject area. This is a great recognition of the value of membership examinations, and Council will be actively communicating with the RCVS to have other membership subjects also approved.

I encourage you to become involved in College activities- whether acting as a mentor, becoming involved in your chapter activities, examining, contributing to the Science Week programme or running for election to Council. This is your College, and you have the opportunity to make it even better!

Best wishes, Caroline



COLLEGE SCIENCE WEEK 2014

The College's Science Week was once again held in early July at the 5 star Gold Coast QT Hotel. A total of sixteen Chapters were involved in the 3 day scientific programme, which was attended by a total of 550 delegates – a record. There was a daily average of some 400 participants.

Eleven streams ran concurrently each day with input from all of the Chapters of the College. The following Chapters are to be congratulated for providing informative & innovative scientific programmes that varied in length from half a day to the full three days: Small Animal Medicine, Surgery, Dentistry, Ophthalmology, Animal Welfare, Cattle, Vet Anaesthesia, Emergency and Critical Care, Feline Medicine, Dermatology, Animal Behaviour, Feline Medicine, Oncology, Equine, Animal Reproduction, Zoo & Wildlife, and Epidemiology.

It was a major benefit to members and other registrants to have so much to choose from, and the collegiate atmosphere complimented the superb scientific content.

In recent years, combined sessions have emerged to pool the talent and expertise of associated Chapters to discuss controversial or topical issues. This year was no exception, there being twelve half-day sessions of collaboration between some fifteen Chapters.

All sessions were well attended despite the abundance of CE supplied by alternative providers. The Small Animal related Chapters are to be congratulated on providing excellent proceedings. It was pleasing to see so many invited experts from all over the world.

Many Chapters used the Science Week Meeting to hold their AGM's and Annual Dinners.

A Council initiative to latchkey Science Week with Plenary Sessions continues to be popular, these sessions concentrating on the Producing Excellent College Examinations & Training Programs of Excellence. This year marking schemes featured. Also, there was a full session entitled "Shaping the future of our College – a shared responsibility".

Happy Hour was once again held in the Stingray Lounge and provided the opportunity for all delegates to interact and reinforce the intellectual feeling.

The College Awards Dinner on Saturday evening – always a sell-out – was a fitting finale to the scholasticism of the week.

Twenty Four industry representatives (our most ever) joined us this year and most expressed that they benefited from the exposure to the delegates, even though our huge numbers made it impossible to conduct all the catering functions in the exhibition area.

The Industry sponsorship prizes of two iPads were again popular trophies. Generous sponsorship from our trade participants allocated a further half dozen prizes. In addition, VIN visited us from the USA for the seventh consecutive year, providing computer and internet access for conference participants.

We are presently in the enviable situation where we have a waiting list of trade companies wishing to participate in Science Week.

The QT Gold Coast Hotel has proved to be a wonderful venue for this Annual College event, but we did stretch them to capacity again this year. Eleven separate meeting rooms were in operation on each day. Where possible the session times were coordinated to enable delegates to move between lectures.

The success of Science Week is essentially dependant on the Chapters. Timely notice of chapter programmes allowed more strategic allocation of appropriately-sized rooms.

In short, this was arguably Science Week's most comprehensive meeting, featuring the best we and the wider community have to offer.

I would like to add my personal thanks to the Chapter programme coordinators who did so much to develop a programme that had such a wide appeal to College members.

Eternal thanks goes to the office for a streamlined event. Elaine Lowe continues to do an outstanding job organising the whole meeting, and Sharon's help running the registration desk is invaluable.

I look forward to a similar Chapter response in coming to the Gold Coast again next year and to make this meeting the focus of their scientific and social activities for the year.

Terry King, Science Week 2014 Convenor



2014 COLLEGE AWARDS



<i>College Prize</i>	Dr Deborah Monks
<i>Ian Clunies Ross Award</i>	No award in 2014
<i>Fellowship Scholarship</i>	Dr Anna Dengate
<i>The Geoff Robins Research Grant</i>	Dr. Matthew Best
<i>Kesteven Medal</i>	Dr. Mary Young
<i>Meritorious Award</i>	Dr. Mark Burgemeister
<i>Membership Travel Grant</i>	Dr Mary Thompson
<i>Pathology Travel Grant</i>	Dr. Cheryl Moller
<i>Paul Gotis Graham Award</i>	Dr. Gavin McDonagh

Most Commendable Papers:

Australian Veterinary Journal: 'Bioavailability of two L-thyroxine formulations after oral administration to healthy dogs'. Simpson C, Devi JL, Whitem, T.

New Zealand Veterinary Journal: 'A serological survey of leptospiral antibodies in dogs in New Zealand'. Harland A, Cave N, Jones B, Benshop J, Donald J, Midwinter A, Squires R, Collins-Emerson J.

Australian Veterinary Practitioner: 'Frequency of hypotension in a historical cohort of anaesthetised dogs undergoing elective desexing'. Costa RS, Rasis A, Musk GC, Hosgood G.

Most Commendable Paper in an International Journal 'Exercise-induced inhibition of remodelling is focally offset with fatigue fracture in racehorses" Whittom, C.



TIMELINE OF EVENTS IN 2014/2015

EXECUTIVE OFFICER COLUMN

Fellowship Credentials due date	31 October
Membership examinations due date	31 October
Final date for membership examinations	30 November
College office closed for Christmas	19 December to 5 January
Examiners Workshop combined with Board of Examiners and Council meetings	February
Applications close for College Awards	28 February
Call for Council Nominations and Board of Examiner nominations (if appropriate) in the March Courier	
Council nominations closed	22 May
AGM and Ballot Papers to Members	27 May
Written Examinations	2 and 3 June
Voting for Council closes	3 July
Fellowship Oral/Practical Examinations	5 and 6 July
Membership Oral/Practical Examinations	6 and 7 July
Examiners Dinner	7 July
Board of Examiners Meeting	8 July
Scientific Meeting	9, 10 and 11 July
AGM	10 July
Awards Dinner	11 July

Welcome to new Members and Fellows

Firstly I'd like to say welcome and congratulations to all new Members and Fellows – this is an important step in your professional advancement and something to be very proud of.

Of course obtaining Membership and Fellowship is just a first step – the College is only as good as its participants, and each year there will always be a need for examiners and committee, board and council members.

This year was also my first experience of being an observer during oral examinations and Science Week generally; so it was both a learning experience and quite enjoyable time for me (it's so nice not to have the stress of actually doing the exam!) All Chapters must be congratulated on putting on such an impressive and professional Science Week.

Appeal Committee

The requirements to be a standing member of the Appeal Committee have recently been modified to allow a wider range of people to participate: rather than having to have been an examiner within the last 5 years, future applicants will need to have a good knowledge of the current examination process. From time to time there will be calls for expressions of interest to take up a position on the committee, so if you have been an examiner, served with a CEC, been on the Examination or Training and Credentials Committee or Board of Examiners, please keep this option in mind.

Next round of examinations

Now that 2014 examinations have been completed, it's now time to turn our minds to preparing for 2015 examinations. In November we will be advising how many examiners we anticipate will be required for next year, and by the end of November CECs should have completed the process of appointing examiners.

Prior to this I hope to be able to offer CEC members some opportunities to participate in telephone conferences to give a simple run-down on how the College's Conflict of Interest policy works (as this often crops up when appointing examiners) as well as going through some of the College's examination creation requirements.



SUCCESSFUL MEMBERSHIP CANDIDATES 2014

<i>First Name</i>	<i>Surname</i>	<i>Membership Subjects</i>
JOHN	HOSIE	Animal Reproduction
ELIZABETH	ARNOTT	Animal Welfare
MICHAEL	BRANNIGAN	Animal Welfare
MELANIE	LATTER	Animal Welfare
CREE	MONAGHAN	Animal Welfare
ALISON	CULLUM	Animal Welfare
INGRID	DANYLYK	Avian Health (Caged and Aviary Birds)
LIAM	FLANAGAN	Avian Health (Caged and Aviary Birds)
ANNA-KARINA	GONZALEZ ARGANDONA	Avian Health (Caged and Aviary Birds)
ALISON	HOBSON	Avian Health (Caged and Aviary Birds)
KATHRYN	LOUGHLIN	Avian Health (Caged and Aviary Birds)
SASHA	MILES	Avian Health (Caged and Aviary Birds)
MICHELLE	SUTHERLAND	Avian Health (Caged and Aviary Birds)
MUHAMMAD	ANWAR	Avian Health (Poultry)
DAWN	MILLS	Avian Health (Poultry)
PAUL	OWENS	Equine Dentistry
MARIEKE	van den ENDEN	Equine Dentistry
DERYCK	YANG	Equine Dentistry
ROBYN	STENNER	Medicine of Australasian Wildlife Species
STUART	FITZGERALD	Medicine of Cats UK
NICOLA	GAUT	Medicine of Cats UK
GABRIELE	HABACHER-SCLATER	Medicine of Cats UK
KARIN	HOLLER	Medicine of Cats UK
MARIE-THERES	HOYER	Medicine of Cats UK
MUNA	ROBERTS	Medicine of Cats UK
VICTORIA	SMITH	Medicine of Cats UK
KATHERINE	ARNOLD	Medicine of Cats
KARIM	CHAMMAS	Medicine of Cats
PENELOPE	SEET	Medicine of Cats
NADIA	STERNBERG	Medicine of Cats
SANDRA	TOTHILL	Medicine of Cats
MICHELLE	CAMPBELL	Medicine of Zoo Animals
JESSAMY	ALEXANDER	Small Animal Dentistry and Oral Surgery
NICOLE	HOSKIN	Small Animal Dentistry and Oral Surgery
GERHARD	PUTTER	Small Animal Dentistry and Oral Surgery
JARED	ADDISON	Small Animal Medicine



<i>First Name</i>	<i>Surname</i>	<i>Membership Subjects</i>
KATHERINE	ARDLIE	Small Animal Medicine
SUSAN	CARR	Small Animal Medicine
SONYA	EL-CHAMI	Small Animal Medicine
REBECCA	FRANCIS	Small Animal Medicine
TEO	FUNG	Small Animal Medicine
KATHRYN	HOGAN	Small Animal Medicine
OLUTUNB	IDOWU	Small Animal Medicine
CLARE	JACKSON	Small Animal Medicine
KATIE	LE MESSURIER	Small Animal Medicine
LEAH	MANNING	Small Animal Medicine
CLAIRE	McMEEKIN	Small Animal Medicine
AMANDA	MILLER	Small Animal Medicine
EMA	RANKIN	Small Animal Medicine
JUDD	SUMNER	Small Animal Medicine
LEAH	WRIGHT	Small Animal Medicine
ROSAMUND	YOZIN	Small Animal Medicine
CARLA	APPELGREIN	Small Animal Surgery
RACHEL	BASA	Small Animal Surgery
TRISTRAM	BENNETT	Small Animal Surgery
ELINOR	BOWEN	Small Animal Surgery
KYLIE	GRANT	Small Animal Surgery
MARK	HARBUN	Small Animal Surgery
BLAINE	McCRACKEN	Small Animal Surgery
GAVIN	McDONAGH	Small Animal Surgery
KATE	PETRIE	Small Animal Surgery
ALESSANDRA	SANTAMARIA	Small Animal Surgery
GENEVIEVE	ZHANG	Small Animal Surgery
CHRISTINE	DEMERY	Surgery of Horses
MONA	HOERDEMANN	Surgery of Horses
ROBERT	KENT	Surgery of Horses
CHRISTOPHER	OWENS	Surgery of Horses
JOHN	RUSSELL	Surgery of Horses
REZA	SINGAM	Surgery of Horses
JESSICA	BEER	Veterinary Behaviour
JULIE	BROOKS	Veterinary Behaviour
JULIE	CULVER	Veterinary Behaviour
JOANNA	GOLDMAN	Veterinary Behaviour
LYNN	MATHISON	Veterinary Behaviour
JOANNA	McLACHLAN	Veterinary Behaviour
JENNIFER	NESBITT-HAWES	Veterinary Behaviour
HELEN	PURDAM	Veterinary Behaviour
RACHAEL	STRATTON	Veterinary Behaviour



<i>First Name</i>	<i>Surname</i>	<i>Membership Subjects</i>
JEFFREY	CLYNE	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
ABBIE	COUPER	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
MIHAI	CSATAI	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
NATSUKO	DRUERY	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
CLIFFORD	HO-LE	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
HOLLY	KANG	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
BENJAMIN	KAYE	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
LUCY	KIRTON	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
DEBORAH	KIRTON	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
ISABELLA	LAM	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
STEPHANIE	McCAUGHEY	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
SEBASTIEN	MONIER	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
INGRID	NASH	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
BRONWYN	OKE	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
ADELINE	SETIJADI	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
ALEXANDRA	SIMON	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
SARAH	TAWSE	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
NANWYN	THOMAS	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
XANTHE	WARDE	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
KATE	SAWFORD	Veterinary Epidemiology
ROBERT	BARIGYE	Veterinary Pathology
KAMAHL	CAMPBELL	Veterinary Pathology
KATHRYN	JENKINS	Veterinary Pathology
ZIYUAN	LIM	Veterinary Pathology
CHERYL	MOLLER	Veterinary Pathology
HELEN	PEAM	Veterinary Pathology
MARGARET	ROSER	Veterinary Pathology
ANDREW	STENT	Veterinary Pathology
PAULINE	CALVERT	Veterinary Pharmacology
DAILE	HOLZ	Veterinary Pharmacology
ERICA	MALCOLM	Veterinary Pharmacology
OLIVER	REEVE	Veterinary Pharmacology
SARAH	ROBSON	Veterinary Pharmacology
JENNIFER	CHAU	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)
TIMOTHY	FOO	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)
JENNIFER	KAN	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)
ALISTAIR	NEWBOULD	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)
JOANNA	PILTON	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)
NATALIE	ROUILLARD	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)
BENJAMIN	WERNHAM	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)
CAMERAN	WOODWORTH	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)



CHAPTERS

Animal Reproduction Chapter

The animal reproduction chapter hosted comprehensive and wide ranging presentations from Australasia and abroad at this year's ANZCVS college science week. There were new graduate presentations, and insights from renowned experts in the field of reproduction.

The chapter is in a rebuilding phase. We are looking to promote our speciality into what we consider to be its rightful place at the forefront of veterinary science, especially here in Australasia. One of the aims of the chapter is to supply insightful information that is applicable to people in practice, and to academic orientated theriogenologists. (For those that are new to the term 'theriogenology'; it is a word that succinctly encompasses our speciality. It is derived from three components: therio= 'of beasts' (or animals); gen= genesis or creation; and ology= the study of...'. Hence, the study of the genesis of animals; or animal reproduction.)

The conference was divided into four sessions. In conjunction with the cattle chapter, we had excellent talks on the science and practice of synchronisation in the cow. We also had an insight into some Australian research involving the developing 'calf alert' system. (A device that is being developed to determine the welfare of pregnant cows at calving, particularly in the extensive Northern Australian setting.) In dogs we were updated on the use of deslorelin and aglepristone, treatments commonly used in small animal practice. We also had two recent graduates enlighten us with their projects in non animal protein sperm extenders, and the effects that tick toxicoses can have on parturition in the bitch. Presentations in collaboration with the equine chapter continued on the theme of oestrus synchronisation, parturition characteristics of mares, and some reproductive surgeries. Melbourne University's Dr Natali Krekeler highlighted the benefits of comparative theriogenology in her talks on uterine inflammation in the bitch and mare. The meeting culminated with Prof Iain Clarke, a world renowned endocrinological physiologist entertaining and enthralling us with some of his knowledge of how the brain really rules our feeding and reproductive state; and that is not just in men!

We ended the two day session with the chapter AGM, where we mapped out our intended pathway for the next five years. We will continue to have an input to college science week, and intend to collaborate with other chapters so that we can illustrate the input reproduction veterinarians have on the spectrum of veterinary practice.

We are in the process of enhancing our collaboration with other reproduction special interest groups in Australia and abroad. The past president of the European College of Animal Reproduction attended our meeting this year, and we were represented at the AGM of the Australian Reproduction Veterinarians ((ARV) a SIG of the AVA). The ARV AGM was held at the world buiatrics (cattle medicine) conference in Cairns, where approximately 33% or more of the content contained reproduction topics.

We would like to thank our sponsors Bioniche/Vetoquinol, Minitube, Virbac, and Idexx for their tremendous support. We look forward to continuing our recrudescence within the college, and to working with other chapters in the future.

Allan Gunn (algunn@csu.edu.au).

Veterinary Behaviour Chapter

Science Week 2014 proved to be a successful one for the veterinary behaviour chapter with nine new members joining the chapter after successfully passing their exams. We would like to congratulate the new members on this significant achievement and warmly welcome them to the chapter.

The behaviour stream at the conference proved to be hugely successful, with some sessions so crowded that even standing room was in short supply. Particular drawcards were presentations by Anthony Berrick, a psychologist from Sydney with an interest in dog training, and talks given by all three fellows of the chapter – Kersti Seksel, Robert Holmes and Jacqui Ley. I would like to sincerely thank the two convenors, Jacqui Ley and Andrew O'Shea for putting the program together and making sure everything ran smoothly. The contribution of their time on top of already very busy work schedules was much appreciated.

We have both electronic and hard copies of the proceedings from Science Week for sale. If you are interested in purchasing either version, please email Andrew O'Shea: secretaryvetbehaviourchapter@gmail.com

Equine Chapter

The Equine Chapter held its annual meeting and AGM at Science Week. The Chapter executive remains unchanged but efforts are underway to identify potential understudies for key positions in the executive so if you have a burning desire to be involved please contact one of your friendly executives.

A new venture in partnership with Equine Veterinarians Australia lead to a very successful joint research/clinical paper presentation just before the EVA Bain Fallon Lectures in July this year. A strong field of presentations was enjoyed by a very large audience. The EVA also dedicated an afternoon session where the Equine Chapter showcased speakers and topics that were well received at previous Science Week meetings. On the back of these very successful events it is hoped that this relationship can continue to increase the profile of the Equine Chapter.





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The Aquatic Animal Health Chapter

Dr Barry Munday Memorial Student Prize in Aquatic Animal Health



The Aquatic Health Chapter of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists is keen to promote the field of aquatic animal health within veterinary schools in Australia and has established the 'Dr Barry Munday Memorial Student Prize in Aquatic Animal Health'. The College Chapter seeks your assistance in nominating a suitable candidate from your respective institution for the 2014 prize. One prize is on offer for the top candidate from all nominations.

We are seeking nominations for students who have shown demonstrable interest in this field or have exhibited a high level of academic and practical competence in the aquatic animal health teaching program of your respective veterinary institution. The nomination is focused on students in either 4th or 5th year of the veterinary degree or in other year classes when the aquatic animal health program is taught.

Nominations should provide a brief description of the student's background and some indication of their interests and goals in the field of aquatic animal health. Nominations are to be completed by the student and lecturer /course instructor in the aquatic animal health teaching program.

The closing date for nominations is 30 September 2014. Nominations may be emailed to Richmond Loh (thefishvet@gmail.com), Hon. Secretary, Australian & NZ College of Veterinary Scientists (Aquatic Animal Health Chapter).

The successful student (based on selection criteria in the form and voted by Chapter members) will be awarded with the 2010 edition of E.J.Noga's -Fish Disease - diagnosis and treatment 2nd edition. This very practical text is considered one of the leading publications in the field of aquatic animal health, valued at \$AUD125.

Aquatic Animal Health Chapter Examinations

The AAH Chapter is planning on holding Fellowship Examinations in 2015, and Membership Examinations in 2016.

World Aquatic Veterinary Medical Association (WAVMA) Student Chapters

The WAVMA offers assistance & support for focused groups at veterinary schools through the creating of WAVMA Student Chapters. The Veterinary Schools at Murdoch University and at the University of Sydney are now part of this group.

Some examples of programs and privileges available to Student Chapters include:

- Assistance in organising and promoting Chapter programs and activities.
- Access to recorded webinars and live web-based presentations from experts around the world.
- Low annual WAVMA Student Membership (\$25) - 50% Chapter member's dues may be available to support Chapter-organised activities.
- Reduced rate (50%) WAVMA Full Membership the year after graduation.
- WAVMA veterinary student/new graduate scholarships.
- Access to the latest editions of WAVMA's quarterly newsletter ("The Aquatic Veterinarian").
- Access to WAVMA member-only webpages & programs.
- Aquatic veterinary externship, internship and residency programs and job listings.
- Free or discounted registration for WAVMA meetings, symposia, conferences or educational webinars.
- Participation in the WAVMA Certified Aquatic Veterinary Practitioner (Cert-AqVP) Program.
- Access to WAVMA e-mail listservs, including Members-L, Student-L (all students) and (if requested) a Chapter-dedicated listserv... and more.

If your university has students interested in the field of aquatic veterinary medicine, you can form a WAVMA Student Chapter too.

More information is available at: <http://www.wavma.org/WAVMA-Student-Chapters>

Aquatic Animal Health is the flavour for veterinary pathology training

This year, the Australian Animal Pathology Standards Program (AAPSP) has contracted the expertise of our Life Member, Dr Judith Handler, for their annual roadshow. The two-day workshop has been making the circuit around the nation in every capital city. It exposes veterinary diagnosticians to fish pathology, covering differences in anatomy, immunology and physiology, and how these influence pathology. It also addresses exotic diseases of state and national significance and more. Dr Handler is one of the pioneering veterinarians in aquatic animal health. It is great to see it becoming more "mainstream".



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Dr Barry Munday Memorial Student Prize in Aquatic Animal Health Nomination Form

Student's Details

Name:	
Veterinary School:	
Year of Study:	
Contact details: <i>(Address, phone number and email)</i>	

Academic staff member nominating the student

Nominated by:	
Title:	
Contact details <i>(email & phone number)</i>	

To be completed by the student:
Brief description of student's background, interest in aquatic animal health and where they see a future role.)



CHAPTERS

Surgery Chapter

The surgery chapter again enjoyed a colorful and dynamic program covering a wide range of diseases and conditions seen everyday in small animal practice. Drs Geraldine Hunt from UC Davis and California and Bryden Stanley from Michigan provided extensive clinical practice tips through their lectures. The audience included general practitioners as well as interns, residents and specialists from all states and territories.

Our Young Speakers program allowed developing surgeons to present their original research and we heard nine individuals cover case reports through to bench-top research. This year's winner of the session was Dr Karl Mathis who presented research on TPLO screw orientation and how it affects the osteotomy.

The theme to next year's meeting will be SURGICAL ONCOLOGY. We have interest from other chapters and will likely have multiple combined sessions ranging from imaging to emergency management. I believe the

Chris Preston FANZCVS DipACVS, President Surgery Chapter

initiative to generate program featuring arrangement of specialists and focus on new treatments or area of medicine and surgery that are changing is of great clinical relevance to those in practice.

The strength of Science Week has been and continues to be the smaller group discussions with the involvement and participation of practice owners doing the majority of their own surgery and specialist from around the country. The draft program really will offer small animal clinicians an opportunity to learn about common conditions where the treatments are changing. Examples include: is chemotherapy worthwhile after splenectomy for HAS, is it worth operating hemoabdomens, Is thyroid disease best treated with tablets, radiation or surgery, endoscopic diagnosis of intestinal neoplasia, appendicular oncological imaging, reducing the perioperative morbidity of MCT I hope to have the program out soon so that members can decide what they will do for CE in 2015.

Feline Chapter

College Science Week is over for another year and what a success it was! We were lucky enough to have a number of international speakers and the presentations were vibrant and valuable. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our collaborative sessions at College Science Week. Each year, our presence at CSW gets stronger, and this is sure to extend to the future. One of the great parts of College Science Week is that we provide an opportunity for researchers to present their findings and each year we provide a prize to the best feline-oriented research. This year the prize was won by a very deserving Amanda Shapiro who presented her work on *Coxiella burnetii* in cats. Amanda's presentation was outstanding and her work relevant and interesting. Congratulations, Amanda!

At our AGM this year, a new President of the Feline Chapter was elected. You will be pleased to know that our outgoing President, Dr Mary Thompson, isn't going far (thank goodness!), just to the position of Vice President. As the new President, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mary for all her hard work over the past few years in her role as President. Amy Lingard, our trusted and invaluable Secretary will remain in her role, and Robert Johnson will remain as Treasurer. Thank you both for your hard work, also.

As you may be aware, the Feline Chapter has been working behind the scenes to develop and strengthen international relationships with other feline societies. To this end, we have developed a number of initiatives with

the International Society of Feline Medicine (ISFM). Shortly, Feline Chapter members will receive a letter from me outlining in greater detail these initiatives, but in brief we will have access to the ISFM online discussion forum which acts as a platform to discuss just about anything feline, members of our chapter will receive a quarterly newsletter covering a range of different topics, and together with ISFM we will work to develop the feline stream at CSW through encouragement of overseas researchers to present abstracts, and overseas specialists to present in the collaborative sessions. We are all certain that the relationship between ISFM will strengthen and grow over the coming months and years, with the result being greater benefit to our members.

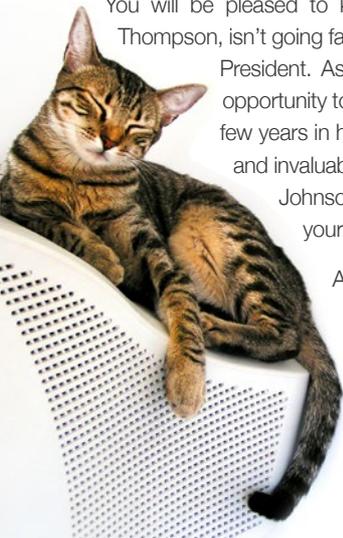
Last but certainly not least, I wanted to welcome all our new members. Successful Membership candidates in our 2014 Australia/New Zealand and UK exams were:

Katherine Arnold, Karim Chammas, Stuart Fitzgerald, Gabriele Habacher-Sclater, Karin Holler, Penelope Seet, Nadia Sternberg, Marie-Theres Hoyer, Sandra Tothill, Muna Roberts, Nicola Gaut and Victoria Smith.

Also, belated but heartfelt congratulations to our successful 2013 UK/Europe candidates Aarti Amin, Stephanie Lalor, Nicolette Joosting, Panayiotis Mavrikios and Nicola Lough. Welcome to the Chapter!

The coming year is going to be a busy one for the Feline Chapter. If at any time you want to become involved in the inner-workings of the Chapter, please feel free to contact any of our office bearers.

Katherine Briscoe, President, Feline Chapter





NEW FELLOWS



Brendan Cowled

Veterinary Epidemiology

Brendan graduated in 1997 from the University of Sydney and initially worked in clinical practice for 6 years in NZ, UK and Australia. He then completed a PhD in feral pig management at the Invasive Animals CRC before working at the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture as an epidemiologist. Brendan then conducted an ARC funded research fellowship (post doc) at the University of Sydney in veterinary epidemiology where he also completed fellowship training with Professor Michael Ward. He now works as a consultant with AusVet Animal Health Services where he has the pleasure of a variety of work from veterinary epidemiology to veterinary public health both in Australia and overseas.



Christopher Tan

Small Animal Surgery

Chris graduated from the University of Sydney in 2000 and worked in general practice in Australia and the UK. He obtained his memberships in small animal surgery in 2007 before commencing a residency at the University of Sydney in 2009 under the guidance of Kenneth Johnson and Katja Voss. Chris became a diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Surgeons and fellow of the Australian College of veterinary scientists in 2014. He is currently completing a PhD, whilst continuing to practice at the University of Sydney.



Debbie Simpson

Veterinary Dermatology

Debbie graduated from Massey University in NZ in 2008. During her first year in practice she completed the Pfizer Internship at the Veterinary Specialist Group in Auckland & also worked as a veterinarian at the Animal Emergency Centre. In 2009 she moved to Australia to undertake a rotating internship at Veterinary Specialist Services in Brisbane. A residency in Veterinary Dermatology followed at Melbourne Veterinary Specialist Centre from 2010-2013. During this time she obtained her membership in Small Animal Medicine. In 2013 she set up Animal Dermatology Solutions in Melbourne together with Dr Fiona Bateman



Rob Webster

Veterinary Emergency Medicine and Critical Care

Rob Webster graduated with honours from UQ in 2000. He went straight into emergency practice at the Animal Emergency Centre in Brisbane and never left! Rob obtained membership of the College in 2005 and commenced an alternate track training program under the guidance of Prof Steve Haskins and Dr Bruce Mackay in 2006. As well as studying towards fellowship Rob started the Animal Emergency Service with Dr Simon Lemin in 2005. They now have emergency practices on The Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, and Brisbane. Robs clinical interests are mechanical ventilation and critical care of patients with tick paralysis. Robs professional goal is to staff each practice with a specialist in emergency medicine and critical care.



NEW FELLOWS



Joanne Rainger

Veterinary Anaesthesia and Critical Care

Dr Jo Rainger graduated from the University of Sydney in 1994. Following graduation she gained her PhD in the study of the "Pathogenesis of Equine Strangles". After the completion of a two year internship in veterinary anaesthesia at the University of Sydney Veterinary Teaching Hospital Camden (UVTHC), she commenced a residency program at the UVTHC under the guidance of Dr Christina Dart. During that time she gained her Membership in Veterinary Anaesthesia and Critical Care. After the completion of her residency, Jo worked as a registrar in veterinary anaesthesia at the UVTHC until October 2012. In November 2012, Jo commenced work at the University of Queensland Veterinary Medical Centre Gatton as a clinical anaesthetist under the mentorship of Dr Martin Pearson. She remains in this position and has a particular interest in equine anaesthesia.



Kylie Kelers

Veterinary Emergency Medicine and Critical Care

Kylie worked in small animal general practice for several years before joining the Emergency and Critical Care service of the University of Melbourne Veterinary Hospital in 2000. In 2002 she became a member of Emergency and Critical Care Chapter of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists. Kylie spent the next few years obtaining a Masters in Veterinary Science and being a mum before completing Fellowship training in Emergency and Critical Care.



Meng Siak

Veterinary Dermatology

Dr. Siak graduated from Murdoch University Veterinary School, Western Australia, in 2006 with honours. He then spent one year in private practice in tropical far North Queensland, Australia, before returning to Murdoch University to commence an internship in veterinary dermatology. At the end of the internship in 2009, he started a veterinary dermatology resident position at the same institution. In 2011, he successfully attained membership in Canine Medicine by examination. Currently, he is working for Animal Dermatology Clinic-Perth, based within Murdoch University and Perth Veterinary Specialists. He has a special interest in methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus pseudintermedius* (MRSP), having completed a research project in the topic during his residency.



Mika Frances

Veterinary Radiology

Mika graduated from Murdoch University in 1999, and worked in general practice in Adelaide, Melbourne and the UK before returning to Perth in 2007. She obtained Membership in Radiology in 2009 while working at Vetwest Animal Hospitals. After completing a residency at the Veterinary Imaging Centre with Drs Nola Lester, Zoe Lenard, Belinda Hopper and Devon Thompson she has worked at Murdoch University as a Radiology Registrar and is currently employed at the Western Australian Veterinary Specialist and Emergency Centre. Mika has an interest in echocardiography.



NEW FELLOWS

Richard Kuipers von Lande *Small Animal Surgery*

Following graduation from Massey University in 1993 Richard worked briefly in private practice before taking up internship and training posts in the British Isles at the University of Bristol, the Royal Veterinary College and University College of Dublin. Returning down under Richard worked at the University of Sydney Camden before beginning Fellowship training under Dr. Andrew Worth at Massey in 2007. He is interested in all aspects of surgery and veterinary education but is currently catching up with tasks around home, such as sandpit construction for his children Arwen and Ewan, and his wife Beth..



Michelle Logan *Equine Medicine*

Michelle Logan is a veterinarian who graduated from the University of Cambridge, UK in 1999. She came to New Zealand in 2003 and has worked in both the North and South Islands including two and a half years at Massey Equine Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Michelle has gained further qualifications in Equine Medicine and Equine Soft Tissue Surgery and is now based in Southland where she lives on a sheep and beef farm with her husband and their daughter. Michelle also enjoys breeding Warmblood horses on a small scale.

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