President’s Message

By Marlyn Whitney, ASVCP President

Dear Colleagues,

Earlier this year, Dr. Harry Berrier, who was instrumental in the formation of ASVCP, passed away at age 95 (please read about Dr. Berrier and his accomplishments in the article on page 4). I feel privileged to have known Harry Berrier. He was always enthusiastically working on something, even in his last years. His passing has set me to thinking about milestones. Our Society will turn 50 years old in 2015! While it behooves us to look back and appreciate what has been accomplished during the past nearly 50 years, I believe it is also very important to look forward and think about what we want to accomplish in the future, and how we will do it.

In 1965, ASVCP was established through the efforts of a small group of clinical pathologists working in academia in North America and committed to teaching others how to properly perform and interpret laboratory tests. Today, ASVCP is over 600 members strong and truly international in scope. While promoting education regarding laboratory testing is still one of our important missions, we have embraced many other aspects of the practice of clinical pathology. While many of us are employed in academia, many are not. What started out as a thin educational bulletin is now Veterinary Clinical Pathology. We have a very informative and enjoyable conference each year in conjunction with the ACVP. We have a website and Facebook pages, and we regularly communicate with one another via our email forums. Although ASVCP is no longer entirely run by volunteers (we now employ The Rees Group to help manage our activities), one thing that has not changed and that will never change is that all our accomplishments depend upon member efforts.

I am thankful for the efforts and accomplishments of my predecessors and contemporaries. As we move forward in our mission of promoting scientific advancement, education, and standards in veterinary laboratory medicine, we will need an infusion of energy, expertise, and innovation from our younger members, as well as the wisdom of experience accumulated by our longer standing members. Modern technology is changing the practice of clinical pathology in a myriad of ways, and we must embrace change and use it to advance our specialty, making sure that the good aspects of change prevail over possible detrimental aspects. - continued on page 3

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The ASVCP is a nonprofit scientific organization dedicated to the promotion of scientific advancement, education, and standards in veterinary laboratory medicine. Our members include veterinary clinical pathologists and trainees, medical technologists, specialty veterinarians, and diagnosticians in veterinary and medical schools, biomedical and pharmaceutical companies, diagnostic and government laboratories, and private veterinary practices throughout the United States and in over 20 countries worldwide.

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President’s Message - continued

I know calls to action grow old, and I certainly tire of making them. But if you want to contribute to the future directions of ASVCP, now is an ideal time to step forward. It would be wonderful if you could serve on the Executive Board or be a Committee Chair, and I highly encourage those of you who can offer that level of commitment to contact us! Our relationship with The Rees Group and the use of modern communication technology have lessened the work load for Executive Board members and Committee Chairs, but there is still a significant time commitment, and not everyone is at the point in his or her career where such a commitment is possible. However, you can make tremendous contributions with a smaller commitment. Become a member of the standing committee that best fits your interests—your role in a committee can be as big or as small as you want. If you would like the Society to accomplish something that does not seem to fall under the purview of any of our standing committees, contact me or another Executive Board member to see if it is possible to create an ad hoc committee or taskforce to get that job done, and volunteer to serve on that committee or task force. Even party types are needed—if you are interested in helping with our 50th Anniversary Celebration, let me know! You can also help the Society by making a monetary contribution, large or small.

If every member contributes at some level, whether with time, expertise, money, good ideas, or some combination thereof, ASVCP will continue to accomplish great things! Please contact me, another member of the Executive Board, a committee Chair or member, or the ASVCP National Office to let us know what you are willing and able to do, and together we will progress toward future milestones!

Regards,
Marilyn Whitney

ASVCP Young Investigator Award

The ASVCP will present two $500 awards to the resident or graduate student whose platform presentation is judged best among the competing presentations in the categories of basic science research and clinical research. Eligibility requirements include a degree in veterinary medicine and enrollment in a residency or graduate program in pathology/clinical pathology or a related discipline. The oral presentation must describe original work of the competitor involving clinical or experimental research that relates to clinical pathology. Presenters are required to attend the meeting. Award selection will be based on the scientific content, abstract composition, clarity of presentation and ability to answer questions. Each trainee may submit only one presentation in this competition. Candidates awarded YIA the preceding year will not be eligible for an award in the subsequent year.

ACVP Young Investigator Award

If you are a trainee and have a poster presentation, you can submit it for consideration in the ACVP Young Investigator Award. Any abstract submitted for the ACVP Young Investigator Award is ineligible for the ASVCP Young Investigator Award.

SUBMITTING YOUR ABSTRACTS FOR CONSIDERATION

Detailed instructions that explain how to submit an abstract and how to enroll in the ASVCP or ACVP Young Investigator Award competition will be available on the ACVP website (www.acvp.org). Anne Provencher Bolliger will coordinate the combined ASVCP/ACVP Clinical Pathology Scientific Session of this meeting. Please direct your inquiries for this session to her at provencher.bolliger@hotmail.com.
Harry Hilbourn Berrier Jr., DVM, of Columbia, Missouri, passed away March 10, 2013, at the age of 95. He was a charter member of the ASVCP and was instrumental in its establishment. He started the ball rolling in 1958, when he wrote a letter to all veterinary clinical pathology teachers in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico, stating his belief that an organization promoting training in the technique and interpretation of laboratory diagnostic tests was needed, and asking who was interested in helping set up such an organization. Though he did not get uniformly positive responses, he did find much support and he and others who were interested began to meet informally each year during the AVMA convention. On July 13, 1965, during one such meeting of thirteen teachers of clinical pathology, Dr. Berrier moved that a veterinary clinical pathology society be formally organized. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously, and thus the ASVCP came into being with thirteen charter members.

Dr. Berrier authored two veterinary textbooks and published 30 articles in professional journals. He was a guest speaker for many professional organizations and veterinary conferences. He served the ASVCP in the capacities of President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Board Member, and historian. In addition to being a life member of the ASVCP, he was a life member of the AVMA, the Missouri VMA, and the AAVLD. In 2004, he received a Kansas State Veterinary Medical Alumni Association Recognition Award.

Dr. Berrier had many interests in addition to veterinary clinical pathology, and he remained very active following retirement. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Columbia where he was made a life deacon and sang in the choir for more than 50 years. He also served as a board member of the Missouri Symphony Society for 16 years and played a hands-on role in the renovation of the old Missouri Theater in Columbia, to serve as a venue for the symphony. The Missouri Department of Conservation honored Dr. Berrier and his wife, Lina, in 2006 as the Conservationists of the Year. In 2011, the Salvation Army named the couple as members of the Light Brigade. He was active in the Little Dixie Kiwanis Club for 30 years. He also was an entrepreneur. He and his wife were the founders and developers of Show-Me Barbecue Sauce, Inc. Having created a barbeque sauce recipe many years before, Dr. Berrier patented it in 1975 and he and Lina then began selling the sauce commercially from a production facility in their home. The product has grown to sales of about 13,000 gallons per year and has customers in all 50 states.

Memorials in Dr. Berrier’s honor may be made to: University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine Student Scholarship Fund, care of Director of Development, W213 Veterinary Medicine Building, Columbia, MO 65211; Missouri Department of Conservation Berrier Trust Fund, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102; First Baptist Church, 1112 E. Broadway, Columbia, MO 65201; or Missouri Symphony Society, 203 S. 9th St., Columbia, MO 65201.

Submitted by Marlyn Whitney. Compiled from information published on the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine website, a 1984 press release from Kansas State University, and histories of the ASVCP written by Drs. Berrier and Steve Stockham and available on the ASVCP website.
ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award: Second Call for Nominations

The Awards Nominating Committee is requesting nominations for the Lifetime Achievement Award to be presented at the annual ASVCP meeting in Montreal, QC, Canada, November 16–20, 2013.

- The ASVCP Lifetime Achievement Award program recognizes members of the Society who have contributed to the advancement of the field of veterinary clinical pathology through their research and teaching, and through their work on behalf of the ASVCP.

- Nominations should include a current CV of the nominee and at least 3 letters of support from ASVCP members, which includes a rationale for why this particular member is worthy of this award.

- To make a nomination, please contact Leslie Sharkey (email: shark009@umn.edu, phone: 651-402-1261), chair of the Awards Nominating Committee. The deadline for receipt of all nomination materials is July 1, 2013.

Second Call for Officer Nominations

2013 ASVCP Election

The Nominations Committee is seeking nominations for: Executive Board Member and President-Elect. A brief overview of the duties associated with each position is provided below.

For additional information or to make a nomination for any of the three positions, please contact Leslie Sharkey, Immediate Past President of the ASVCP (email: shark009@umn.edu, phone: 651-402-1261). The deadline for receipt of all nomination materials is July 1, 2013.

Executive Board Member:
- Serve a 3-year term.
- Attend the Executive Board meeting held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting.
- Participate in monthly telephone conferences.
- Participate in e-mail discussions of important issues.
- Serve as liaison to standing committees.
- Assist in the coordination of the ASVCP slide and chemistry review sessions at the annual meeting.
- Assist in developing the ASVCP continuing education curriculum for the annual ACVIM Forum.

President-Elect:
- Serve a 3-year term
  - 1st year – President-Elect
  - 2nd year – President
  - 3rd year – Immediate Past President
- Attend the Executive Board meeting held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting.
- Participate in monthly telephone conferences.
- Participate in e-mail discussions of important issues.
- Serve as Chair of the sub-committee that establishes the curriculum for the Focused Scientific Sessions at the annual meeting.
- Work closely with the Editor-in-Chief of Veterinary Clinical Pathology to address issues associated with the journal.

Second Call: 2013 ASVCP/ACVP Meeting Abstracts Clinical Pathology Scientific Sessions

Platform presentations and posters for the 2012 Clinical Pathology Scientific Sessions were a big success in Seattle and it is now time to think about the 2013 meeting. The Annual Concurrent Meeting of the ASVCP and the ACVP will be held November 16–20, 2013, in Montreal, QC, Canada. There will be a combined ASVCP/ACVP Clinical Pathology Scientific Session for everyone who has an interest in clinical pathology. This will be a great opportunity to present experimental or clinical research data to colleagues. Submissions from all aspects of the profession are encouraged, including academic, diagnostic, investigative, and toxicologic clinical pathology. The format will be similar to that of the 2012 Annual Meeting with both oral platform and poster presentations. The final decision regarding presentation format is at the discretion of the Program Committee. We encourage participation by a wide variety of individuals including faculty, senior scientists, diagnostic veterinary pathologists/clinical pathologists, and trainees. Presenters are required to attend the meeting.

Now is the time for you to start planning your 2013 presentations! The deadline for abstract submission is July 1, 2013. Online submission is open at http://www.asvcp.org/meeting. Please be sure to follow all the submission guidelines provided at the submission website, including adhering to the word count limit, as failure to do so may cause rejection of your abstract. Please note that for clinical pathology submissions, titles, and authors/affiliations still need to be included in the word count. For further information contact Anne Provencher Bolliger at provencher.bolliger@hotmail.com.

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ASVCP Premeeting Workshop
Submissions Due June 1, 2013

Submissions are requested for the 2013 ASVCP Cytology & Hematology Case Review Session. Materials that may be submitted include hematology, cytology, or surgical pathology slides, electron photomicrographs and associated clinical chemistry or hematology data. This is a popular and interactive opportunity to share cases and experiences among attendees. Cases that are based solely or predominantly on clinical chemistry (no slides involved) are more appropriate for submission for the Clinical Chemistry Review Session (see call for cases for the Clinical Chemistry Review Session, below).

Type of Material Requested
Cases should be classic examples or unique or unusual representations of diseases, clinical cases, toxicology or research data with a clinical pathologic focus. Cases may represent any species. Stained, cover-slipped glass slides are preferred, but in certain cases, digital images will be considered. Surgical biopsies should be from lesions that would be examined by cytology and ideally the submission should include a cytologic preparation. Quality assurance problems that are associated with instrumentation, assay conditions, statistical analysis or specimen handling are also welcome; please consider the new ASVCP Clinical Chemistry Review Session for longer and/or more detailed presentations.

Case Submission: Materials Needed
For cytology and blood smear submissions, a minimum of eighty (80) stained and cover-slipped glass slides should be submitted for each case. If more than 80 slides are available, the submitter is encouraged to submit extras, in case any slides are broken during shipment. The submitter must check all glass slides to assure their quality. Please do not attach adhesive labels to the glass slides. If digital images are submitted, send only one image. For surgical biopsy cases, submit one glass slide and if the case is accepted, the submitter will then be asked to supply 80 copies of the stained and cover-slipped specimen. When laboratory data is included, reference intervals for your laboratory should be submitted.

Electronic Submission and Printed Materials
Cases must be submitted using the online forms posted at the ASVCP website (http://www.asvcp.org). Two files will be submitted electronically:
1. The first file is the Case History to be distributed with data prior to the meeting and should include contributors, signalment, concise history, clinical findings and questions intended to generate discussion at the session. Include only pertinent laboratory data. Reference intervals for the laboratory data must be provided. It is hoped that these questions will inspire participants to review and investigate the data before the meeting.
2. The second file is the Case Summary, which has information to be distributed at the meeting and should include the information on the first file, plus diagnosis, discussion (including answers to the questions that were provided) with images and references. The overall case summary should be contained in a maximum of 7 pages (excluding pictures, including references). The font of choice should be Arial, size 12.

Digital Images
The submitter must also include 2-3 digital images as indicated on the Case Summary form. The images should be 1024 X 768 pixels in a JPEG format with compression set on high quality; images must clearly show cytologic features of the lesion. A figure legend should accompany the images. Inclusion of digital images is required as part of the submission process.

Digital Slides
A limited number of electronic slides/cases (likely up to two) may be considered. Please contact Linda Vap if you are interested in submitting in this format.

When and Where to Submit
The deadline for receipt of submission of ALL case materials is June 1, 2013. Slides with a cover letter indicating CONTRIBUTER NAME(S), INSTITUTION, SPECIMEN, and E-MAIL ADDRESS must be sent to the address given below and received by this date. Submitters will be notified of the results of the selection process by August 23, 2013. It is anticipated that approximately 20 cases will be selected for presentation at the case session. Case selection is based on broad species representation, specimen quality, pathologic processes and representation of disease entities that have not been presented at the conference in recent years. Selected cases will be given approximately 7 minutes for presentation during the case session. The goal of this session is to stimulate discussion. Presentation of common laboratory abnormalities that are not related to the case is unnecessary as is a lecture or literature review with each case. Be sure to include your e-mail address with your submission.

For additional information please contact:
Dr. Linda Vap (linda.vap@colostate.edu)

Case submission and material should be sent to:
Case Review Slides and Mystery Slides
American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology
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Madison, WI 53704
Telephone: +1-608-443-2479
Submissions Due June 1, 2013

Type of Materials Requested
Submissions are requested for the fifth ASVCP Clinical Chemistry Review Session. Submitted materials should focus on the interpretation of chemistry data, including but not limited to the routine serum chemistry panel. Ancillary clinical pathology and other data as needed for the presentation of the case is appropriate. Cases may represent any species and cases with unresolved outcomes to stimulate audience discussion are encouraged. Case material from residents and more experienced clinical pathologists are welcome. Results of toxicology studies, cases involving the interpretation of quality control materials or validation studies as well as individual clinical case presentations will be considered for this session. The ASVCP Clinical Chemistry Review Session is held at a separate time from the ASVCP Cytology and Hematology Case Review Session that involves cytology and hematology slides or images (see above for the call for cases for that session).

Case Submission
Cases must be submitted using the online forms posted at the ASVCP website (http://www.asvcp.org). Reference intervals for the laboratory data should be provided. Two files will be submitted. The first file is the Clinical Chemistry History to be distributed with data prior to the meeting and should include contributors, signalment, concise history and clinical findings. The submitter is also encouraged to provide questions intended to generate discussion at the session. It is hoped that these questions will inspire participants to review and investigate the data before the meeting. The second file is the Clinical Chemistry Summary to be distributed at the meeting and should include the information on the first file, plus diagnosis, discussion (including answers to the questions that were provided) and references. The font of choice should be Arial, size 12.

When and Where to Submit
The deadline for submission of cases is June 1, 2013. Submitters will be notified of the results of the selection process by August 23, 2013. It is anticipated that 2-4 cases will be selected for presentation, depending on the complexity of the cases. Be sure to include your e-mail address with your submission.

For additional information please contact:
Dr. Linda Vap (linda.vap@colostate.edu)

MICROSCOPIC ART CORNER - Summertime, and cells are smiling!

Submitted by Shelley Burton

Submitted by Olga Glebova

Want to see your image here? Submit fun photomicrographs (previously unpublished) to the ASVCP Secretary, robin.allison@okstate.edu.
Call for Resident/Graduate Student Research Grant Applications

Share the Future research grants are intended to help support research by clinical pathology residents and graduate students. Grants will range from $1,000 to $2,500. In general, proposals should:

• Focus on an aspect of clinical pathology.
• Be clearly articulated.
• Show potential for contributing to the knowledge base in veterinary clinical pathology.

In 2013, one research grant will be awarded.

The application deadline for 2013 grants is August 30, 2013.

The grant recipient will be selected from the applicant pool based on criteria including (not necessarily in this order):

• Quality of the research proposal.
• The potential for contributing to the knowledge base of veterinary clinical pathology.
• How much funding, if any, is available to the applicant from their institution for research.
• Applicants must be members of the ASVCP.

Applications

The following components must be included:

• Abstract (300 words or less)
• Specific Aims
• Background and Significance/Importance
• Research Design and Methods
• Approval for the use of live animals by an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (if applicable).

Budget and Time Frame

• Budgets must fall between $1,000 and $2,500.
• The grant will be in the form of a single payment to your department or organization/company. This payment should be received no later than November 1, 2013. The money may be used to cover costs such as equipment, hourly assistance, materials, and supplies.
• Budgets cannot include indirect costs, salaries for investigator(s) or travel.
• The grant is awarded for a 12-month period beginning November 1, 2013.

Obligations

• Recipients must submit a budget statement and summary of progress (500 words or less) within 3 months after the end of the funding period (January 1, 2015).
• An abstract of the completed work will be submitted for consideration at the first eligible ASVCP conference that follows the completion of the grant.
• Any publication(s) resulting from the grant should acknowledge the funding from ASVCP.

Share the Future travel grant application forms are available online at the ASVCP website (http://www.asvcp.org/stures/index.cfm).

Share the Future grants are made possible through the support of ASVCP members and corporate sponsors.

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2013 ASVCP Education Symposium

Submitted by Jennifer Neel, Chair Program Committee

The 2013 ASVCP Education Symposium will focus on evidence based cytology, and we have four excellent speakers lined up. Dr. Rose Raskin of Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, will speak on 'Historical Overview of Evidence-Based Diagnostic Cytology Including Bone Marrow in Veterinary Medicine' while Dr. Carol Masserdotti of the Laboratorio Veterinario San Marco, Padova, Italy, will focus heavily on his own research methods and many diagnostic pathology publications and projects in Evidence Based Cytology. What is Evidence? In addition to our veterinary clinical pathologists, we are excited to have two MD pathologists who will highlight various aspects of cytology including continuing education for pathologists, quality assurance and quality control in diagnostic cytology, and current topics in resident training. Dr. Dina Mody, Director of the Cytopathology Laboratory and Fellowship program, Department of Pathology and Genomic Medicine, The Methodist Hospital, Houston, TX, and Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Weill Medical College of Cornell University will speak on 'Quality Improvement and Risk Reduction in Cytopathology' while Dr. Gordon Yu, Associate Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, will focus on 'The Evidence Based Approach to Changing the Routine Practice of Diagnostic Cytopathology and Resident Training Focused Topics and Issues'. I hope you will be able to join us on Sunday, November 17 in Montreal for this educational and informative session!

2013 ASVCP Pre-Meeting Workshop:
Writing for Publication in Veterinary Medicine: Keys to Success

Mary Christopher and Karen Young

Make plans now to attend this valuable writing workshop in Montreal, which will be hands-on and focused on providing a comprehensive and interactive approach to scientific writing, editing and critical evaluation of a manuscript. We anticipate it will be particularly beneficial for residents, graduate students and early-career faculty. More details to follow!

Call for Cases

This is the first call for cases for the case session at 15th ESVCP-ECVCP Congress: 6-9 November, 2013, in Berlin Germany. Please send two Word files (or rich text format .rtf) of your case submission to Harold Tvedten (tvedten@msu.edu) or harold.tvedten@kv.slu.se. The 2 files should include the case as an unknown (mystery) case with enough information for others to make or suspect the diagnosis and then a file including all information including diagnosis, discussion and references. Examples of previous cases (unknown and with diagnosis) may be seen on the website of ESVCP-ECVCP. The two files used for the previous cases for the ASVCP case sessions may also be used as a model of how to formulate your case presentations. For more information on the meeting, please view the European Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathology (ESVCP) website. Reduce size of photos to about 500-700 pixels so they do not take up too much space.

Deadline is July 1, 2013, but priority is given to those submissions arriving first. Harold will give early confirmation to cases excellent enough to certainly be included. Cases need not be the first ever but should have a good "lesson to learn" to share to colleagues attending the meeting or reading PDF files of the accepted cases on our ESVCP website.

This will be fun; send in an interesting case.
Harold Tvedten

Call for Abstracts

We would call for abstracts for free communication and posters for the 15th ESVCP-ECVCP congress in Berlin

Topics
- Biomarker and cytokines
- Point of care tests
- ClinToxPath
- Haematology and biochemistry of pet animals
- Molecular biology
- Infectious diseases
- Cytology

Submission Guidelines

Your abstract should be related to one of the topics. Abstracts must be submitted in English.

Please indicate your abstract as presentation or poster

There is a limit of 2,500 letters including title, authors, and institutions for the text of your abstract submission. It must be written in arial, size 11.

Presenter Registration: Each presenting author is responsible for his/her registration fee(s) as well as travel and housing costs.

Submission

Submission of abstracts should be before July 1, 2013 to: Prof. Dr. Stephan Neumann, University of Goettingen, sneuman@gwdg.de.
To access the archive go to: http://mail.asvcp.org:8100/lists/. Click on the list to view. You will be asked for a username and password. Your username is your email address as subscribed. The password is a Confirmation Number that you may generate by sending an email message to asvcp_list-confirm@asvcp.org with the subject “List Password.”

**ASVCP Committee Updates**

**Quality Assurance and Laboratory Standards Committee**
Submitted by Chair Bente Flatland, Vice Chair Melinda Camus, Secretary Shannon Pedersen

We are pleased to announce that ASVCP allowable total error (TEa) recommendations for biochemistry testing in veterinary medicine are finalized and available on-line at http://www.asvcp.org/pubs/qas/index.cfm.

Many thanks to everyone who provided feedback on the quality assurance guideline for point-of-care testing in veterinary medicine. This document is undergoing final revisions, and on-line publication is anticipated shortly.

Ongoing projects for 2013 include development of TEa recommendations for hematology and coagulation testing, a guideline regarding external quality assurance (EQA, or proficiency testing), a quality assurance guideline for glucometer use, and possibly a database of reference intervals designed for individuals seeking to transfer/validate reference intervals for use in their own laboratories. Work also continues on quality assurance guidelines for immunocytochemistry and immunohistochemistry. Additionally, QALS continues to work with the ASVCP Executive Board as our organization reaches out to the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) and possibly other national veterinary organizations in order to promote quality of in-clinic laboratory testing.

If you are interested in joining QALS, please contact Bente Flatland (bflatlan@utk.edu), Melinda Camus (mscamus@uga.edu), or Shannon Pedersen (shannonp@pclv.net).

**Outreach Committee**
Submitted by Chair Laura Lane

**Veterinary Student Clinical Pathology Seminar Stipends**
Veterinary Student Clinical Pathology Seminar Stipends: DEADLINE JUNE 30

- Student pathology clubs at the universities listed below are still eligible to receive a $150 stipend toward food/prizes for clinical pathology seminars led by an ACVP board certified clinical pathologist during the 2012/2013 academic year. Act now!
  - Auburn University
  - University of California-Davis
  - Colorado State University
  - University of Florida
  - University of Georgia
  - University of Illinois
  - Purdue University
  - Iowa State University
  - Kansas State University
  - Louisiana State University

- A fun, interactive Jeopardy style game is available thanks to Dr. Anne Barger. Please contact her at abarger@illinois.edu if interested.

- Find application details and future year eligibility on the ASVCP website under the students/residents section.

**Sponsored Speakers**
We look forward to sponsoring speakers for the following events:

- Students of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (SCVMA) Symposium: January 9-11, 2014, at St-Hyacinthe, Quebec
- Students of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA) Symposium: March 20-22, 2014, at Colorado State University

**Find us on Facebook**
It’s easy to find us! New links to both Facebook pages are up on www.asvcp.org.

- ‘American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology’ Public Page
  - Thanks to all our fans! Our page is continuing to grow! 779 “likes” and counting.

- ‘ASVCP’ Closed Group
  - Over 90 ASVCP members have joined our closed - Members Only - group! Share your pictures and join the discussion; you may be the one with the answer to the latest question!

**Coming Soon**

- “What is the American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology?” and the updated “What is a Clinical Pathologist” PowerPoint presentations are undergoing final polishing and will be on the ASVCP website soon.
The Regulatory Affairs Committee (RAC) has been having so much fun that we can’t believe that it is already May. We still have lots to do before the end of the year. One of our main ongoing activities has been to formulate and publish contemporary best practices for clinical pathology in industry. Based on some robust commentary from the clinical pathology community and other key stakeholders, the best practice manuscript has taken longer to finalize than planned but it should be published and available for the membership in the fall.

We have some exciting new projects starting up this year. These include collaborations with the Clinical Pathology Interest Group (CPIG) of the Society of Toxicologic Pathology (STP) on the evaluation of the recovery of clinical pathology endpoints and on method validation in industry, also in possible collaboration with the Quality Assurance and Standards Committee (QASC). We are also planning to use the best practice manuscript for industry as a starting point for a best practice paper in veterinary drug development. Additional discussions on more preliminary topics are ongoing. The RAC has also been involved in reviewing recent publications with clinical pathology components.

We thanked Jeff McCartney for his role with the committee last year and welcomed Linda Vap as Jeff’s replacement and new liaison to the Executive Board for 2013. Lila Ramaiah has accepted the upcoming open chair position for RAC and will succeed me in 2014. Lila is learning the specific roles and responsibilities of the RAC this year before assuming the chairmanship. If you are interested in any of the topics discussed or in developing new initiatives for toxicologic pathology and driving change within ASVCP, make sure that you submit your name to volunteer for the RAC!
Join a committee today!

Are you:
- Excited about clinical pathology?
- Motivated to make a difference?
- Willing to share your talents?

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To contact a committee chair please visit our website at

www.asvcp.org
General Information

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Members can contact the ASVCP National Office at 2424 American Lane, Madison, WI 53704; Phone: 608-443-2479; Fax: 608-443-2474 or 608-443-2478; e-mail: info@asvcp.org.

Electronic Newsletters:
Members who have provided the Society with an e-mail address will receive an e-mail containing a link to the newsletter as soon as each issue is posted to the ASVCP website. The newsletters are posted in PDF format. If you have any problems accessing the newsletter electronically, please contact the ASVCP National Office, info@asvcp.org, or Secretary, Robin Allison, robin.allison@okstate.edu. Members who do not have an e-mail access will receive paper copies.

Change of Address:
Please send any changes in mailing address or electronic mail address to the ASVCP National Office at 2424 American Lane, Madison, WI 53704; e-mail: info@asvcp.org, Phone: 608-443-2479; Fax: 608-443-2474 or 608-443-2478. You can also update your information on the website, under the Members Only Section.

ASVCP Newsletter and/or Website Submissions:
If you have material of interest to post in the newsletter or on the ASVCP website (www.asvcp.org), please contact the ASVCP Secretary, Robin Allison, Center for Veterinary Health Sciences, Department of Veterinary Pathobiology, 250 McElroy Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078; e-mail robin.allison@okstate.edu, Phone: 405-744-6279; Fax: 405-744-5275; or contact the ASVCP National Office at 2424 American Lane, Madison, WI 53704; e-mail: info@asvcp.org.

Membership Application:
Member application forms are available at the ASVCP website (www.asvcp.org) or by contacting the ASVCP National office 2424 American Lane, Madison, WI 53704; Phone: 608-443-2479; e-mail: info@asvcp.org.

Announcements

Committees:
If you are interested in serving on one of the ASVCP committees as a member or a committee chair, please contact any of the EB members or Susan Rees, srees@reesgroupinc.com. Getting involved is a great way to meet new people and contribute to your Society.

Institutional Slide Sets:
Due to the high demand for slide sets, institutions that are interested in reserving a set for the upcoming year are asked to contact Linda Vap, linda.vap@colostate.edu. A notice to all members will also be sent out through the listserv.

Reviewers for Clinical and Chemistry Cases:
If you are interested in being a reviewer for next year’s hematology/cytology cases or chemistry cases, please contact Linda Vap, linda.vap@colostate.edu.
ASVCP Important Dates

June 2013

International Association of Medical Science Educators Annual Meeting
June 8-11, 2013
St. Andrews, Scotland, UK
www.iamsme.org

ACVIM Forum
June 12-15, 2013
Seattle, WA
www.acvim.org

Society of Toxicologic Pathology Annual Symposium
June 16-20, 2013
Portland, OR
www.toxpath.org

July 2013

AVMA Annual Convention
July 19-23, 2013
Chicago, IL
www.avmaconvention.org

American Association for Clinical Chemistry (AACC) Annual Meeting
July 28-August 1, 2013
Houston, TX
www.aacc.org

American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS) Annual Meeting
July 30 - August 3, 2013
Houston, TX
www.ascls.org

September 2013

Congress of the European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine – Companion Animals (ECVIM-CA)
September 12-14, 2013
Liverpool, UK
www.ecvimcongress.org

American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) Annual Meeting
September 18-21, 2013
Chicago, IL
www.ascp.org

October 2013

56th AAVLD/117th USAHA Annual Meeting
October 17-23, 2013
San Diego, CA
www.aavld.org

Veterinary Cancer Society (VCS) Annual Meeting
October 17-20, 2013
Minneapolis, MN
www.vetcancersociety.org

November 2013

European Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathology (ESVCP) Annual Congress
November 6-9, 2013
Berlin, Germany
www.esvp.org

American Society of Cytopathology (ASC) 60th Annual Meeting
November 8-12, 2013
Orlando, FL
www.cytopathology.org

ACVP/ASVCP Annual Meeting
November 16-20, 2013
Montreal, QC, Canada
www.acvp.org or www.asvcp.org

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June

ASVCP Cytology and Hematology Case Review submissions due June 1, 2013.
Linda Vap, linda.vap@colostate.edu; www.asvcp.org

ASVCP Clinical Chemistry Review submissions due June 1, 2013.
Linda Vap, linda.vap@colostate.edu; www.asvcp.org

July

ASVCP 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award nominations due July 1, 2013.
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ASVCP Officer nominations due July 1, 2013. shark009@umn.edu

ASVCP/ACVP Annual Meeting Clinical Pathology Scientific Sessions abstracts due July 1, 2013. www.asvcp.org/meeting

15th ESVCP-ECVCP Congress abstracts and case submissions due July 1, 2013. Abstracts: sneuman@gwdg.de; Cases: tvedten@msu.edu

August

ASVCP Share the Future Travel and Research Grant applications due August 30, 2013. www.asvcp.org/awards/stff/share.cfm

September

ACVP Board Examination held September 17-29, 2013, Ames, Iowa.
www.acvp.org