The American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD), founded in 1957, strives to assure development of uniform methods for accurate diagnosis of animal disease. Full accreditation indicates the laboratory is capable of providing a full range of diagnostic services including necropsy, histopathology, clinical patholog-ogy, bacteriology, virology, mycology, parasitology serology and toxicology. Other activities include establishment of standards for facilities and equipment, education and training qualifications for laboratory personnel and distribution of information to veterinary diagnostic laboratories in the provision of high quality, timely and cost effective diagnostic support for veterinarians, the animal industry, and animal owners. AAVLD accreditation is essential for laboratories engaged in testing for regulatory programs, foreign animal disease surveillance and export of animals but adherence to the accreditation standards ensures the highest quality of testing services across the board. Currently, The Animal Health Diagnostic Center is one of only 36 laboratories in North America to have AAVLD accreditation.
Awards

Andrea Flesken-Nikitin awarded the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)-AstraZeneca Scholar-in-Training Award for her presentation "Modeling epithelial ovarian cancer in the mouse" at the AACR Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 12 - 16, 2008.

Valdir Braga (Postdoc), American Heart Association Annual High Blood Pressure Research Conference New Investigator Award, 2008.

Robin L. Davisson, 2008 Student Choice Speaker, Department of Physiology, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI, "Physiological Genomic Analysis of Cardiovascular Disease"

Xia Xu was awarded a Hsien Wu and Daisy Yen Wu Scholarship from Cornell University. Xia is a fourth-year student in the Graduate Field of Environmental Toxicology and a member of the Weiss laboratory.

Grants

Elsevier Press has made a grant to Drs. Howard Evans and Alexander de Lahunta to revise the "Guide to Dissection of the Dog" now used throughout the world. It has been translated into Spanish, Japanese, Portuguese, and Korean with an unauthorized edition in Chinese. It is available on the WEB of Veterinary CONSULT.

Sarah Lagedrost (picture attached), a junior pursuing an independent research project in the Weiss laboratory, was awarded a Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship from the American Heart Association. Her project is titled "Effects of ribonucleotide reductase deregulation on mitochondrial and cardiac muscle function".

Dr. Alexander de Lahunta

Howard Evans and his wife Erica showing off a whale rib on a Cornell Adult University trip to the Antarctica in 2004.
Training

Federal and state laws and the Cornell University Health & Safety Policy requires all employees (including paid graduate assistants) who may be exposed to hazardous materials to attend safety training and be informed of the potential health and safety risks that may be present in their workplace. EH&S provides a number of training opportunities to fulfill these requirements. Visit http://www.ehs.cornell.edu/training/training.cfm for info on upcoming training opportunities.

Special Seminars
Department of Biomedical Sciences

June 3, 2008
Tuesday 4:00PM - 5:00PM
Lecture Hall III : Veterinary Research Tower
DR. MARIA J. GARCIA-GARCIA
Assistant Professor
Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics
Cornell University
"How to get cells in shape to elongate a mouse embryo"

June 24, 2008
Tuesday 4:00PM - 5:00PM
Lecture Hall III : Veterinary Research Tower
DR. QIAOMING LONG
Assistant Professor
Department of Animal Science
Program of Vertebrate Functional Genomics
Cornell University
"Transcriptional Control of Pancreas Development"

Congratulations to:

Haixin Chang
of Dr. Susan Suarez's lab
and
SeungWoo Jung
of Dr. Teresa Gunn's lab

have both passed their A-exam (Admission to Candidacy).

Please join us in congratulating them!


Atsuko Yamahiro, a bright and friendly student working in Dr. Klaus Beyenbach’s lab, has now graduated with Honors in Biology at this past month’s graduation festivities. Ms. Yamahiro has been selected as a Teaching Assistant to the medical students at Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar; and, her smile, joy, and enthusiasm will be missed as she goes on to her next great adventure.

Alisa Mo, a senior undergraduate student working in the Gilmour lab, has been named a Merrill Presidential Scholar. Alisa previously was awarded a 2007 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship for academic excellence in math, science and engineering. She will enter the MD/PhD program at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine this Fall.