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EDITOR'S DESK

Welcome to the Spring edition of the College Courier. Despite the curve balls thrown at us this year, the College continues to adapt to the new environment and behind the scenes are working hard to plan for 2021 examinations and an altered Science Week 2021, with safety taking priority in the planning process.

The past few months has seen the College forge a more digital footprint as we delivered the Online Scientific Series and Abstract Forum and work to develop a space to connect with Chapter executives and Members online. Read more about our online endeavours in the CEO report.

As always, we encourage Member contribution to the College Courier. So, if you have an interesting case study, story or images to share with us please email marketing@anzcvs.org.au

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dr Zoe Lenard, President



As I write this column, we are mid-way through the ANZCVS Online Scientific Series. I have loved logging on and participating in this series and particularly watching live Q and A sessions. Where I have registered but missed the live-action, it has been helpful to log on and review the lectures after the event.

Spread out over two months, this unusual format allowed me to dip into different Chapters than I may have been otherwise able to attend in the regular cycle of on-the-ground Science Week. I have really enjoyed the programs, particularly those by the oncology, anaesthesia and medicine chapters.

The Abstract sessions were provided free of cost to members. In these sessions, members or those in training programs can present their scientific research. It is always great to watch abstracts; even if you think you won't know enough about a subject

or won't be interested, you can see small, concise summaries of topics, outlining the clinical problem, why the research was conducted and what the results were. Provision of free access to the abstract sessions allowed the ANZCVS to support our members in training, who must present at a national or international conference. It also provides any of us with an opportunity to keep up to date or assess where the status of clinical research is up to in Australia and New Zealand. Abstract sessions are grouped by Chapter and Members can view the abstract proceedings online or access the abstracts [here](#).

Council is committed to embracing the changes forced on us by COVID and is using this year to pilot online delivery for Science Week. We rolled out online Chapter and College AGMs without a hitch, and with arguably more attendance than a face-to-face option in many cases (including several

overseas attendees). Whilst we aim for a face-to-face meeting next year at Science Week we will be actively seeking ways to pursue and continue online engagement, in order to maximise the participation across our entire community.

The Fellowship exams which were deferred from June will go ahead in November, with a hybrid online model to minimise the travel of both candidates and examiners. Council is committed to delivering Membership exams in 2021 regardless of the situation with respect to COVID and travel. If you had your exams deferred, or were planning to enrol in 2021, you can be assured that we will do everything in our power to deliver these exams. At the current time, we are working through various scenarios for how delivery may occur.

Council has also instigated an external review of our examination process. Whilst the process has been rigorously reviewed regularly by the Board of Examiners, an external review has not occurred since 2007.

The review will consider both membership and fellowship exams and seek feedback from examiners, Chapters (including the Subject Standards Committee) and candidates. We will be in touch shortly: we would love to hear from you.

As Victoria enters another tough week in lockdown, and the rest of Australia and New Zealand watches the numbers of infections and deaths track downwards, we are reminded that we are all affected by the pandemic.



Throw back to science Week 2019. L-R: Thy Boskovic, Dr Zoe Lenard, Dr Bruce Smith, Dr Mary Anne Hiscutt.

→ CEO REPORT



We are well into the second half of 2020, and although we will all face considerable ongoing challenges for the immediate future, this has presented the College with some great opportunities.

The global health crisis has escalated the need to bring the future to now.

We have all either eagerly or maybe reluctantly accepted some of the digital trends in our society with online banking, shopping, messaging and the like as it has suited our lifestyles. However, the future of working, learning and collaborating remotely over the internet is here, now. Not as a choice but as a necessity.

Collaborating remotely has its challenges, and I want to ensure that all Chapters and Members can achieve this seamlessly, particularly in this new environment. To support this, the College has embarked on some initiatives to be delivered in the coming months:

ONLINE PORTALS FOR ALL CHAPTERS

With so many online services, it can be frustrating trying to remember which Dropbox, Google Drive or email account contains which piece of information. This can be especially true for Chapter members and executives due to infrequent use, compared to their daily professional focus.

For the times when you need to work on Chapter activities, we will provide all the apps and features in one central location, on any device, 24 x 7.

These are full-featured collaboration spaces that include Microsoft Office,



on-demand video conferencing and screen sharing without time and participant restrictions.

MENTORING PROGRAMS

There is a lot of discussion within the Chapters on enhancing and developing their mentoring programs. Even though this is very dependent on the knowledge, experience and volunteering from our members, the College will support and facilitate this by providing a central channel and the necessary applications for delivery.

ONLINE LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

One of the applications that provide the foundations for online learning is a Learning Management System (LMS). A Chapter will be able to create their learning resources with:

- Online course builder
- Payment gateway
- Advanced quizzing
- Prerequisites
- Completion certificates

The solution we implement will also be user friendly to help reduce the learning

curve and make it simple for subject matter experts to create courses.

REFERENCE LIBRARIES

We will be looking to develop a service to create and maintain online libraries of discipline-related reading lists, reference sites and related material. A library will provide full-text searches for any document stored in the reference library. Find any document containing a word or phrase in seconds. Libraries are not limited to documents and may also include other resources like curated lists of credible sites or links to articles.

We will be demonstrating and seeking your feedback on all these solutions in the coming months.

The ability of the College to provide surety around examinations remains a primary focus. We must be able to provide a consistent, quality examinations environment into the future regardless of the current external influences and restrictions. Please be assured all College plans incorporate a high level of agility so that you can be confident in examination delivery for 2021 and beyond.

Take care.

Stephen Alderman
CEO ANZCVS

→ EXAMINATIONS REPORT



The Board of Examiners and College Council with the support from Chapter Fellowship examiners are pleased to confirm that the 2020 Fellowship examinations are planned to go ahead in November, 2020.

After consideration of the current situation with the pandemic and discussion with examiners and candidates, we are now preparing to deliver these examinations in each candidate's State and in New Zealand.

The following is a brief outline of proposed delivery:

- All written, practical and oral examination venues will be invigilated at a candidate's residential state and a New Zealand venue
- Oral examinations will be conducted by Zoom with examiners at their homes/office and the candidate attending at the state venue with an observer

The Board of Examiners will continue to work closely with subject examining teams to ensure delivery of these examinations will be to the high standards the College examinations are known for.

MEMBERSHIP EXAMINATIONS 2021

After careful consideration the Board of Examiners have now announced that applications for Membership Examinations 2021 will open on **October 1ST 2020** and close **November 30TH 2020**.

Prior to October 1ST 2020 you can submit an intention to sit application.

Please note: intention to sit is not confirmation by the College that candidates will be accepted for examination in 2021.

The intention to sit form is available on our website [here](#).

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Pig Health and Production Subject Guidelines

The College is pleased to welcome new Membership subject, **Pig Health and Production**: the subject guidelines are now available for viewing online [here](#).

➔ UPDATE PROJECT OFFICER

➔ Dr Rachel Tan
Project Officer



VETERINARY SPORTS MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION (VSMR)

There has been significant interest in the formation of a new Chapter in Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (VSMR).

Veterinary sports medicine and rehabilitation is defined as a multidisciplinary speciality that encompasses the in depth physical and clinical examination, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of sport and work-related injuries/disorders and rehabilitation of animals' health.

Speciality colleges in Europe and North America exist in Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation. Several College Members and Fellows are VSMR Diplomates.

A survey sent out in the first quarter of the year identified strong support in both canine and equine subjects in this field with a total of 127 people indicating they would like to complete Membership examinations in this subject (Figure 1).

Work is ongoing to progress towards Chapter approval and commence the process of development of Membership examinations. At this time, the focus of the Chapter will be on Membership examinations. Any VSMR diplomates that are interested in becoming foundation Members of the Chapter are encouraged to contact the College for more information.

Interest in Membership Examination

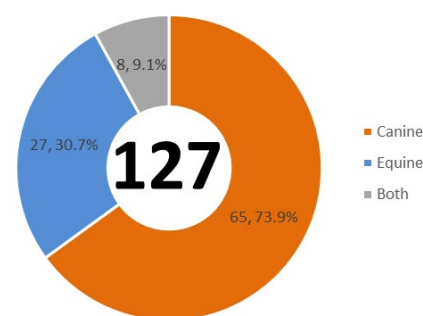


Figure 1: Survey respondents' interest in VSMR Membership examination by subject.

MENTOR PROJECT: CENTRALISED ACCESS TO MENTOR RESOURCES FOR CHAPTERS

Currently, no formal process for training and support of mentors or centralisation of resources is provided by the College. However, there is increasing demand from both Chapters and candidates to develop a professional support network during their time preparing for the Membership and Fellowship examinations in their chosen discipline.

The College is working towards renewing the website and integrating a customer relationship management (CRM) and learning management system (LMS). Given the recent success of the partnership with the Centre for Veterinary Education in the recently released Veterinary Clinical Pharmacology Network (<https://vcpn.anzcvcs.org.au/moodle/>), the College is keen to support similar

endeavours. The current plan is to standardise a package that could be offered to Chapters using an LMS. Given the cost constraints of our organisation this will take a few months to construct.

If your Chapter is interested in participating, please contact me as I have already started some discussions with a few Chapters and their potential requirements.

ELECTRONIC MANAGEMENT OF ASSESSMENT

It has been a trying and uncertain year given the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The staff, Board of Examiners and Council are still evaluating several options that will allow electronic delivery and marking of examinations.

Given that the domestic and international barriers to travel may continue for the foreseeable future there has been significant consideration to ensure that

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candidates are able to still undertake exams and progress in the profession.

Updates will be provided as they occur but please be assured that the College is doing everything possible to ensure that examinations can occur safely.

If you have any questions or feedback on any of the above projects, please contact me via email at po@anzcvcs.org.au.

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Nicole Ottery on +61 2 4957 7106 or
Dr David Tabrett at dtabrett@arecvet.com.au

➔ 2020 AWARDS



Despite Science Week and the Awards Ceremony not proceeding this year, we are pleased to announce the following Award winners:

Fellowship Training Scholarship	Dr Yvette Crowe
The Geoff Robins Research Grant	Dr Sarah Coall
Meritorious Award	Dr Katherine Briscoe
	Dr Gabrielle Musk

Most Commendable Papers:

AVJ	Colditz, I., Paull, D., Lloyd, J., Johnston, L. and Small, A. (2019) Efficacy of meloxicam in a pain model in sheep. Aust Vet J, 97: 23-32, doi:10.1111/avj.12779
NZVJ	EL Cuttance, WA Mason, DA Yang, RA Laven, J McDermott & K Inglis (2019) Effects of a topically applied anaesthetic on the behaviour, pain sensitivity and weight gain of dairy calves following thermocautery disbudding with a local anaesthetic, NZ Vet J, 67:6, 295-305, doi :10.1080/00480169.2019.1640651
International Journal	Edwina JA Wilkes, Jane Heller, Sharanne L Raidal, Robert G Woodgate, and Kristopher J Hughes, 2019. A questionnaire study of parasite control in Thoroughbred and Standardbred horses in Australia. Equine Vet J, 2019;00:1-9, doi: 10.1111/evj.13207

2020 David Bayvel Award for Excellence in Animal Welfare: Dr Sue Foster

I am delighted that the chapter can continue to support this very important award.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the three candidates who were nominated (we actually had five nominations this year, which is a healthy number but two withdrew).

All nominees have achieved much in improving animal welfare which reflects the incredible work by veterinarians and although the Panel were unanimous in the final selection, it must be said that it was still a close decision.

I will now say a few words in honour of Dr David Bayvel, who sadly passed away on the 23 April 2015. He had a long and illustrious career with the New Zealand Government as National AW Director, he was the President of the OIE Animal Welfare Working Group for 10 years, and he joined World Animal Protection as their Chief Veterinary Advisor in 2012, where he helped to ensure that World Animal Protection was working at the heart of the veterinary profession around the world to support and advance animal welfare. Dr Bayvel received several prestigious awards and honours, including the OIE Meritorious Service Award in 2010.

He is sadly missed but his wonderful legacy continues. The recipient of this year's award demonstrates that veterinarians who have vision, passion and commitment can play a significant role in improving the lives of animals. This veterinarian shows that if you have courage and perseverance and use science to question and identify key issues, you can make a difference.

The recipient of this year's award is unique in that they have dedicated thousands of hours of their own time over many years to help improve the lives of millions of animals, unlike many of us, and previous David Bayvel Award recipients, who are employed in the animal welfare field.

This veterinarian has also created opportunities for other vets to speak up on behalf of animals. This veterinarian is an inspiration and symbolises the attributes so close to David's heart and that is showing leadership to advocate for animals in society, underpinned by professional knowledge, integrity and compassion.

The key area that this veterinarian has made a major contribution to is also an area which World Animal Protection of which David was the Chief Veterinary Advisor, has a strong policy. Although this veterinarian will acknowledge that other vets have been involved in this work, the indisputable bulk of the work has been undertaken through their own individual efforts – hundreds of report reviews, thousands of datasets analysed, countless media interviews, social media communications and many meetings and submissions.

I have great pleasure to announce that the 2020 David Bayvel Award for Excellence in Animal Welfare is Dr Sue Foster, who has worked tirelessly for many years in highlighting the welfare issues associated with live animal export, as one of the founders and the spokesperson for Vets Against Live Export. But this is not the only area which Sue has made an outstanding contribution.

The other is PetFAST (Pet Food Adverse Event System of Tracking), which is the first such scheme available worldwide for veterinarians, to register potential adverse effects of foods.

Sue has been involved in all pet food recalls since 2009. All work is pro bono and there has been a lot of work involved. In 2017, a pet food incident in Australia affected over 300 Australian cats; Sue was involved in the rapid product recall and co-ordinated the investigative responses to that incident.

Congratulations Sue, as you are a very worthy recipient of this year's award. In addition to the award recognition, Sue will receive \$950 and a plaque which will be presented at a later date.

*Di Evans, President, Animal Welfare Chapter ANZCVS
9 July 2020*



Dr Sue Foster

THE DAVE HANLON MEMORIAL TRAINING TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

Many of you will be aware of the tragic death of a dear colleague, Dave Hanlon, in January of this year. Dave was a great mentor and supported many fellow veterinarians professionally and through the College. To honour his life the Animal Reproduction Chapter and College are launching a fund raiser In September to establish a training scholarship to support veterinarians preparing to sit their membership or fellowship exams in Animal Reproduction. The funding will support training activities that enhance recipients' preparedness to sit these exams. Mary Anne and her team have now kindly established an online portal to receive donations to support this scholarship. Find out more about how to donate here: www.anzcv.org.au/davehanlon-donation/

*Michael McGowan
President Animal Reproduction Chapter*

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Online Scientific Series July - Sep 2020



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The ANZCVS Online Scientific Series was held in August and September this year. Nine Chapters participated in the series, delivering 28 scientific sessions and over 800 attendees registered to watch live or on-demand.

The Chapters who conducted a program in the Online Scientific Series were:

- Small Animal Medicine
- Medicine and Management of Lab Animals
- Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia
- Veterinary Public Health and Veterinary Epidemiology
- Veterinary Behaviour
- Oncology
- Equine
- Emergency and Critical Care

Preliminary feedback from attendees and presenters has been fantastic, with many Chapters eager to continue delivering educational content online as part of their annual calendar of activities.

Thank you to the Chapter Convenors who worked hard to make this event possible and the College staff who worked behind the scenes to bring this series to life.

A huge thank you to our College and Chapter sponsors for their support of this event as well.

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Online Abstract Forum July - Sep 2020



The College was pleased to deliver scientific abstract presentations as part of the Online Scientific Series. The Board of Examiners determined that online abstract presentations would meet training credentialing requirements, which meant that residents still had the opportunity present even though Science Week was cancelled.

Five Chapters delivered an abstract session and the event was free for anyone to attend.

The following Chapters held an abstract forum this year:

- Veterinary Epidemiology
- Veterinary Oncology
- Surgery
- Veterinary Public health
- Small Animal Medicine and Feline

Abstracts Proceedings

We are pleased to present the proceedings for Chapter abstract programs. They can be viewed online [here](#).

ON-DEMAND VIEWING

The programs in the Scientific Series are still available to be purchased to watch on demand and will be available until the end of November this year.

[Register online here](#) to watch sessions on-demand.



➔ NZ REPORT



Dr Allen Bryce

THE NEW ZEALAND NETWORK OF THE COLLEGE UPDATE

The network now has 131 paid up members, and 104 members of the network's Facebook group. Communication with members is by email and Facebook.

The Network held its first AGM by Zoom on 21 July, with 39 financial members participating. Guest speaker, College member Dr Mary Van Andel, gave a great talk on her experiences working with the Ministry of Health on the

COVID-19 response, titled *Disease response epidemiology – the Swiss army knife of applied veterinary careers*.

The Network's Charter was approved, and has since been approved by College Council with minor amendments. The Interim Committee was replaced with a new elected committee:

- President: Wayne Ricketts
- Secretary: Lynsey Earl
- Treasurer and College Council liaison: Allen Bryce

- North Island Convenor: Lotte Cantley
- South Island Convenor: Janine Van Dam
- Other committee members: Michelle Dicken / Logan, Allen Petrey

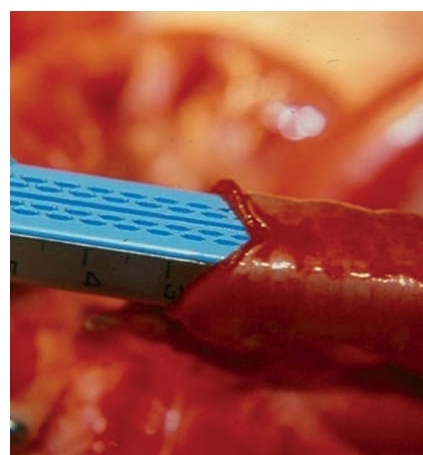
We are keen to attract more of the New Zealand-based members of the College to join the Network. Geographically, the greatest number of New Zealand-based members of the College (65) are in the Auckland region, followed by Manawatu (48), Wellington (47), Waikato (41) and Canterbury (40).

Other regions have much fewer members. By Chapter membership, the greatest numbers are in Epidemiology (39), Small Animal Medicine (34), Cattle (30), Surgery (27) and Equine (22). Our earlier plans for in-person meetings were scuttled by COVID-19 restrictions. We expect to hold our first in-person Network meeting in early November.

Given the current uncertainties regarding COVID-19, the Committee is wary about planning an in-person meeting in Auckland. The meeting is being planned for Wellington, with one or two interesting speakers and a great opportunity for socialising as well.

Those not able to attend in person should be able to participate online. We may also be able to arrange a satellite get-together in Palmerston North.

All New Zealand-based members of the College are encouraged to participate in this historic first in-person meeting of the Network – either in the flesh or online. Look for the details in your email.



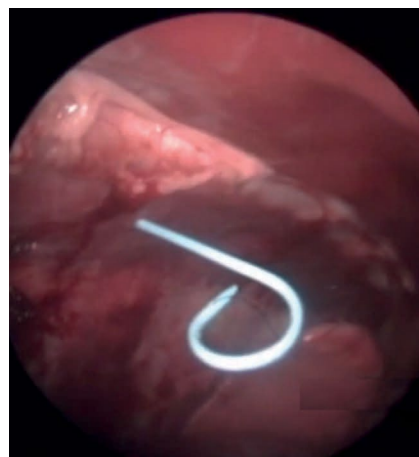
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➔ CHAPTERS

ANIMAL WELFARE CHAPTER

We are pleased to announce that Dr Sue Foster, is a very worthy recipient of this year's David Bayvel Award. Sue has, and continues to make, a major contribution to the cessation of live animal export – an area in which World Animal Protection (of which David was the Chief Veterinary Advisor) has a strong policy.

The full announcement can be read on page 8 of the College Courier.



2020 AGM Notes

The Chapter is pleased to announce that the incumbent office bearers will continue. Great appreciation was expressed for the work of the committee over the past year.

- President – Di Evans
- Secretary – Kat Littlewood
- Treasurer – Anne Fawcett

A new award 'The Veterinary Student Animal Welfare Publication Scholarship Award' was also supported. The Awardee will receive \$250 towards

attendance at Science Week to present a poster of their work. Eligibility includes any veterinary student, undergraduate or postgraduate and the paper will have been accepted for publication which has a strong focus on animal welfare or ethics within the last 18 months. The aim is to select up to four papers each year the award is offered. Development of the award will continue over the next six months.

Di Evans

President Animal Welfare Chapter

EMERGENCY AND CRITICAL CARE CHAPTER

It goes without saying that this year so far has been one of, if not, the most challenging periods of our lives.

I write this with all veterinarians in mind, and the persistent effort every one of you has made in not faltering from your ability to get the job done for your communities pets, and improve upon your own veterinary skills and knowledge in the face of change is extraordinary.

For Science Week this year, the Chapter has had one of the largest abstract submissions seen to date, and despite the challenges we have and continue to face.

A specific thankyou must be extended to all the volunteer staff from the Chapter executive committee, scientific committee, subject examiners, including College staff and volunteers in working their way through the current climate and being able to provide a program this year to stay

connected and up to date. We hope we were able to provide all current and future ECC chapter candidates with a glimmer of hope that we are all still here and willing to learn.

A small thank you to all members was offered this year for your ongoing contribution to the Chapter by providing free access to the virtual online Science Week setting. This has been a difficult year so far, and though we aren't finished with it yet, I am sure there will be some glasses clinking and lots of cheering when we can all meet again soon. Everyone stay safe, and be proud to be part of a profession that can continue to help pet owners in a time of need.

FELINE CHAPTER

As we head into the latter part of 2020, facing yet more travel restrictions and lockdowns, we here at the Feline Chapter are brainstorming ways that we can continue to connect (albeit remotely) with all of you.

We are currently looking into ways we can launch an online platform to provide feedback and interaction, to tide us all over until we can properly meet again! Watch this space.

We'd like to remind the Feline Chapter members that you are all eligible to become part of the ISFM Feline Academy, an online forum that is great for discussing cases and general feline topics with other veterinarians with a special interest in cats. If you have any queries regarding signing up to the Academy, please don't hesitate to get in touch with one of us.



The Medicine of Cats membership exams have now been postponed to 2021 and we are anticipating running our biannual Feline Masterclass in 2021 also.

As always, we welcome any member who is interested in contributing further to the Feline Chapter. It is always great to have fresh ideas and insight!

We thank you for your ongoing support and hope that you are all staying safe and well.

The Chapter Executive:
Katherine Briscoe
Rachel Korman
Keshuan Chow

MEDICINE AND MANAGEMENT OF LABORATORY ANIMALS

The 2020 AGM was held via zoom Friday 17 July.

Following elections, the current executive are:

President: Julie Ferguson
Secretary: Yvette Ellen

Treasurer: Lewis Vaughan
General Committee member:
Lydia Pethick

Non-executive positions:

Science Week Convener:
Gabrielle Musk

Subject Standards Committee:
Gabrielle Musk, Elizabeth Dodemaide

Subject Examination Committee: Julie Ferguson (Chair), Jennifer Kingham (Head Examiner), Irma Villaflor (Assistant Examiner)

Web Site Co-ordinator: John Inns

A thank you to all office bearers with special acknowledgement of Malcolm France for the work he has done as secretary and obtaining sponsorship for Science Week.

As part of ANZCVS Online Scientific Series 2020, the MMLA Chapter presented a two hour webinar in lieu of its planned live program that would have been part of the College's annual Science Week.

There were fifty participants in the webinar with a further thirty registered to participate on line at a later date.

Registration was complimentary thanks to the generous sponsorship provided by Speciality Feeds, Biological Associates and Karl Storz-Endoscope

Thankyou to Gabrielle Musk, who co-ordinated the seminar, and to our speakers who presented very interesting and relevant talks.

Chapter business activities in the past year have been limited to updating the MMLA Chapter membership guidelines and preparing for the online scientific series.

Dr France reported that there had been discussion about developing an openness agreement for animal research in Australia and New Zealand. Drs Salinsky and France had been working on this. A drafting group was about to be convened of representatives of peak bodies in each country, with the draft to be circulated to stakeholders.

Members who want to contribute both material and feedback to the Chapter are invited to contact the executive members.

Julie Ferguson
presidentlabanimals@anzcv.org.au

ONCOLOGY CHAPTER

The Oncology chapter has been adapting to the current pandemic by embracing online activities. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Kathleen O'Connell and Penny Brown, we have been able to enjoy the first two of three online presentations as part of the COVID-friendly Scientific Series in lieu of Science week.

The first keynote speaker was Dr David Lurie, who presented on the topic he is most passionate about, radiation therapy. It was a fascinating and inciteful talk with topics including stereotactic radiation therapy, definitive regimes and strontium plesiotherapy with a case-based approach throughout. Thank you so much to David and to all of those who attended on the evening and afterwards via the on-demand viewing option.

Dr Kathleen Cooney, a world leader in hospice care, presented her first lecture on animal hospice care and aftercare including a fascinating discussion of a new option for liquid or water-based cremation or aquamation (a phrase coined in Australia).

Kathleen is located in Colorado and pre-recorded her presentation, however she very kindly attended a Q&A session afterwards (rising very early in the US to do so) facilitating further discussion on end of life care and the burgeoning aquamation industry, including the business opportunity it holds for hospitals. We look forward to her presentation "Euthanasia in the modern Age: the good death revolution is upon us" in early September.

Oncology residents, Drs Natalie Adby and Michaela Swan presented for the Oncology Online Abstract Forum this year. They both gave fascinating and well delivered presentations regarding the latest research and developments in oncology. Michaela discussed CRISPR technology and showed an ability to present rather challenging scientific principles in a very clear and concise manner.

Natalie reviewed immune checkpoint inhibitors, doing a fantastic job of pronouncing all of those difficult monoclonal antibody names, and more importantly, discussing the relevance of these breakthroughs and drug developments within Veterinary Oncology.

We also recently held a successful Zoom AGM with many in attendance on a Friday afternoon (thanks to those who were able to make it!). Dr Sandra Nguyen has moved into the role of Secretary, Dr Claire Cannon has taken on the role of Treasurer and I have moved into the role of President.

Dr Valerie Poirier was a new appointment within the Subjects Standards Committee and she will perform this role from her position in Canada – thank you Valerie! Drs Kathleen O'Connell and Penny Brown will continue their roles of the Science Week co-ordinators in 2021, in which ever fashion we are able to host this (online or in person), and Dr Neil Christensen will continue as the website administrator. If any chapter members have any news or information to share on the website, please contact Neil (email address is in the Chapter list). We also passed a motion to internally publish our email addresses, to facilitate further discussions within the Chapter. This can be utilised for challenging or unusual cases, drug shortages, clinical trials etc.

Finally, the decision has been made to deliver our Fellowship examinations remotely using online platforms (Zoom) for the oral examination in November. We can appreciate that this pandemic has created a great deal of uncertainty at a time which is already quite stressful. We wish our two candidates the best of luck.

If anyone has any suggestions for our chapter and/or would like to get more involved, please don't hesitate to reach out (presidentvetonco@anzcv.org.au).

Stay safe,
Dr Laura Brockley

OPHTHALMOLOGY CHAPTER

While 2020 has not turned out to be the year that anyone anticipated, the Ophthalmology Chapter has managed to keep busy during the months of lockdown by planning wonderful programs for Science Week 2021 and the 2021 Ophthalmology Chapter interim meeting in beautiful Margaret River, time and date to be confirmed.

There has also been a changing of the guard in the Ophthalmology Executive Committee. The newly anointed executive committee members (pictured at right from right to left) include Dr James White in the position of Chapter Treasurer, or as we like to call him, "Master of Coin," Dr Hayley Volk in the position of Chapter Secretary, or "Madame Secretary" if you please, and finally Dr Kellam Bayley as both Examiner ("The Inquisitor") and Editorial Board member of the prestigious Veterinary Ophthalmology journal.

As the new committee members step gingerly into their roles, it is with sincere gratitude for the torchbearers that paved the way before them.

Our heartfelt thanks are extended to outgoing committee members Dr Jessica Nevile and Dr Kate Hindley, Chapter Secretaries Extraordinaire, Dr Martyn King, Chapter Treasurer/ Examiner/"King" Amongst Men, and Dr Edith Hampson, a diligent, kind, committed and highly capable Veterinary Ophthalmology Editorial Board member.

Their years of dedication to the Ophthalmology Chapter have been invaluable and they will be dearly missed.

To our fellow Chapters and colleagues, keep your heads up and your hands clean! We look forward to seeing you again at Science Week next year.

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PHARMACOLOGY CHAPTER

Our virtual AGM was held via Zoom on Thursday the 9th of July, and we all agreed we would rather have been enjoying Science Week at the Gold Coast than beaming in from our living rooms.

However, we had a full and interactive meeting with the online forum working well. The Pharmacology Chapter will try to make sure we offer a Zoom option for all future AGMs so that Chapter members can easily participate, irrespective of attending Science Week or not.

This will also help any member wanting to fulfil their 'chapter participation' (criteria 3) requirements for the new MOC (maintenance of credentials) program when this comes into play for new members in 2021.

We are pleased that the Veterinary Clinical Pharmacology Network (VCPN) website will now be hosted by the College (previously hosted by Continuing Veterinary Education – CVE) and will be available to members via the College website. If you are an active user of this site, you should have received your updated access details. The executive cannot thank Jo Griffiths, our site coordinator, enough for her tireless work in managing this site so brilliantly, and particularly for all the hard work she has put into the recent site transition.

The Chapter is currently in the process of updating and improving our pharmacology study course which is provided to our examination candidates. An exciting new development is that the College has negotiated a new deal regarding copyright for the articles and excerpts we use in our modules. Our new

arrangement will allow any Chapter member to access the updated modules and resources. Please contact our Chapter secretary Gail Versluis (secretarypharmacology@anzcvs.org.au) if you would like to arrange access.

For our candidates that enrolled to sit their examinations in 2020, these have been delayed to 2021. New applications for this examination period will not be accepted. Thus, any candidate wishing to apply to sit examinations will be able to apply for 2022. Our examinations will continue every second year as usual from 2022.

Finally, the Chapter executive would like to heartily thank our outgoing president Dr Megan Lui for her fantastic work steering the Chapter and Science Week committee in the past year. Of note, Megan helped to organise a very successful pharmacology conference for the Chapter earlier in the year that just managed to beat the COVID-19 restrictions, enabling us to enjoy at least some face-to-face pharmacology CPD for 2020. As Megan becomes our Past President, we welcome a new President Elect, Mac Kneipp. Thanks Mac, for stepping up to this role!

Melody de Laat

SMALL RUMINANT CHAPTER

Numnuts Zoom presentation

The President, wearing her SE Qld AVA branch hat, took part in a free Zoom webinar about Barbervax and Numnuts. The speaker was Robin Smith, an industrial designer, who played a critical role in the development of both products with his father, a veterinary scientist from Moredun in Scotland. Robin now lives in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. It was an interesting insight into the many steps involved from a concept to eventual commercial production. COVID-19 has severely limited the promotional events that were planned for Numnuts but webinars have helped.



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