Marking 100 years of graduating veterinarians
Annual conference convenes for continuing education and camaraderie

A Century of Excellence continues in the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM). This year, the 69th Annual Conference for Veterinarians followed the CVM's 2005 centennial theme by recognizing its 100th year of graduating veterinarians.

“Our college enjoys many strong traditions, one of them being the annual conference, which gives us the perfect opportunity to salute our alumni,” said Dr. Ralph Richardson, dean and graduating veterinarian with the class of 1970. “The list of classes represented by this year’s attendees is quite long and impressive — the earliest being from the class of 1945. Also, a DVD video was shown at the Monday evening banquet featuring recollections of dozens of graduates from different decades.”

Copies of the DVD were given to those attending the banquet. Several awards were presented too. See Page 2 for more on that story.

Sessions and activities
One of the primary goals of the annual conference is to provide continuing education and support to professional veterinarians. A wide variety of sessions and labs were held on important topics ranging from large and small animal health issues to global issues on disease containment and prevention. Several of the labs gave veterinarians hands-on opportunities to try new techniques and procedures.

A new feature in this year’s conference was clinical research and case study presentations, with 16 different topics for large, small and exotic animal issues.

Tours of the Kansas Veterinary Diagnostic Lab and Biosecurity Research Institute were conducted. There was also the 13th annual scholarship golf tournament, which raised more than $5,000 for CVM scholarships. The Kansas Veterinary Medicine Association held its annual trade show at the Union.

Conference highlights are featured throughout this issue of Lifelines. The Web site is: http://www.vet.k-state.edu/CE/AnnConf07/index.htm for more about the conference. Be sure to mark your calendar for next year's conference, June 1-4, 2008.

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CVM honors alumni — Drs. Upson, Ingmire and Phillips

Three of CVM’s distinguished alumni were honored at the annual conference on June 4: Drs. Dan Upson, Cecil W. Ingmire and Robert M. Phillips.

The Class of 1962 Endowment for Veterinary Medicine was established to support an ongoing lecture-ship to be held in honor of Dr. Upson, who is a member of the class of 1952. Dr. Upson spoke at Monday’s luncheon and introduced K-State’s new men’s head basketball coach, Frank Martin (see next page) and athletics fundraiser Chad Weiberg, who gave an update on construction projects at Bramlage Coliseum.

Dr. Ingmire received the 2007 Distinguished Alumnus Award and Dr. Phillips was named as the recipient of the 2007 E.R. Frank Award. Both awards were presented at the Heritage Evening dinner. Dr. Ingmire is a member of the class of 1947 and Dr. Phillips graduated with the class of 1951.

CVM helps GROW national award

CVM recently engineered an important role in helping K-State’s Girls Researching Our World (GROW) program earn national recognition. The Women in Engineering Programs and Advocates Network (WEPAN) presented its Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day Award to the GROW program on June 12 in Orlando, Fla.

“Last year, the College of Veterinary Medicine hosted approximately 100 middle school girls for a Saturday event called ‘All for Animal Health,’” said Dr. Lisa Freeman, associate dean for research and graduate programs.

GROW also holds a three-day science, technology, engineering and mathematics camp each June. This year, CVM offered three events.

Don’t forget the first annual 5K “Run 4 Rabies” is being held Sept. 9. SCAVMA, Kansas State Rabies Diagnostic Laboratory, the new International Club and other students and faculty are organizing the run in conjunction with World Rabies Day on Sept. 8, 2007. Also planned is a concert highlighting local talent, food vendors and promotional materials on rabies education and animal-bite prevention. The events will be held in CICO Park from 12-4 p.m. Contact Mylissia Stukey at mstukey@vet.k-state.edu for more info.

Dr. Dryden dedicates center

Dr. Michael Dryden’s dedication to tick-related research has led to the June 16 dedication of a state-of-the-art research building located on the hill behind the vet med complex. The facility, sponsored by Merial, will be used for researching ticks and tick-related diseases in dogs and cats.

“This facility not only benefits me, but it will be here for the future and can be utilized by other faculty,” Dr. Dryden said.
We also heard Scott Adams, creator of the Dilbert cartoon series. Adams first worked in the corporate world, but realized after 20 years that he was not on the corporate track to advancement. He dabbled in cartooning, but wasn’t successful until United Feature Syndicate picked up his cartoon series for nationwide distribution. He showed us many examples of his cartoons that were pulled from publication because his editors felt they would be offensive for various reasons. Of course, Scott always managed to redo or apologize in his humorous, but biting and deeply insightful manner.

Next month I’ll be sharing more from the conference.

Cindy Logan and I recently attended the Special Library Association (SLA) Conference in Denver. SLA has information professionals who work with varied clients. The commonality that they share is providing specialized, individualized library/information services to scientific, business, medical and corporate communities as well as other diverse groups such as divinity schools, military and defense contractors to name a few groups represented.

At the opening conference session, Cindy and I heard Cindy and I heard Al Gore, who stated that the evidence that global warming is occurring is irrefutable. He is contributing all his energies and resources to reverse and mend the effects of the warming on our planet. When asked by a member of the audience about running for president in 2008, Gore replied that he had larger goals for himself right now and campaigning would deter these goals. He encouraged audience members to join his group of 1,000 Americans trained to deliver his slide show called “The Climate Project,” based on his Oscar-winning movie, “An Inconvenient Truth.” See http://www.sla.org/content/Events/conference/ac2007/conference/keynoters/al gore/video.cfm for an Al Gore video.

Several sessions and activities were held at this year’s conference. Incoming oncologist Dr. Dudley McCaw (left) makes a presentation on radiation therapy in Forum Hall at the Union. The K-State Alumni Center made a perfect gathering place for the Heritage Evening Reception and Dinner. Guests (bottom left) visited in the Alumni Center lobby before dinner. Roughly $5,000 was raised for scholarships at the 13th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament held at Colbert Hills. Dr. Mike Hodgson (bottom right), class of 1981, tees off at the fifth hole.

Conference attendees heard from K-State’s new men’s head basketball coach, Frank Martin. Promoted from assistant under the former head coach, Martin expects to build on the team’s success, both on and off the court, in addition to recruiting top players to come play at K-State.

More snapshots from the 69th Annual Conference

Meet the new coach

Frank Martin

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Hasta la vista, Dr. Garcia

The VMTH recently said “Adios” to Dr. Enrique Garcia Flores, professor at the University of Guadalajara, Mexico. He spent five weeks at K-State updating his knowledge and skills in equine theriogenology.

Dr. Garcia worked alongside K-State equine theriogenologist Dr. Maria Ferrer, as well as students, faculty, house officers and technicians to diagnose, manage and treat a variety of relevant cases.

“Dr. Ferrer was very patient and friendly,” Dr. Garcia said. “She taught me about equine reproduction, but more importantly, showed her passion for teaching students.”

Dr. Ferrer said, “We enjoyed having Dr. Garcia with us and hope this is the beginning of a relationship that will promote collaboration and interaction between students and faculties from both universities.”

CVM News Ticker

Dr. Dan Thomson spoke to the Southwest Iowa Cattle Raisers, in Red Oak, Iowa, on June 11. He also spoke to 40 practitioners in Kansas City on June 12 and at Pfizer in Des Moines, Iowa on June 13.

Dr. Armbrust spoke at the ACVIM Conference in Seattle on June 7, 8 and 9 on feline and canine ultrasound labs and techniques in radiography and imaging.

Dr. Hodgson is assisting the faculty of veterinary medicine in Kabul University, Afghanistan, starting June 2007 for a six-month period. He will be teaching veterinary students about providing diagnostic and clinical service and helping with curriculum development. We wish Dr. Hodgson the best of luck and look forward to his return.

Dr. Hans Coetzee spoke at the Kwazulu-Natal Midlands Farmers Day in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, on June 10 and at the Livestock Health and Production Conference in Pretoria, South Africa, on June 21 and 22.

Dr. Greg Grauer attended the “Summit Meeting” held by the Denver Area Veterinary Medical Society in Vail, Colo., on June 22. He presented 11 hours on Upper and Lower Urinary Tract Disorders at the Georgia State Summer Meeting in Ponte Verde, Fla., on June 28 and 29.

CVM NewsTicker

Dr. Enrique Garcia Flores takes the reins on his visit from Guadalajara, Mexico, where he teaches equine theriogenology.

new arrivals

Jessica L.A. Anderson - DMP- VDL
Mitzi J. Wegman - ARF
Sandhya Bathini - Cats
Scott A Hahn - DMP
Snehal Tawde - DMP
Lin-Hua (Florence) Wang – DMP
Sean Smith - DMP
James T. Fox - DMP
Sundeep Venkata V. Gopisetty - ITC
Kyunghee Kim - A&P
Danny Lightfoot – ARF

recent departures

Mitzi J. Wegman - ARF
Jacque Staats - DMP
Nancy Dailey - A&P
Michael Leser - DMP
Keiichi Kuroki - DMP
Dai Young Kim - DMP
Sambasiva Rao Tadepalli - DMP
Peter Sultana - DMP
Mehrdad A. Mahabadi - DMP
Su-Ann Murdock - DMP

Under the microscope:

Dave Adams
Photographer/ITC

Place of birth: Phillipsburg, Kan.

Family information: Wife, Carol, and son, Grant

Pets: Max and Molly, golden retriever/lab mix

Favorite toy as a child? Bicycle

Best movie you’ve seen in the past year: Wild Hogs

Describe your perfect weekend: Boating and camping at the lake

Favorite season: Fall, because of all the color

Most enjoyable class in high school: Woodworking

If money were no object, what would you do with your life? Travel the world photographing everything of interest

Words to live by: Don’t take any wooden nickels!