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Beginning the final chapter

Dr. Ralph Richardson announces plans to step down as dean

Dr. Ralph C. Richardson has announced his plans to step down as dean of the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine no later than July 2015. He will then assume a faculty position.

Dr. Richardson became the college's 11th dean in summer 1998 after serving as the head of the clinical sciences department at Purdue University. He received his DVM from K-State in 1970, completed an internship in small animal medicine and surgery at Purdue in 1973, a residency in small animal internal medicine at the University of Missouri in 1975, and a training program in clinical oncology at the University of Kansas Medical Center in 1978.

"I plan to continue in a faculty role with the college and the university, hoping to use my abilities in program building and my background in comparative medicine to continue strengthening collaborative programs that benefit K-State," Dean Richardson said. "I have a real sense of urgency to see our plans for the future become reality, but I want the college and the university to have plenty of time to conduct an orderly search for my replacement."

"Dean Richardson has led the College of Veterinary Medicine during a time of great change in both veterinary medicine and higher education," said April Mason, Kansas State University provost and senior vice president. "He has been the champion of many innovative programs, including the U.S.-China Center for Animal Health, which involves students and scholars from both



Dean Ralph Richardson shares a casual moment with his family's dogs: Jack (GSHP), Jake (French Brittany), Rudy (schnoodle) and Ike (English pointer) in a photo from a couple of years ago.

countries together in efforts toward better veterinary health. I am most appreciative to Dean Richardson for announcing his future plans early so that a search for his successor can be conducted and assure a smooth transition of leadership."

Under Dean Richardson, enrollment in the veterinary college saw controlled growth from a graduating class of 79 students in 1998 to a current class size of 112 for each incoming class. More than \$72 million has been raised in private support for the college, including the creation of 150 scholarships and seven permanently endowed professorships.

Dean Richardson has overseen establishment of new traditions in the college, including Phi Zeta Day and Kind Hearts Caring Hands Day, the latter which takes place April 18. Read more about Dean Richardson's accomplishment at Lifelines online: www.vet.k-state.edu/depts/development/lifelines/1404.htm

Celebrating 'K-State Night' in Beijing, China

斑猫 or banmao is the Chinese word for "wildcats." On a recent trip to Beijing, the CVM honored two of its former banmao: Dr. Defa Li [Dee-FUH Lee] and Dr. Hua Wu [WAH Woo]. Both performed their doctoral and postdoctoral studies at Kansas State University in the 1990s.

The college's China delegation was made up of Dr. Jishu Shi, director of K-State's U.S.-China Center for Animal Health (UCCA), Dr. Lei Wang, manager of the UCCA, Dr. Ralph C. Richardson, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Ronnie Elmore, associate dean for academic programs, admissions and diversity programs, and Dr. Frank Blecha, associate dean for research. Both Dr. Li and Dr. Wu studied under Dr. Blecha in his research laboratory at K-State.

Dr. Blecha presented a congratulatory certificate from K-State President Kirk Schulz to Dr. Li who was just elected to the Chinese Academy of Engineering, which is comparable to the National Academies of Science in the U.S. Dr. Li earned his Ph.D. at K-State in 1991. He is currently a professor of animal nutrition and nutritional evaluation of feed and dean of the College of Animal Science and Technology at China Agricultural University. He is also the chairman of

the Scientific Committee of the State Key Laboratory of Animal Nutrition, and director of the Research Committee of Chinese nutritional value of feed and animal husbandry standards.

Dean Richardson recognized Dr. Wu for being elected as a member of the Chinese "1000 Plan" Global Experts Program. He was at K-State from 1995 to 2000 and is now a professor at the Institute of Special Economic Animal and Plant Sciences in the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

"Both of these alumni have made outstanding academic achievements during their careers in order to receive such distinguished honors from these Chinese organizations," Dr. Richardson said. "They are both at top of their respective professions, and we are very proud they are K-State alumni. We look forward to seeing what they will accomplish in the future."

The trip to China included other activities as part of an academic partnership in veterinary medical education. The team conducted interviews with about a dozen Chinese students who are candidates for pre-veterinary studies at K-State. From this group, as many as eight students will be accepted, which should be announced in May. After successful completion of pre-



Dr. Frank Blecha, associate dean for research, presents a certificate of congratulations to his former student, Dr. Defa Li, who is now dean of the College of Animal Science and Technology at China Agricultural University.

veterinary studies, the students can then apply for admission into the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program at K-State or at one of five partnering veterinary colleges.

Video Feature: Exotic Animal Medicine Club on display

If you were looking for an "exotic" experience at the Kansas State University Open House on April 5, all you had to do was stop at the Exotic Animal Medicine Club's booth at the College of Veterinary Medicine. The popular display included snake skins, skulls and other specimens, plus radiographs, live reptiles and a darting station simulating how wild animals are vaccinated.

"The response has been great," said Drew Pearson, second-year student and activities chair for the club. "People are always fascinated by wildlife and it's

kind of something you see in your backyard but you never interact with, people want to know more so they love being here and we love having them and being able to teach them and stuff, so the reaction's been great."

Watch this month's video feature about this exotics club at Lifelines online: www.vet.k-state.edu/depts/development/lifelines/1404.htm



First-year student Stephanie Liao, meets visitors at the All-University Open House. She is one of the Herpetarium managers for the Exotic Animal Medicine Club.

18 CVM students benefit from Zoetis scholarship awards

The last day of Spring Break brought exciting news for 18 students in the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Zoetis (zō-EH-tis) a global animal health company, in partnership with the American Veterinary Medical Foundation, announced a list of scholarship recipients for 2014.

The scholarship represents an ongoing commitment by Zoetis to invest in the future of the veterinary profession. Zoetis awarded \$2,000 each to 452 second- and third-year veterinary students at accredited universities throughout the United States and the Caribbean, for a total of \$904,000.

“With the continuing rising cost of veterinary education and concerns regarding repayment of educational debt following graduation, we are extremely pleased with the commitment of Zoetis to partner with our profession to provide significant scholarship funds to help our students financially,” said Dr. Ronnie Elmore, associate dean of admissions, academic programs and diversity programs. “The investment made in our students now will pay big dividends far into the future.”

Third-year student and scholarship recipient Kyle Clymer, David City, Neb., plans to stay in the rural Midwest and

practice food animal medicine, while focusing on reproduction and herd health. He said, “First off, thank you to Zoetis and the AVMF for offering the Zoetis/AVMF Student Scholarship. We are all aware of the educational costs of attending veterinary school, and as an out-of-state student, scholarships to defray those expenses and displace additional loans have helped make my career goals possible.”

Below is a full list of the students from K-State receiving the scholarship this year:

- *Lindsay Gehring, third year*
- *Nicole Lenz, second year*
- *Aaron Schaffer, third year*
- *Allison Ten, third year*
- *Amy Jones, second year*
- *Kyle Clymer, third year*
- *Pamela Etchegoyen, second year*
- *Michelle Pavlick, third year*
- *Shannon Goedeken, third year*
- *Margaret Tracy, second year*
- *Jacob Hagenmaier, second year*
- *Caitlin Sullivan, third year*
- *Andrea Lee, third year*
- *Todd Luttgahm, third year*
- *Michael White, third year*
- *Carla Simpson, second year*
- *Sarah Halpern, second year*
- *Shoshana Levshin, second year*

Check it out at the Library

“New features on New KIC scanner”

By Carol Elmore

For several years the Veterinary Medical Library has provided a face-up, multiple-page scanner, The KIC Knowledge Imaging Center allows students, faculty, staff and the general public to make free digital copies of their materials and save them as images or PDF documents. Recently the library was given funds by Dr. Louise and Peter Kaufman

(DVM class of 1972) for the purchase of an additional KIC Scanner. This means there will be less waiting time for scanning and some new features not available on our original scanner, which will provide more versatility for those who wish to do their own scanning.

Some updated features on the new scanner include a V-cradle that allows scanning from books in a natural position. This helps

prevent damage to the physical book and, along with laser-guided dual scanning lenses, helps reduce distortion of images that are close to the center of the book's spine. A foot pedal enables users to scan books or journals almost as fast as pages can be turned. The new machine also permits the scanning of larger image areas. In addition to sending documents to a USB drive or e-mail address as our original scanner does, the new scanner also adds the capability to send scans to FTP, network drive, cloud storage or directly to mobile devices such as smart phones and tablets via Smart Dock or QR Code.

Thanks to the continued generosity of the Kaufmans our library is able to maintain its high standards of providing up-to-date technology and materials to the people who use our materials. Remember to contact our library staff if help is needed in using or accessing any of our resources. Wayne Michaels from the Computer and Technical Support Group at the College of Veterinary Medicine provided technical support and set up of the new scanner as well as assistance with the wording of this column.



Clymer reaches the top at WVC

The Western Veterinary Conference honored Kyle Clymer, a third-year veterinary student from David City, Neb., with the Dr. Jack Walther Leadership Award. Kyle was chosen based on accomplishments, scholastic excellence and long-term leadership potential.

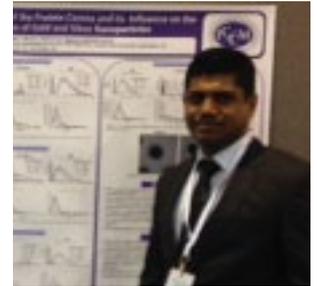
Since inception of the scholarship program in 2002, the Western Veterinary Conference has granted approximately \$1 million in scholarship funds. The Dr. Jack Walther Leadership Award recognizes veterinary student leaders and promotes lifelong professional service to the industry.



Dean Ralph Richardson joins Kyle Clymer and Dr. Jack Walther at the awards breakfast for the leadership award.

CVM NEWS TICKER

Dr. Nancy Monteiro-Riviere was invited to The Risk Assessment Bureau, Consumer Product Safety Directorate of Health Canada, Ottawa. The title of her presentation was "How The Physicochemical Properties of Nanoparticles May Influence Skin Penetration and Toxicity for Risk Assessment Analysis" on Feb. 21. She also chaired the Nanotoxicology: Metals, Environmental, and In Silico Session at the 53rd annual meeting of the National Society of Toxicology held March 25 in Phoenix.



Dr. Abhilash Sasidharan, a member of Dr. Nancy Monteiro-Riviere's lab, presents a poster at the annual meeting of the National Society of Toxicology in Phoenix.

Drs. Meena Kumari and Antje Anji attended the first Gordon conference focused on the Nervous System and Alcohol, held in Galveston, Texas, from Feb.16-21.

Students tour UC Davis facility



Milk producers in California claim to have happy cows. Three K-State students may find out if this is true. Fourth-year students Elizabeth Covington, Gregory Mantz and Erika Mastalerz are currently taking on site for a special externship to learn about dairy production medicine at the Veterinary Medicine Teaching and Research Center (VMTRC) in Tulare, Calif., which is affiliated with the University of California, Davis (photo by Grant Jones-Wiebe, courtesy of the VMTRC).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Alumni Fellow - All-College Seminar, April 17, Frick Auditorium, Dr. James Coffman, DVM 1962

Kind Hearts, Caring Hands Day, including the White Coat Ceremony, April 18, 2:00 p.m. Hilton Garden Inn, Main Ballroom,

Pet Tribute Ice Cream Social, May 2, 3:00-4:30 p.m., Trotter Hall basement (by the cafeteria)

76th Annual Conference for Veterinarians, May 31-June 3, Hilton Garden Inn and Conference Center

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