



*SCE Business Meeting – ACVIM Forum – Denver, CO
June 16th, 2011 - Thursday – Denver Convention Center
Time: 7:30pm – 9:30pm*

Meeting Minutes

1). Welcome and recognition of sponsors: Dr. Rebecka Hess

Platinum Level:

Boehringer-Ingelheim	\$7,500.00
Hill's Pet Nutrition	\$ 7,100.00

Gold Level:

Nestle Purina PetCare Company	\$ 5,500.00
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Silver Level:

Intervet/Schering Plough Animal Health	\$ 3,500.00
Dechra Veterinary Products	\$ 3,000.00

This year contributions were also made for the first Oxford Award Voter lottery prize giving. The following fantastic prizes were available:

1. Oxford Laboratories: Apple I-Pad (Dr. Denis Calleweart)
2. Found Animal Foundation, (Michelson Prize Grant): 4 Cash prize of \$50.00

2). SCE Financial Report FY 2011 (See report at the end of the minutes).

3). The Oxford Laboratories Awards for excellence in the advancement of knowledge related to small animal endocrinology.

Based on the recommendations of the SCE, the 2010 Oxford Laboratories Awards for Excellence in the advancement of knowledge concerning small animal endocrinology are being presented in two categories: Basic science and clinical science:

Basic Science:

First Place:

Awardee: **Sara Galac**, Department of Clinical Sciences of Companion Animals, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Utrecht, The Netherlands

Publication: Galac, S, Kars VJ, Klarenbeek, S, Teerds, KL, Mol, JA Kooistra, HS. Expression of Receptors for Luteinizing Hormone, Gastric-Inhibitory Polypeptide, and Vasopressin in Normal Adrenal Glands and Cortisol-Secreting Adrenocortical Tumors in Dogs. *Domestic animal endocrinology* **39**, 63-75 .1(2010).

Second Place:

Awardee: **Noelia Rivera**, Department of Molecular Physiology, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, Tennessee, USA.

Publication: Rivera, N, Ramnanan, CJ, An, Z, Farmer, T, Smith, M, Farmer, B Irimia, JM, Snead, W, Lautz M, Roach, PJ, Cherrington, AD. Insulin-Induced Hypoglycemia Increases Hepatic Sensitivity to Glucagon in Dogs. *The Journal of Clinical Investigation* **120**, 4425-35 (2010).

Clinical Science:

First Place:

Awardee: **Saskia Quante**, Clinic for Small Animal Internal Medicine, Winterhurerstr. 260, CH-8057 Zurich, Switzerland

Publication: Quante, S, Boretti, FS, Kook, PH, Mueller, C, Schellenberg, S, Zini, E, Sieber-Ruckstuhl, N, Reusch CE. Urinary Catecholamine and Metanephrine to Creatinine Ratios in Dogs with Hyperadrenocorticism or Pheochromocytoma, and in Healthy Dogs. *J Vet Intern Med* **24**, 1093-7 (2010).

Second Place:

Awardee: **Tim Williams**, Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, Royal Veterinary College, North Mymms, Hatfield, United Kingdom

Publication: Williams, TL, Elliott, J and Syme, HM. Association of Iatrogenic Hypothyroidism with Azotemia and Reduced Survival Time in Cats Treated for Hyperthyroidism. *J Vet Intern Med* **24**, 1086-92 (2010).

Congratulations to these research teams- we all appreciate the high quality of work you achieve!

4). Voter Lottery: Everyone who helped screen manuscripts or voted for the Oxford awards had their names placed in a lottery to be held at the annual business meeting. The lucky prize winners were:

1. Jennifer Wakeling (I PAD donated by Oxford Laboratories.)
2. Found Animal Foundation Lottery cash prizes:
 - a. Dan Rosenburg
 - b. William E. Monroe
 - c. Thomas Lutz
 - d. Another unrecorded lucky winner (if it was you, please let the secretary know so that the minutes can be updated).

5). RESIDENT SCE AWARDS

1. Gostelow, Ruth (\$200.00). PLASMA FREE METANEPHRINE AND NORMETANEPHRINE CONCENTRATIONS ARE ELEVATED IN DOGS WITH PHEOCHROMOCYTOMA
2. Miriam Baumstark (\$100.00). EVALUATION OF ALDOSTERONE CONCENTRATIONS IN DOGS WITH ADDISON'S DISEASE

6). Resident Virbac/Soloxine Award:

Mayank Seth (\$100.00). COMBINING WHITE BLOOD CELL COUNTS AND THE SODIUM TO POTASSIUM RATIO TO SCREEN FOR CANINE HYPOADRENOCORTICISM.

7). Update from the SCE Educator Group

Dr. Cindy Ward (University of Georgia) has agreed to lead the initiative to address the misson of endocrine education which is shared by many SCE members. Goals of the SCE Endocrine Educator Interest Group that are under consideration include organizing education sessions at SCE/ACVIM and the creation of opportunities for educators to share best practices and collaborate on education projects. Please contact Dr. Ward if you would like to be part of this interest group: crward@uga.edu

7). Annoucement of the European ECVIM Meeting 2011

The 21st ECVIM-CA congress will take place in the warm city of Sevilla (Spain) from the 6-8 of September. The next ESVE meeting will follow the 2012 ECVIM meeting.

8). Thank you to Dr. Hess:

On behalf of the SCE, Dr. Margarethe Hoenig (current Vice President) thanked Dr. Rebecka Hess for her multiple years (4 years as President, 6 years as Secretary Treasurer) of impressive service to the SCE. Rebecka will be receiveing an engraved plaque documenting her leadership and important role within this organization. She will remain as the Vice President for the next two years to help guide the leadership transition. Her effort, collegial and effective leadership and grace under pressure are appreciated by all of SCE.

9). Election of NEW SCE Officers

An election was held and we are pleased to announce the new SCE officers for the next two year term (2011-2013):

Catharine Scott Moncrieff (President elect)

Rebecka Hess (Vice President)

Patty Lathan (Secretary/Treasurer elect)

Board members at large: Johan Schoeman and Linda Fleeman

SCE Webpage management change: Thank you to Peter Chapman who volunteered to **manage the SCE webpage and listserve**. Our thanks to Drs. Hoenig and Ferguson for managing these core activities for the past several years.

10). Discussion topics

Topic 1: Voting/Selection Procedures for Annual Oxford Publication Awards: After consideration of the difficulties associated with review of over 120 published manuscripts each year in preparation for the Oxford Award it was suggested and decided by a vote that a new mechanism will be put in place for 2011. The new procedure will be as follows:

1. Annually, dues paying SCE members will be asked to submit a list of their own publications to the SCE Oxford Award Selection Committee. The authors will identify their papers as Clinical or Basic Science manuscripts. The due date (likely early March, 2012) will be decided by the SCE Oxford Award Committee.
2. The Award Selection Committee will consist of the **senior authors** from the winning papers from the previous two years. For 2011, the committee will consist of 2010 winners:
 - a. Hans Kooistra
 - b. Claudia Reusch
 - c. Hattie Syme

Winners from 2009 will also be contacted for their potential participation in the next review cycle.

3. The Selection Committee will select the winners for each category (2 basic, 2 clinical research). Work associated with the Award Selection Committee members will not be eligible for the current award cycle.

Topic 2: Use of SCE funds:

1. Supporting student research: The following options were discussed and a vote was taken:

Funding (to include travel and research stipend) for an exchange of students between US and other countries for summer research.

OR

Internal funding for residents or graduate students to perform research in their setting and present results at ACVIM/SCE.

Decision: Funding to be available to residents or graduate students to perform research at their site. Portion of funding to be allocated for travel (student and advisor) to ACVIM meeting to present results.

Dr. Catharine Scott Moncreiff proposed that SCE develop a memorial to Dr. Jack Oliver and all present approved establishing the new SCE grant in Dr. Oliver's honor: The SCE Jack Oliver Memorial Grant/Award/Fund to be created.

Action Steps:

Dr. Peter Graham volunteered to be the leader of this initiative.

Dr. Cindy Ward agreed to assist with the proposal template and process development.

A five page full proposal was favored over a shorter letter of intent and subsequent resubmission approach. Peter will distribute the request for proposals, collate the applications and distribute them to reviewers. Reviewers will be determined based on the applications received. SCE members present at the meeting expressed willingness to serve if asked.

The proposed timeline is for grants to be due in late fall (Sept/October) with decisions communicated by the end of December (hopefully a 6-8 week turnaround time). It was suggested that a two year time frame for results and presentation at ACVIM (professional meeting or business meeting) be an expectation that is communicated in the program details.

Funding levels: A total grant of 5,000 for research with an additional 2000 for travel was approved.

2. Supporting SCE President/Secretary travel:

Discussion also addressed the suggestion from current officers (Hess/Davies) that SCE consider providing a modest travel supplement to help key officers attend the annual meeting. A travel contribution of \$200-300 for the President and Secretary/Treasurer would facilitate their travel and support their effort at the business meetings. A vote was not held on this option so further consideration is required.

Society for Comparative Endocrinology
Financial Report
June 16, 2011

Beginning 2011 Balance: **\$28,752.11**

Revenues:

Members 2010/2011 Dues \$ 975.00

***Sponsors:**

Dechra Veterinary Products (Bronze level) \$ 3,000.00

Hills Pet Nutrition (Platinum Level) \$ 7,100.00

Intervet/Schering Plough Animal Health (Silver Level) \$ 3,500.00

Nestle Purina PetCare Company (Gold Level) \$ 5,500.00

Found Animal Foundation – Cash Prize (\$50) x 4 \$ 200.00

Michelson Prize Grant

Total Income **\$20,275.00**

Total assets = **\$28,752.11 + \$20,275.00 = \$49,027.11**

Expenses:

SCE 2010 Speaker Meals/Mtg supplies (RDavies) \$ 538.06

SCE Website 6/2009-5/2010 (MHoenig) \$ 228.40

SCE 2011 Lottery cash prize (\$50 X 4) \$ 200.00

SCE 2011 Millineum Harvest House, Boulder, CO (Deposit) \$ 4,000.00

Total expenses **\$ 4,966.46**

Total New (June 2011) Balance: **\$49,027.11 – \$ 4,966.46 = \$44,060.65**