

Heads of the class

Physiology journal recognizes Drs. Erickson and Poole

Two of a kind is usually a good poker hand, but at K-State, it's a sign of national distinction. In its December 2007 publication, the journal *Advances in Physiology Education* included two A&P professors in a list of 13 profiles of renowned physiology teachers within the American Physiological Society: Drs. Howard Erickson and David Poole. This list includes physiology teachers from non-veterinary programs, so it demonstrates how well K-State is recognized for its A&P educational program.

Dr. Erickson and Dr. Poole had already earned a shared distinction by being named recipients of excellence awards in 2006. These awards were part of the reason why they were named to this list of accomplished physiology teachers in the publication.

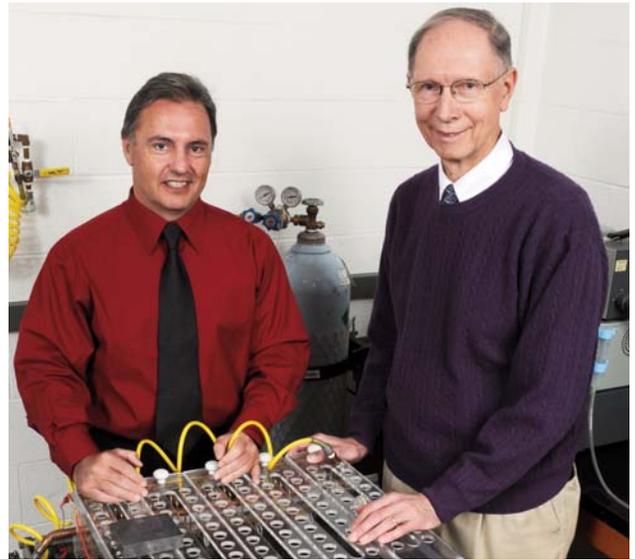
Dr. Erickson was given the 2006 IVX Animal Health Teaching Excellence Award for outstanding instruction of first-year veterinary medicine students. This award has had National Science Foundation support and is driven from the nominations of first-year veterinary medicine students. In addition to his teaching expertise, Dr. Erickson was recognized for contributions to a veterinary telemedicine project and for his appointment as the Roy W. Upham Professor of Veterinary Medicine from

2001-2004.

"We have outstanding students in our College who have a very strong desire to learn physiology and veterinary medicine," Dr. Erickson said. "It is an honor and pleasure to have the opportunity to work with them in the first year and to be recognized by them."

Dr. Poole is cited as an international authority on oxygen transport in exercise and disease states. He received the 2006 Merial Teaching Excellence Award, which resulted from nominations from first-year veterinary students.

"I have always believed that teaching and cutting-edge research should go hand-in-hand," Dr. Poole said. "What we discover in research gives us the ability and mandate to profess in the classroom. Effective teaching begins with establishing a rapport with the students and capturing their interest. Humor, historical precedence — and maybe a little Shakespeare — as well as applicability of the information are all essential to this process. Receipt of the



Drs. David Poole and Howard Erickson share a moment in the treadmill lab. They were listed as notable teachers in the journal *Advances in Physiology Education*.

Merial Award and the 'Advances in Physiology Education' accolade reflects student opinion that this approach works and, as such, they are especially rewarding — and humbling."

Dr. Blecha, head of A&P, said, "This recognition says a lot about our physiology program. We know that we have world-class teachers in our lecture rooms and laboratories. The American Physiological Society recognition of Drs. Erickson and Poole's teaching excellence proclaims that sentiment loud and clear!"



K-State Telefund 2008: Making the Connection

Sign up to be a volunteer at this year's Telefund. The CVM session runs Feb. 3 and 4. Read more inside this issue and online:

<http://www.vet.k-state.edu/depts/development/telefund.htm>

Dr. Chengappa wins prestigious Karuna Award in India

Being honored in your hometown is always nice, even if you have to travel around the world to receive it. Such was the case this past December for Dr. M.M. Chengappa, University Distinguished Professor and Diagnostic Medicine/ Pathobiology department head in the CVM. He was honored by the Karuna Trust for National Progress in Bangalore, India, with its 2007 award.

Dr. Chengappa had received his DVM and Master of Veterinary Science at Mysore Veterinary College in Bangalore in 1970 and 1973 respectively, so this was a homecoming for him to be back in Bangalore.

"I was truly honored and humbled to be recognized for this award," Dr. Chengappa said. "It's a tremendous recognition for what I've done with my career. It's a privilege to work at K-State with so many good people who have had such an impact on my career, growth and development as a researcher."

Dr. Chengappa was cited by the Karuna Trust for several accomplishments including his research into the pathogenesis of important infectious diseases of animals, specifically molecular characterization and functional analysis of the antigens/toxins of *Streptococcus suis*, *Pasteurella haemolytica*, and *Fusobac-*

terium necrophum. He was also cited for his administrative accomplishments of serving the Dean's Administrative Council. In addition, it was pointed out that he has been a professor and guide to as many as eight graduate students and three post doctoral scholars and has four patents to his credit.

"He stands by his ideology that he has to give back by teaching," said Dr. B.C. Ramakrishna, chairman and managing trustee of the



Dr. M.M. Chengappa, left, receives the Karuna Trust award from Dr. B.C. Ramakrishna, chairman of the trust.

Karuna Trust for National Progress. "His love and compassion toward animals is to be believed for his very intent is toward making their lives less painful from the rigors of present day living."

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By Carol Elmore

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KBA names Dr. Richt state's first Bioscience Eminent Scholar

Although he hasn't officially set foot on campus yet, Dr. Juergen Richt is bringing more prestige to the university through a recent accomplishment. K-State's incoming Regents Distinguished Professor, has been named a 2008 Kansas Bioscience Eminent Scholar by the Kansas Bioscience Authority.

The designation was approved Jan. 16 by the authority's board.

"I am very proud to represent Kansas State University as one of the state's first-ever eminent scholars," Richt said. "As a Kansas Bioscience Eminent Scholar, I will work diligently to find new ways to combat the animal diseases that threaten the nation's food supply and our national and state economy."

The Kansas Bioscience Eminent Scholars Program is designed to attract distinguished bioscience researchers to Kansas research institutions, along with



Dr. Juergen Richt, Regents Distinguished Professor and Kansas' first Bioscience Eminent Scholar joins the CVM in April.

their research and commercialization activities. An eminent scholar is a relatively new hire and an individual acknowledged as a scholar of distinction by national measures. The honor also comes with roughly \$2 million in research funding over the next five years. K-State will match those funds.

Richt, an expert in emerging zoonotic diseases, is a veterinary microbiologist who has worked with multiple agents of zoonotic potential, including bovine

spongiform encephalopathy, also known as mad cow disease; chronic wasting disease; animal flu; borna virus; and other emerging diseases. Zoonotic diseases, those that can be transmitted between humans and animals, are a growing concern for public health.

Richt is currently lead scientist at the USDA National Animal Disease Center. He joins K-State as Regents Distinguished Professor in April.

K-State Telefund 2008: Making the connection

Students in the CVM have a chance to help their college by volunteering for Telefund 2008. The calling sessions are scheduled for Feb. 3 from 1 to 5 p.m. and Feb. 4 from 5 to 9 p.m. Students



will call alumni to seek support for scholarships in the CVM. Participants earn prizes for participating and several grand prize packages are awarded through a random drawing. The top grand prize is a Nissan Versa. Visit www.found.ksu.edu/telefund for more information about Telefund.



CVM students make calls to alumni during Telefund 2007.

Teaching online: Tools for putting your class on the Web



Gina Scott from DISC and Cathy Rodriguez from ITAC give a training session to CVM faculty on using K-State Online.

K-State offers a feature called K-State Online that makes it easy for faculty to place course material online and to get work done on their schedule, in their way. Users can work on assignments, tests and group projects or participate in

class discussions or surveys any time of day, wherever they are.

The CVM offered special sessions in January to help CVM faculty and staff take advantage of this resource. Gina Scott, instructional services coordinator, from the Digital Information Services Center (DISC) in the CVM Library, conducted the sessions along with help from Cathy Rodriguez from the Information Technology Assistance Center (ITAC) on campus. The session went over the basics on how to create a course, create manual assignments and how to manage and organize content.

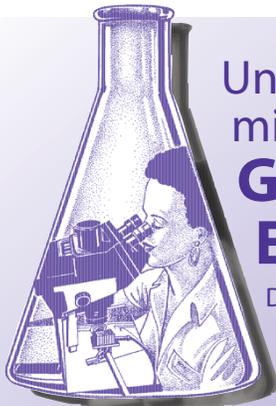
"In the course we held, we covered some of the basics," Scott said. "K-State Online has many features such as giving online quizzes where you can create your own bank of questions and it is graded as the students take the quiz."

Knowing that it is hard for faculty to

attend scheduled sessions, DISC offers group and one-on-one sessions to better work with your schedule. These sessions can be arranged by contacting Gina Scott at 785-532-6307 or by e-mail: scott@vet.ksu.edu.



Participants learn how to upload lecture videos onto the Web site for students to watch later.



Under the microscope:
Gail Eyestone

Dean's Office
Administrative
Assistant



Place of birth: Topeka, Kan.

Pets: Two cats

What's a talent you have that your co-workers don't know about? I speak Spanish.

What's your biggest pet peeve? Non-responses to emails requesting information.

What was your favorite toy as a child? Barbie doll

Best part of the Super Bowl: The commercials

What's the most recent book you've read? "Bel Canto" by Ann Patchett

If you could meet a celebrity, who would it be? My previous career was in the film and television industry, so I've met lots of celebrities. Mostly they are just like everyone else in our lives — they are just rich and famous.

A new development

Kramer takes fundraising post in College of Education



Marty Kramer moves to his new office at the KSU Foundation.

The CVM Alumni and Development Office has announced that Development Officer Marty Kramer accepted the position of director of development for the K-State College of Education. He starts Feb. 4.

Marty's background in education is a good match for the college's development program. He earned his bachelor's degree in education, was a teacher and coach for six years and has been a school board member.

"We wish Marty good luck and continued success," said CVM Director of Development Chris Gruber. "Any questions

regarding the donors or alumni he was working with can be directed to me until Marty's replacement is hired."

CVM News Ticker

Dr. Mike Apley spoke at the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute-VAST in Tampa, Fla., on Jan. 24. He also presented at the Ontario VMA on Jan. 31.

Dr. Shelie Laffin and RD Laffin had two healthy babies born Dec. 27 around 8 a.m. The babies included a girl, Ellie, who weighed 5.11 lbs. and a boy, Tate, who weighed 6.4 lbs. Congratulations!

Dr. Brian Lubbers spoke at the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute-VAST in Tampa on Jan. 24.

Dr. Greg Grauer spoke in Orlando, Fla., on Jan. 20 and 22.

Dr. Brad White presented at the North American Veterinary Conference in Orlando, Fla.

Dr. Bob Larson presented at the Oklahoma VMA Conference on Jan. 25.

new arrivals welcome

- Sailesh Menon - DM/P
- Greg Scott - DM/P - VDL
- Andrew Suddith - DM/P - VDL
- Tracy Miesener - Dean's Office/ARF

recent departures thanks

- Stephanie A. Barrett - Dean's Office/ARF
- Sara Billings - A&P
- Sarah K. Strouse - DM/P
- Marty Kramer - Alumni & Development

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