From the President

Anne Barger, DVM, MS, DACVP
2017 ACVP President

My first responsibility as President of ACVP was to notify our membership of the death of our beloved Executive Director, Wendy Coe. Wendy served in that role for 12 years. During that time, Wendy served the College diligently as a quiet leader, keeping us moving forward. There are so many people in the College who worked closely with Wendy and had the opportunity to get to know her quite well, so I wanted to reach out to them and give them a chance to share their experience, insight, and words about Wendy.

I reached out to former ACVP presidents, current councilors, and past committee chairs who worked closely with our Executive Director. Many of the comments share similarities, commenting on Wendy’s genuine kindness, patience, and positivity. Each person who contributed has a story, a special memory, and personal experience to help shape their relationship with Wendy, but all of them revolve around her kind spirit, gentle nature, and love for the ACVP and people in general.

She served as a source of information, resources, and institutional memory. She presented challenges in a positive way, knowing that if we worked together, we could overcome any challenge. She has been described as a “stabilizing force,” “utterly reliable,” and “a role model in a diversity of situations.” Her dedication to the ACVP was inspiring. Wendy always made herself available to us no matter what was happening in her life. She even spent her wedding anniversary with us at our annual meeting in Minneapolis.

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The Secretary/Treasurer’s Corner

Mark Ackermann, DVM, PhD, DACVP
ACVP Secretary/Treasurer

Over A Decade with Wendy Coe

Mark Ackermann, Paul Stromberg, Derek Mosier, Mike Topper

Mark Ackermann

If you knew Wendy Coe, I hope you find this familiar. If you did not know her, I hope that you wish you did. Below are some thoughts from the Secretary/Treasurers who worked with Wendy for a combined 12 years.

Wendy Coe was Executive Director of the ACVP for 12 years. Wendy was first hired when Paul Stromberg was ACVP President and over the years worked closely with three ACVP Secretary/Treasurers that included Derek Mosier, Mike Topper, and myself. I spoke with Wendy by phone each week, emailed every day, and joined in numerous Council and Committee meetings on Basecamp, in person, and also here in Ames for the examination and at the Annual Meeting. I also made trips to Madison, Wisconsin. I was blessed and fortunate to have these experiences. Wendy somehow worked hard, concentrated, focused, sweated the details, and got things done, but yet simultaneously never lost her sense of humor, always respected others, and gave thought, care, and compassion to every person and issue. She did this during and through the many entangled and tense ACVP issues such as the exam, exam preparations, exam results, candidates, members, budgets, annual meetings, Council meetings, legal issues, contracts, strategic decisions, investments, and others. Wendy was there and made it work. She was a person for whom you would want to flip on that switch in your mind to be at your best—not because you needed to, but because you wanted to. She gave the ACVP levels of class and dignity that will stay with us and the College forever.

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We have a range of personalities in our College, and Wendy had a kind word or some level of commonality with each of us. I have never heard her utter an unkind word; she was able to find a positive trait in every person she met. In speaking with her husband, David, and son, Robbie, they both spoke of the pride she had in the ACVP and the job that she did for us. Robbie referred to ACVP members as her “peeps.” She was so excited about the changes that we are making to the exam and maintenance of certification.

Wendy was a quiet leader. Many have shared that Wendy preferred to stay in the background, working hard, quietly getting the job done, without expecting or asking for any level of recognition or thanks. There are many types of leaders in the world, but Wendy fit the definition of a servant leader, moving the College forward, while helping others succeed and refusing all recognition for herself. This level of dedication requires more than just thanks from the ACVP. Therefore, we will not only be honoring Wendy’s memory officially at the awards ceremony in Vancouver, but we will also start a scholarship in her name. Wendy truly valued education. She was so proud of her son, who is a teacher, and she did so much to support her former college, Luther College. Additionally, Wendy cared so much for the future of the ACVP and the advancement of the College, so it seems only right that we should associate her name and honor her memory by providing funds for the future members of our College. The Wendy Coe Memorial Scholarship will provide travel funds to anatomic and clinical pathology residents attending the annual meeting.

Twelve years ago, Wendy joined the ACVP team to help us build our strength in development, so it seems appropriate that we should use some of that strength to honor her memory. I miss Wendy very much, as I know many of you do as well. We can do something very special for Wendy through this memorial, and I hope you will join me in honoring her legacy.

Of special interest to me was Wendy’s connection with Decorah, Iowa, and Luther College. In Decorah, Wendy met her husband David, and they both attended and graduated from Luther College. Since then they frequently visited her parents, sister, her sister’s family, and friends in Decorah. Decorah is a lovely town established by proud Norwegian-Americans, and Wendy was a Norwegian-American proud of Decorah and Luther College. I am in Decorah often, as my daughter and her family live nearby. Wendy and I would discuss Nordic Fest, the Whippy Dip, Mabe’s pizza, and other Decorah favorites. We always figured that sometime we would cross paths randomly in Decorah or meet there for ACVP work as a halfway point between Madison and Ames. Suddenly and sadly, time ran out and our Decorah meeting never happened. But I will be there again often and will think of Wendy each and every time. I hope someday to see some of her family, including maybe even David and Wendy’s son Robbie and his fiancé. Perhaps during Nordic Fest after the parade or a music event, we’ll dig into some lefse or another one of those white-sauced Norwegian delicacies in Wendy’s memory.

As the ACVP continues to grow and succeed, we build on the accomplishments of many of our members who dedicated their careers and lives to our special discipline. We also build on the incredible contributions by Wendy, who was not a veterinarian or ACVP member, but a person who shared our vision and gave so much, so willingly. Her legacy will live on in us all through pathways that Wendy created and the lives of all those she touched.

Mark R. Ackermann
Secretary/Treasurer ACVP 2015-2019

Paul Stromberg

In the history of the ACVP, we have had only four Executive Directors: Susan Whitehouse at Talley Management, Thomas Miller at Thomas Miller & Associates (which within a few weeks became The Rees Group), and then Mary Schumacher and Wendy Coe. Mary was my Executive Director when I was Secretary Treasurer, and Wendy when I was President. Although I only shared Council with Wendy for two years, we remained close friends ever since.

Wendy was the perfect combination of efficiency, organization, and intelligence blended with a graceful demeanor, gentle personality (but a firmness of purpose), and superb diplomatic skills. She could be all business while appearing to be our “Den Mother.” She was the very “poster child” for Executive Directors of any organization. But she developed great interest in our College, its vision, goals, activities, and members—a personal attachment rather than just a business relationship or a job. She assumed an enormous workload and performed an amazing diversity of tasks for ACVP while remaining in the background, letting Council get the credit. Sometimes such people are often overlooked in the credits. But Wendy was content to accept this role and keep working for us because that’s who she was. Wendy was always a “tonic” that left you refreshed after you spoke with her whether about work or life. A personality with depth that reflected her Norwegian-American roots. I think she knew how much we appreciated her and cared.
Personal relationships were very important for Wendy and none more so than her family. Those of you who knew her understand the truth of that insight. Among the fond memories I have are the many emails and phone calls we shared after I left Council right up to December 25, 2016. There was usually a “college business” reason for the call; some little task or “assignment” she would ask if she could do for the College or a question she wanted some input on. Of course, I always cooperated. Who could say “No” to Wendy? But soon, no matter how busy she was, the conversation always turned to talk about our families, life in general, and how we were doing at the time—questions that opened up additional topics of a more personal and interesting nature. I don’t think we ever had a phone call that lasted less than 20 minutes; light chitchat that characterized her personal approach with everyone whose life she touched. She was a magnificent blend of personal and organizational that was an extremely effective approach to her life and, by extension, ACVP.

Wendy had great attention for detail—good institutional memory and a sense of humor. We hired The Hiebing Group during the latter years I was the Secretary/Treasurer to do public relations for ACVP. They hosted a focus group for several of us in Madison one weekend to learn more about us. At the end of the weekend they told us that we do interesting and important work, but nobody knows about it or who we are. As our PR campaign rolled out with Barb Hernandez and Hiebing, I commented to Wendy that we would know the campaign was succeeding when the proverbial “Grandmothers in Peoria” heard about us and what the ACVP was. Some years later during one of our phone conversations she told me she thought the campaign was working. We had been contacted by an inmate in the Arizona State prison system requesting more information about ACVP. Wendy asked me if I would accept that as the “Peoria Grandmother Equivalent.” We had a good laugh about it, but I was impressed that she remembered my comment. That was Wendy. We will miss her, but she will always be with us. She has a permanent place in our College’s history.

Derek Mosier
Secretary/Treasurer 2005-2009
Past President

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Mike Topper

I had the pleasure to work with Wendy during my three years as a Councilor and five years as Secretary/Treasurer. She was the most upbeat person and always had the best interest of her pathologists at heart in everything she did. Like all the Secretary/Treasurers, we spoke by phone at least once a week; however, it was not all business. She knew what was going on in my life, and I knew what was going on in hers. We were both cat people, so we were always discussing the joys (and pitfalls) of owning cats! Even after I completed my terms, we would talk at least monthly as friends to catch up on things. She was most interested in my campaign to be AVMA President-Elect and was one of the first to offer congratulations when I won.

The administration of the ACVP Certifying Examination was one of the most demanding jobs of the Secretary/Treasurer and the Executive Director. A lot of details needed to be accomplished to make the most stressful days of our future members less stressful. Wendy was a master of this. Being in charge of the exam administration my first year was the most stressful for us. It was the year that Ames had a severe flood, and the Scheman Center was damaged and was not available to be used. Wendy took charge and, working with the folks at ISU, found us a great place to hold the examination. It was a large non-denominational Christian church that had multiple rooms suitable for the candidates. Together with the Examination Committee, it worked very well and some candidates asked if we could use it the following year. She was also all about the veterinary students and trying to figure out ways to raise money to get them to our meetings so they would join us later in their careers. She worked with many to make these efforts successful, and everyone appreciated her hard work. She will not be forgotten!

Mike Topper
Councilor 2007-2009
Secretary/Treasurer 2010-2014
AVMA President-Elect

CFSPH Zoonotic Disease Online Course Now Offered Year-Round

The Center for Food Security and Public Health (CFSPH) at Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine now offers its web-based course, Zoonoses: Protecting People and Their Pets, year-round.

Veterinarians, physicians, public health professionals, and anyone interested in understanding and preventing zoonotic diseases found in companion animals will benefit from the course.

This course provides an excellent opportunity for veterinary, medical, and public health professionals and students to refresh and gain knowledge of key zoonotic diseases of companion animals. The web-based course includes lessons, case studies, and online resources to assist course participants in educating clients about zoonotic disease prevention. The course is self-paced and accessible online at any time for participants.

The cost to register for the course is $250, which includes a copy of the companion textbook (a $70 value).

To find out more and to register, visit http://www.cfsph.iastate.edu/Zoonoses-Course/ or http://zoonoses.info.

The course is approved for 10 hours of continuing education for veterinarians or veterinary technicians in jurisdictions that recognize AAVSB RACE approval.

Remembering Ames, Fort Collins, and the ACVP Exam

If you have photos, short stories or anecdotes of your time taking or giving the exam in Ames or working in Fort Collins on the exam committee, please send them by July 1st to Paul Stromberg (stromberg.1@osu.edu) or Maxey Wellman (wellman.3@osu.edu) both at The Ohio State University. Maxey and Paul are putting together a short thank you/recognition to Iowa State University and Colorado State University for their years of contribution to the exam and will also go down memory lane a bit.
The American College of Veterinary Pathologists provided an ACVP-sponsored award at all AVMA-accredited schools within North America with an active ACVP Student Chapter. The purpose of the award is to acknowledge any outstanding 4th year veterinary student who has demonstrated exceptional proficiency and interest in anatomic and/or clinical pathology. The award includes a Certificate of Recognition that can be linked to a pre-existing pathology-related monetary award at the university or can be awarded separately. Certificates are presented at the annual awards ceremonies at each institution. Congratulations to the following 4th year veterinary students who received the 2017 ACVP Award for Excellence in Pathology.

Anna Richburg  
Auburn University, CVM  

Brianne Taylor  
Colorado State University, CVM & Biomedical Sciences  

Brett Fisher  
Kansas State University, CVM  

Carter Ward  
Louisiana State University, SVM  

Eileen Downs  
Michigan State University, CVM  

Ryan Taylor  
Mississippi State University, CVM  

Agnes Wong  
The Ohio State University, CVM  

Sam Radley  
Oklahoma State University, CVM  

Andrew Beachy  
Oregon State, CVM  

Amy Flix  
Purdue University, CVM  

Kristen LaCroix  
Ross University, SVM  

Emily Wilks  
Royal Veterinary College, UK  

Juan Diaz  
Texas A&M University, CVM & Biomedical Sciences  

Bianca Pfisterer  
Tufts University, Cummings SVM  

Yianelly Rodriguez Ruiz  
Tuskegee University, College of Veterinary Medicine, Nursing, and Allied Health  

Danielle Lieske  
University of California - Davis, SVM  

Jacqueline Dolan  
University of Florida, CVM  

Elizabeth Rose  
University of Georgia, CVM  

Stephanie Delorme  
University of Guelph, Ontario Veterinary College  

Andrea Pohly  
University of Illinois, CVM  

Melissa Roy  
University of Minnesota, CVM  

Agata Grzelak  
University of Missouri, CVM  

Redha Benayachi  
University of Montréal, The Faculté de Médecine Vétérinaire  

Terra MacDonald  
University of Prince Edward Island, Atlantic College of Veterinary Medicine  

Alex Neumann  
University of Saskatchewan, Western College of Veterinary Medicine  

L. Clayton Apgar  
University of Wisconsin, SVM  

Allison Smith  
Virginia-Maryland Regional CVM  

Daniel Gutman  
Western University of Health Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine
Rachel Bone  
University of California, Davis

Thank you so much for the assistance provided by your scholarship. My externship with the wildlife diagnostic lab at San Diego Zoo Global, enabled by your funds, was amazing! I experienced a whole new side of pathology that I had never been exposed to before, through the diverse caseload, interactions with all members of the zoo community, and through supportive staff and pathologists. In fact, I didn’t truly understand just how educational my experience had been until I came back and had my five weeks of anatomic pathology at UC Davis. San Diego’s team taught me how to do a complete necropsy on so many different species! I was involved with a giraffe and crocodile necropsy, as well as multiple bird and reptile necropsies, just to name a few. I went to the externship with the desire to expand my necropsy technique and was able to do that and more! I was also taught how to perform a cosmetic necropsy, which is an extremely important skill.

Upon returning to Davis, I was able to use the skills that I had obtained in the necropsies I performed while on my rotation, as well as assist my fellow students. I realized just how complete my learning has been when, each time we would get a new species at UC Davis, the resident or faculty member would turn to me and ask, “Rachel, are you comfortable with a chameleon?” and I would reply, “Yep! I did that in San Diego!” The conversation would continue, “What about a hawk?”, to which I would say, “Yes! I can do that too and teach another student who hasn’t!” The difference between this externship and my normal anatomic pathology rotation is that I was given one on one instruction frequently. While the rotation through Davis is amazing, it is just not possible with the case load to have an instructor watch you the whole time. Therefore, for students truly trying to be proficient in many species, it is hard to accomplish this during a standard necropsy rotation.

Lastly, this externship allowed me to practice my histology skills. The resident, Adam, frequently would sit down with me at the double-headed scope and walk me through cases he had assigned to me. Interactions like this are not available except through externships.

In summary, your funds provided me the opportunity to improve my skills in both necropsy and histology, explore the field, and make contacts with amazingly supportive pathologists. For that, I am extremely grateful.

Kathleen Mulka  
Michigan State University

I spent three weeks at the Wildlife Disease Laboratories of the San Diego Zoo. During this externship, the majority of my time was spent performing gross necropsies of exotic and wildlife species from the Zoo and Safari Wildlife Park. The caseload included mammals, avian species, reptiles, amphibians, and fish. I learned how to collect samples and how to decide which samples and tests needed to be collected and performed for each unique case. I developed new skills, such as cosmetic necropsy. During daily rounds with pathologists, residents, and staff, I summarized the gross findings of cases. A slide set of common wildlife diseases was provided for me to study. I attended morbidity and mortality rounds with the Safari Park for mammalian species. I also participated in the JPC weekly slide conference. Here, I presented a case and improved my written descriptions of microscopic lesions. I learned how to prepare histologic slides and studied the process of staining slides.

Overall, this was an amazing experience that allowed me to see species I had not previously seen, develop new techniques in sample collection and gross examination, and learn about common diseases in exotic species.
Victoria Neff
University of Missouri

Over the past year, I completed a pair of externships. In April, I spent two weeks at the Joint Pathology Center (JPC) in Silver Springs, MD, and in December, I spent two weeks at the Comparative Ocular Pathology Laboratory of Wisconsin (COPLOW) in Madison, WI. While my plans post-graduation have turned in a more clinical direction, the experiences I had were invaluable, and I learned quite a bit that I believe will help me as a clinician.

At the JPC, I was able to work off of large study slide sets, including many incidental lesions and lesions of aging. One of my favorite slide sets was a comparative set between cytology and histopathology of the same type of lesion. As part of my externship, I attended daily sign-out rounds, where all resident cases and other cases of significance were reviewed by all of the residents and staff pathologists. As part of one session, I presented a tumor biopsy, for which I had also previously prepared a complete written report. This was a good experience to get a taste of completely describing all features of a biopsied lesion. I also attended all training sessions for the JPC residents, which provided me with a good overview of the breadth and depth of training during a pathology residency.

One of my primary clinical interests is ophthalmology, and so my two weeks at COPLOW were particularly interesting. It was especially interesting to see the gross changes in submitted globes, which are easily equated to the clinical picture in a live animal, and then making the comparison to the histopathology of the lesions seen. Understanding the changes at this level is helpful in being able to comprehend the clinical changes. The pathologists at COPLOW were also very good at explaining the pathophysiology behind the gross and histopathologic changes. It was also helpful to be able to see the possible extent of invasiveness into the globe of lesions that might have looked smaller in clinical examination. While a lesion may have looked small from the outside of the globe, some masses would actually extend much further into the globe, once the globe was sectioned.

These pathology externships both contributed positive experiences to my clinical time in veterinary school, and provided me with a good background that I will be able to apply to clinical practice. Thank you for the assistance in allowing me to pursue these externships!

Global Health Pathology Network Mini-Symposium: Meeting Summary
ACVP Annual Meeting, December 7, 2016, New Orleans

Engaging Veterinary Pathologists in Global Health
Tanja Zabka (Chair), Corrie Brown (Vice Chair), Derron (Tony) Alves, Sarah Corner

In 2015, ACVP initiated the Global Health Pathology Network (GHPN), a strategic platform aimed to support pathologists and trainees interested in global health engagement. A Steering Committee, composed of members representing a cross-section of careers, generations, and experience across pathology, was charged with developing the infrastructure to achieve this vision. Led by Dr. Tanja Zabka, the Committee worked to further define the mission, vision, and a communication framework to coordinate and harness pathologist activities and expertise.

The concept for the GHPN was presented in the form of a mini-symposium at the 2016 ACVP Annual Meeting in New Orleans. Attendees learned about the basic principles of global animal health, means by which diplomates could contribute sustainably in resource-poor nations, and the impact of global animal health on human health. Central to the discussion was a mechanism for contributing and sharing of materials and opportunities. A website to enable broader participation and dissemination of information is now under construction and will be merged with the new ACVP website, to be launched. Dr. Karen Terio recently was appointed the Committee Liaison to the ACVP Council to facilitate alignment and support. Additionally, a Commentary for the journal Veterinary Pathology explaining the GHPN will appear in 2017.

In the interim, questions or comments regarding the GHPN can be directed to committee members Sarah Corner (corners1@msu.edu) and Derron (Tony) Alves (norredva@aol.com).
Preliminary Program
(subject to change)

Saturday, November 4, 2017
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (available at an additional fee)
ASVCP Pre-Meeting Workshop

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (available at an additional fee)
ACVP Pre-Meeting Workshop

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (available at an additional fee)
C.L. Davis Foundation Pre-Meeting Workshop

7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Opening Reception

Sunday, November 5, 2017
8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
ASVCP Education Symposium

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
ASVCP Veterinary Laboratory Professionals Session I

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Career Development Session: Professional Writing

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Concurrent Session I: Phenotypic Analysis of Developing Mice

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Industrial & Toxicologic Pathology Focused Scientific Session I

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Natural Disease Focused Scientific Session I

12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m.
Emerging Disease Focus Seminar

1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
ASVCP Veterinary Laboratory Professionals Session II

1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
Clinical Pathology Focused Scientific Session I

1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Diagnostic Pathology Focused Scientific Session I

1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Experimental Disease Focused Scientific Session I

1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Natural Disease Focused Scientific Session II

4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
ASVCP Business Meeting

6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
ACVP Town Hall Business Meeting

7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Mystery Slide Review: Wildlife Diseases
Monday, November 6, 2017

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
ACVP and ASVCP Joint Plenary Session
Autophagy

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
ASVCP Veterinary Laboratory Professionals Session III

12:15 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
Latin Comparative Pathology Group Presents

1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
ASVCP Case Discussion Session

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Mystery Slide Review: Neuropathology

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Concurrent Session II: Ear Evaluation in Pathology and Toxicity

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Concurrent Session III: Pathology of Commercial Salmonids

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Clinical Pathology Focused Scientific Session II

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Education Focused Scientific Session

1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
ASVCP Mystery Slide Case Session

1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Diagnostic Pathology Focused Scientific Session II

1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Experimental Disease Focused Scientific Session II

1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Industrial and Toxicologic Pathology Focused Scientific Session II

1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Mini-Symposium I: Prion Diseases: Emerging Concerns and Recent Progress

5:15 p.m.-6:45 p.m.
ACVP Awards and Recognition Event

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
ACVP Presidential Reception

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Concurrent Session IV: Wildlife Pathology of the Great Northwest

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Concurrent Session V: The Forensic Necropsy: Challenges and Considerations for the Pathologist

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Mini-Symposium II: Cell Death

1:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. (available at an additional fee)
Post-Meeting Workshop I: Diagnostic Evaluation of the Ultrastructure Pathology

1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Post-Meeting Workshop II
**AAVMC Names Dr. Steve Stockham Distinguished Teacher of the Year**

Now a professor emeritus, Dr. Steve Stockham is receiving the 2016 Distinguished Teacher Award from the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges and presented by Zoetis. Dr. Stockham, professor of veterinary clinical pathology, will be officially presented the honor at the annual AAVMC conference and Iverson Bell Symposium, March 10-12, 2017, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. The award, considered the most prestigious national teaching award in veterinary medicine, recognizes excellence in professional veterinary medical education and is presented to an educator whose sustained record of teaching excellence and ability, dedication, character, and leadership has contributed significantly to the advancement of the profession. “I’ve had the distinct privilege, great pleasure, and professional responsibility of introducing highly motivated and very intelligent veterinary students to the pathogeneses of abnormal laboratory data and the related diagnostic-reasoning skills,” Dr. Stockham said. “I cannot think of a better way to end my academic career at K-State than by being recognized for what I attempted to do each year — provide relevant educational experiences for our future veterinarians. I’m very fortunate to receive this award considering the nominated teachers who have the same goal.”

Dean Tammy Beckham said the honor is well-earned. “His dedication and enthusiasm as an educator have combined to provide a truly unmatched learning experience for our students,” she said. “This award serves as a wonderful tribute for his contributions throughout his career.”

Dr. Stockham, who retired earlier this year, consistently received high student reviews and earned more than 30 teaching awards throughout a 36-year teaching career. His teaching philosophy involved engaging and motivating students through real-life clinical situations, allowing them to acquire clinical reasoning skills that lead to rewarding, lifelong professional careers.

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**Veterinary Pathologist is on the Front Lines in Disease Prevention**

COLUMBIA — Before you can fight a disease, you have to identify the foe. For that, you need someone like Guillermo Rimoldi.

Recently named the head of the histopathology section of the Veterinary Diagnostic Center (CVDC), a unit of Clemson University Livestock Poultry Health in Columbia, Rimoldi is responsible for examining tissue samples of animals to diagnose potential diseases.

The CVDC is on the front line in the war against animal diseases as dangerous as rabies and as potentially devastating as avian influenza.

“What we do in the diagnostic lab is detect problems so producers and farmers can treat their flocks and herd animals and improve their vaccination schedules,” Rimoldi said.

“We do a lot of of surveillance,” he said. “Almost every avian sample that comes to our necropsy floor is checked for pathogens such as avian influenza and also Newcastle Disease, which can be very important from an economic point of view. Our task is to come up with a fast and accurate diagnosis to stop an outbreak.”

The CVDC assists veterinarians, the animal industry, and animal owners with livestock, poultry, companion animal and wildlife disease problems. The list of pathogens they can encounter reads like a chilling catalog of pestilence: salmonella, listeria, West Nile Virus, and Eastern equine encephalitis, a devastating disease of horses. Many of these diseases are zoonotic, meaning they can affect people as well as animals, Rimoldi said.

Fast-spreading poultry diseases such as Newcastle and avian influenza are of special concern given the size of the industry in South Carolina. Poultry annually contribute more than $12 billion — more than a quarter of the total economic impact of the state’s agribusiness — from more than 3,350 active houses at 800 commercial poultry farms across the Palmetto State.

“If a producer with 50,000 birds sends us carcasses of poultry that have died, an accurate diagnosis can be the difference in saving hundreds if not thousands more birds in addition to stopping the spread of disease to other farms,” Rimoldi said.

A 1994 graduate of veterinary sciences at the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina, Rimoldi comes to Clemson from the Tulare Veterinary Diagnostic Lab at the University of California-Davis, where he served as a pathologist for the California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory System. Rimoldi is board certified in anatomic pathology by the American College of Veterinary Pathologists.

He joins a laboratory that is part of a three-pronged state regulatory agency — Clemson Livestock Poultry Health — that is charged with the responsibility of protecting the health of food animals such as cattle, poultry, swine, and other livestock. The CVDC works alongside sister LPH divisions — Animal Health Programs and Meat and Poultry Inspection — to help assure a safe and adequate food supply and to protect the health and welfare of South Carolinians.

A member of the National Animal Health Laboratory Network, the Diagnostic Center has the capability to perform necropsy, histopathology, bacteriology, virology, and serology. It accepts most species of animals from practicing veterinarians, regulatory officials, and animal owners.

“We perform some diagnostics for protection for companion animals as well,” Rimoldi said. “But our core mission is to safeguard livestock and poultry health for the benefit of people, the environment, and the economy.”

—Tom Hallman, The Newsstand, Clemson University
2017 ACVP & ASVCP Call for Abstracts

Submission Deadline: June 30, 2017

Mark Your Calendar and Join us in Vancouver for the 68th Annual Meeting of the ACVP and the 52nd Annual Meeting of the ASVCP!

Whether you are new to the field of veterinary pathology or an experienced veteran, you will enjoy the diverse and exciting program being offered at this year’s meeting. Highlighted topics include:

**PRELIMINARY TOPICS**

Pre-Meeting Workshops
- ACVP Pre-Meeting Workshop
- ASVCP Pre-Meeting Workshop
- C.L. Davis Foundation Pre-Meeting Workshop

ACVP/ASVCP Joint Plenary Session
- Autophagy

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Concurrent Sessions
- Phenotypic Analysis of Developing Mice
- Pathology of the Ear
- Pathology of Commercial Salmonids
- Wildlife Pathology of the Great Northwest
- Forensic Pathology

Mini-Symposia
- Prion Diseases: Emerging Concerns and Recent Progress
- Cell Death

Career Development
- Professional Writing

**ASVCP**
- Case Discussion Session
- Mystery Slide Case Session
- Education Forum for Discussion
- Veterinary Laboratory Professionals

Focused Scientific Sessions
- Clinical Pathology
- Diagnostic Pathology
- Education
- Experimental Disease
- Industrial and Toxicologic Pathology
- Natural Disease

Mystery Slide Review Session
- Wildlife Diseases
- Neuropathology
Upcoming Events

Bone Marrow Course

http://www.unisvet.it/corso.php?id=448&ln=en

Riva del Garda Fierecongressi
Lake Garda, Italy
May 5-7, 2017

The course is designed for professionals who already have some basic experience on the topic and review normal and pathologic bone marrow in companion animals via cytology and histology.

2017 ACVP/ASVCP Concurrent Annual Meeting
November 4-8, 2017
Vancouver Convention Center, Vancouver, BC, Canada
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