Pair of professors win Iman Awards
Drs. Dan Marcus and Derek Mosier join distinguished group of teachers

With the holidays near, we really start to appreciate all the good things we have around us — one of those things being our superb faculty here at K-State. The Dr. Ron and Rae Iman Outstanding Faculty Awards are given to two K-State faculty every year — one for research and the other teaching. Both of this year’s nominees are located in the College of Veterinary Medicine: Dr. Dan Marcus and Dr. Derek Mosier.

Recipients of the Iman Award are nominated by fellow colleagues. They have to be full-time faculty and are required to have a minimum of five years work at the university. Being a university-wide award, it is fairly uncommon to see both awards going to faculty in the same college. Each award winner receives $5,000.

Dr. Daniel Marcus, University Distinguished Professor in anatomy and physiology received the research award for the contributions he made in his field.

Dr. Blecha, University Distinguished Professor and department head for anatomy and physiology, had this to say: “Dr. Marcus has established and maintained a firm international reputation as THE expert in physiology and biophysics of the stria vascularis.”

Dr. Marcus is nationally known for his research and experience dealing with deafness and other communication disorders. He has been with the university since 1998 and was deemed University Distinguished Professor in 2006. The Midwest has been the home and workplace for Dr. Marcus all his adult life.

The teaching award was given to Dr. Derek Mosier professor of pathology in the Department of Diagnostic Medicine/Pathobiology. His teaching has been acknowledged through the Norden Distinguished Teaching Award, Bayer Animal Health Teaching Excellence Award, and Student American Veterinary Medical Association Award for Teaching Excellence in the Basic Sciences.

“Derek has been an outstanding teacher and continues to perform superbly in the classroom year after year,” said Dr. M.M. Chengappa, University Distinguished Professor and head of the Department of Diagnostic Medicine/Pathobiology. “We are very fortunate to have faculty like Derek in our college.”

Dr. Mosier was born and raised in Manhattan. In 1990, he joined the K-State Department of Diagnostic Medicine/Pathobiology where he participated in the residency training program. He currently resides here in Manhattan with his wife, Jessica and son Ben, who is in kindergarten.

- story by Tyler Nelssen

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Dr. Verne Otte tells students about his trips to three consecutive Iditarod sled dog races in Alaska. See more in Lifelines online at www.vet.k-state.edu/depts/development/lifelines/0912.htm

Garrett Stewart joins Executive Committee for Student AVMA
See story online!
CVM introduces 2009 class of Early Admit Scholars

Say hello to the 2009 class of Early Admit Scholars. These are K-State undergraduates who have passed the application process for early admission into the College of Veterinary Medicine.

This year’s class was introduced in the Mara Conference Center in early November.

They are all from Kansas except as noted: Samantha Belsan, Topeka; Gabriel Bensel, Shawnee; Alissa Berger, Wichita; Elizabeth Bolan, Ramstein, Germany; Daniel Crowe, Mulvane; Amanda Duvall, Ord, Neb.; Nicole Eberhart, Baldwin City; Chelsea Farrington, Goddard; Chad Foust, Webster, N.Y.; Lauren Geiger, Mound City, Mo.; Kaitlin Goldsby, Fishers, Ind.; Paula Guastello, Springfield, Va.; Megan Hanson, Salina; Anthony Hawkins, Silver Lake; Melanie Hinzpeter, Wildwood, Mo.; Rachel Hoppins, Wichita; Brittany Johansen, Waterloo, Neb.; Alyssa Jonson, Leawood; Diane Larson, Overland Park; Alexandria Leach, Holton; Allison McKiearnan, LaCygne; Ellen Ouellette, Rantoul; Samantha Schimming, Goddard (not pictured); Bobbi Shanks, Columbus; Carla Simpson, Olathe; and Lara Skoglund, Olathe.

Oklahoma State veterinary college honors Dr. Carpenter

It’s been an exciting year for the K-State CVM’s Dr. Jim Carpenter. This past summer he went on a first-time wildlife excursion to South Africa, which we reported on in the August issue of Lifelines. This fall he learned he was being selected for a 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award from his veterinary alma mater, Oklahoma State University. The award was presented Oct. 30 in Stillwater, Okla.

“It was a great honor,” Dr. Carpenter said. “I have long been indebted to the OSU faculty for encouraging and supporting me in my passion of zoological/wildlife medicine. As stated when I accepted the award, I only hope that I have and will continue to encourage and mentor veterinary students at K-State as well as the OSU faculty has supported me.”

Dr. Carpenter is a professor in the Department of Clinical Sciences. He earned a master's degree in wildlife ecology at OSU in 1970 and his DVM in 1974. He has developed an internationally-recognized zoological medicine program at K-State and has trained 33 interns and residents as well as countless veterinary students in this specialty.
Breaking ground for the Olathe Innovation Campus

A groundbreaking held at K-State’s Olathe campus in November marks the university’s commitment to advancing animal health and food safety research and education in Kansas and the nation.

“K-State is the land-grant institution for the state of Kansas, and if you look back at the history of land-grant institutions, they were founded to meet the needs of the states in which they serve,” said Kirk Schulz, K-State president. “We have a special mission and role to play as we look toward the future of the state of Kansas, particularly when it comes to biotechnology and science.”

The first building on K-State’s Olathe campus will be the $28 million National Institute for Animal Health and Food Safety. It will house educational and laboratory spaces to support research, education and technology commercialization in animal health and food safety. The approximately 108,000 square foot building is being designed and built by 360 Architecture and the Weitz Company, and should be complete by late 2010 or early 2011.

At the ceremony, Dr. Dan Richardson, DVM 1977 and chief executive officer of K-State’s Olathe campus, thanked several partners who have helped make the campus a reality. The partners include the city of Olathe, which provided the land for the campus, and taxpayers of Johnson County, who approved a one-eighth cent sales tax to support the Olathe campus and other projects as part of the Johnson County Education Research Triangle.

“We know the expectations here and we will return on that investment,” Dr. Richardson said.

K-State’s Olathe campus is the academic research presence within the Kansas Bioscience Park. The campus provides a direct link to K-State’s many resources while also giving K-State greater visibility and access to the heart of the Animal Health Corridor. Initially, the campus will focus on commercially viable applied research and technology discovery in animal health and food safety and security.

Check it Out at the Library

“Gina Scott certifies as Word specialist”

By Carol Elmore

Many of the computers in the College of Veterinary Medicine have been updated to Microsoft Office 2007 with many of us using the newer version of Microsoft Word in this program suite in our document production. Significant changes have been made in the 2007 version.

Gina Scott, DISC instruction coordinator, has been most helpful in answering questions about the changes. Gina is exceptionally well-qualified to answer questions due to her expertise. In October, she attended the Conference on Information Technology in Detroit where she was tested in Office Word 2007. After successfully passing the test, she received her certification as an application specialist in Word 2007. Passing this test required Gina to study approximately 40 hours by reviewing questions and documentation concerning this application. Without review, the test would have been difficult to pass due to the large amount of material that is covered.

I recently asked Gina about some of the differences between Word 2003 and Word 2007. One change is that Word 2007 has a new user-interface which is very different from previous versions of Word. Some options are now under different headings and groupings. All of the functionality is the same but there are many more styles, macros and options. Document mapping and reference building are enhanced in the new version. Also more emphasis has been placed on the professional look of documents.

Gina has demonstrated through her testing and certification that she has a thorough knowledge of Word 2007 and will continue to work with faculty, staff, and students as they pursue the many options available in this new version of Word.

As you start using Word 2007 and questions arise, Gina will be available to work with you by offering individual and group instruction as well as answering specific questions.
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California Cattlemen’s Association honors CVM alumnus Dr. Osburn

The California Cattlemen’s Association has presented its highest honor to veterinarian and educator Dr. Bennie I. Osburn. He earned his DVM at K-State in 1961.

Dr. Osburn, dean of the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, received the Gordon K. Van Vleck Memorial Award Nov. 13 at an annual banquet of the California Cattlemen’s Association and California CattleWomen, Inc.

According to Cattlemen’s Association criteria, “The award is given to an individual who is not engaged in beef cattle production as a primary occupation, but to someone who has made significant contributions to the California beef cattle industry. Recipients may be allied industry leaders, government or university officials, legislators, or others.”

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Under the microscope:

Barb Self
Senior Administrative Assistant
Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital

Place of birth: Columbus, Ga.

Family Information: Widowed, two children, two grandchildren

What’s your favorite way to spend a day off? Simply relaxing and reading.

What has been one of your biggest personal highlights for 2009? One of my highlights was seeing the look on my father-in-law’s face as he toured the equine department here at the College of Veterinary Medicine.(See story below.)

What is something you like to collect? Porcelain angels.

Looking forward to 2010, What do you hope the new year brings? Harmony!!!!!