HIGHLIGHTS

Ahmed Tibary (VCS) was honored as the 2019 Theriogenology Foundation, Society for Theriogenology and American College of Theriogenologists recipient of the Bartlett Award.

Anita Vasavada (Bioengineering and IPN) has received the Sahlin Award for Excellence in Instruction for 2019.

William C. Davis (VMP) receives WSU 50 years of service award for exceptional career in immunology research.

Martin Klotz (SMB) was elected as a fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology.

Kathy Dahmen (VCS) received WSU Alumna Woman of Distinction award.

GRANTS

Rey Carabeo (SMB) received a new 5-year National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) R01 Grant entitled Regulatory Role of Tandem Tryptophan Codons in Chlamydial Persistence. [This is Dr. Carabeo’s 2nd new R01.]

Thumbi Mwangi (Allen School based in Nairobi) has received a new award from the UN’s Food and Agriculture Organization and UNICEF to improve child nutrition through creative camel husbandry programs in northern Kenya (WSU Global Health Kenya Marsabit field site). [This is an important milestone in the evolution of the Allen School in that FAO came to the Allen School looking for help because of the reputation of our programs in Kenya.]

HOT TOPICS

Elk hoof disease creeps farther east in Washington – Lewiston Tribune

Elk hoof disease confirmed in Washington’s Blue Mountains – Spokane NPR

Teaching science students visual literacy life skills – WSU News

In Their Shoes: the relationship between the homeless and their pets – KXLY

WSU Clinic Treats Pets And Their Owners – Spokane NPR

Scientists who discovered ‘amphibian plague’ worried a dangerous new hybrid disease will emerge – The Independent (UK)

Scientists prospect Zika and MERS scourge in Kenya – Daily Nation (Kenya)

Stage III simulation receives commercialization license from WSU – WSU News

Scholar calls for harmonized response to emerging diseases in Africa – Xinhua (China)

Elk hoof disease steps into Idaho – Lewiston Tribune

Working together so Kenyans can help Kenyans – Advance

PUBLICATIONS

Pires AFA, Peterson A, Baron J, Adams R, Martinez-Lopez B, Moore D. Small-scale livestock and backyard owners survey, animal health and care needs in western states, United States. PlosONE 2019; 14(2): e0212372 [This work was supported as a collaboration between UC Davis and WSU by the Consortium of Colleges of Veterinary Medicine in the West.]


**STUDENTS and EDUCATION**

Dr. Stephanie Martinez, a PriMe postdoctoral research associate in Dr. Michael Court’s laboratory took first place at the College of Veterinary Medicine Research Symposium for her poster presentation, “Effects of Canine Cytochrome P450 Oxidoreductase Polymorphisms on P450-Mediated Drug Metabolism.”

As part of a 5-year project in Brazil, Doug Call (Allen School) traveled to Federal University of Viçosa where he worked with faculty and students on food safety and antimicrobial-resistance related research and training.

Ryan Oliveira attended the Plant & Animal Genome Conference in San Diego and presented a paper based on his research entitled, “High density genome-wide association with domestic sheep monocyte count.” His co-authors were Michelle Mousel, Michael Gonzalez, Bret Taylor, Don Knowles, and Stephen White (Ryan’s major advisor).

The CVM Newbry Teaching Scholars, so awarded in recognition of excellence in DVM education, have been named for 2018.

**DEVELOPMENT and ALUMNI**

Notable Cash Gifts:
- Betty J. Jones & Cassius Cat Foundation ($18,000) to support their annual scholarships

Notable Documented Bequest (revocable commitment):
- Connie Niva ($126,770), to support priorities within the College of Veterinary Medicine
- Chris Stanford ($38,037) to support the Veterinary Teaching Hospital

Development/Alumni Related Activities
- 2/18 - Western Veterinary Conference DVM Alumni Reception in Las Vegas – hosted approx. 125 alumni and guests

**COMINGS and GOINGS**

Doug Jasmer (VMP) was invited by the Department of Biology at Texas Women’s University in Denton, TX to give a research talk titled “The intestine of parasitic nematodes: a key interface with the host”.

Allan Pessier (VMP/WADDL) was an invited speaker for the AAAS Annual Meeting in Washington D.C. (“Science Transcending Boundaries”) on February 17. His talk was titled “Enigmatic Amphibian Declines: The Sounds of Silence”. He was also interviewed by the Smithsonian which can be heard in the following podcast: [https://www.si.edu/sidedoor/ep-14-silence-frogs](https://www.si.edu/sidedoor/ep-14-silence-frogs).

CVM hosted Washington Global Health Association communicators’ roundtable in Seattle.

Allan Pessier was an instructor in amphibian disease issues including diagnostic testing at the Association of Zoos and Aquariums "Amphibian Management School" held at the Detroit Zoo February 18-22.