



Dear JCC Community,

I am honored to accept the appointment as Acting Dean of the JCC. Firstly, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to Prof. Klaus Osterrieder for his leadership of JCC during the most difficult times of the COVID-19 pandemic. He will be much missed by all of the JCC community.

Indeed, the last two years have been a turbulent time navigating the challenges of delivery of our undergraduate and postgraduate courses, many of which have extensive practical components that cannot be taught online. In addition, travel restrictions have made staff recruitment and retention particularly challenging.

Despite these challenges, happily we are now in a very strong position, with open borders and greatly expanded faculty, teaching and support staff numbers in the JCC. Over the coming months, I am determined to see the legacy of our previous Deans strengthened. We are one College with four departments, each with unique strengths and talents.

I wish you all a relaxing weekend, and leave you with the words of Vincent Van Gogh:

“Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.” —Vincent Van Gogh

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Accreditation

For the next eight months we must focus on the accreditation of the BVM degree. We cannot do this without the unreserved support of all JCC departments. Without BVM accreditation our very existence as a College would be jeopardized. Thus, it is in the interests of all, even those that have no direct engagement with the BVM, that we unite and strive together to achieve this critical goal.

International accreditation with the AVBC and RCVS will certify the JCC as a leading international centre of veterinary excellence. Being the first and only veterinary school in Hong Kong our school will be a flagship for improvements in veterinary health and welfare not only in Hong Kong, but on the mainland and beyond.

Starting from next week, I will be holding once to twice weekly accreditation meetings with JCC staff who are Australasian Veterinary Boards Council (AVBC) Standard leaders, Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) Domain leaders, and other involved stakeholders to get the work done. If you have received an invitation to attend these meetings, please attend. If you are not able to attend, please send a representative to the meeting. If you have not received an invitation and would like to attend these weekly meetings please contact the BVM programme team for meeting details.

Accreditation dates

- **Mock accreditation January 8 to January 13, 2023.**
- **AVBC accreditation May 28 to June 2, 2023**
- **RCVS accreditation June 11 to June 16, 2023.**
- There is an annual leave, staff development and duty leave embargo during these weeks for all VCS and PH faculty and staff and for BMS faculty teaching into the BVM.

A leave embargo is in place for these dates.

Upcoming Events



The poster for the BVM High Table Dinner features a circular logo of the City University of Hong Kong Veterinary Medicine School in the top left corner. The main text reads "BVM High Table Dinner" in a mix of bold serif and elegant script fonts, with "CITYU VMS 2022" below it. The event details include the date "28th October, 7pm", reception times "5:30PM for students, 6:15PM for guests", the location "Michelle & Maggie, 2/F, Eaton Hotel Hong Kong", and the guest speaker "Dr. Eryl T. Done, Farm manager of CityU Dairy Farm | Veterinary Surgeon". The background is a soft purple with a green olive branch on the right side.

Second Annual Student's High Table Dinner

The second annual student's high table dinner on October 28th, organized by our BVM student body, the Veterinary Medical Surgery is destined to be another highlight on the JCC calendar.

[Sign up for this momentous event](#)

News

BVM Student Events

Our students have been busy not only with study, but with extra-curricular activities. Check out the BVM-1 leadership and team-building camp, held on Mui Wo earlier this month. A big thanks to those staff involved in arranging this and attending the weekend, which was a great success.



Celebrating JCC Staff Success

Of 18 Named Chair Professorships recently awarded by the President of CityU, five are from JCC:

Prof. Huang Yu	Jeanie hu Professorship in Biomedical Sciences
Prof He Jufang	Wong Chun Hong Chair Professorship in Translational Neurosciences
Prof. Michael Yang Mengsu	Yeung Kin Man Chair Professorship in Biomedical Sciences
Prof. Dirk U Pfeiffer	Chow Tak Fung Chair Professorship in One Health
Prof. Vanessa Barrs	BOCHK Chair Professorship in Veterinary Medicine

Donors Supporting New Named Chair Professorship Scheme

Five out of 13 Named Chair Professorships are from JCC, including two from the vet school; one of six Named Professorships is from JCC; total: six out of 19.

The 2022 list of top 2% of most highly cited scientists contains 9 JCC Faculty including:

Prof. Shen Chen	Prof Dirk Pfeiffer	Prof. Klaus Osterrieder
Prof. Yu Huanh	Prof Xi Yao	Prof. Vanessa Barrs
Prof. Michael Yang Mengsu	Prof. Shuk Han Cheng	Prof. Olivier Sparagano

News From Our Departments

BMS

Prof Michael Yang has recently been awarded the funding of HK\$2.3 million from Mainland-Hong Kong Joint Funding Scheme (MHKJDS), Innovation and Technology Fund for his project ref. no. MHP/052/21. A letter by Fax was sent to Prof Yang on 17 Oct 2022. The result represents the devoted efforts of our faculty, and also highlights our commitment to pursuing research excellence and promoting industrial collaboration to contribute to the development of innovation and technology in Hong Kong and the region.

Dr Xi Yao has been named a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) in September 2022 in recognition of his accomplishments and contribution. Established in 1841, the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) is the oldest chemical society in the world with over 54,000 members across the world. Its mission is to advance excellence in chemical sciences. Fellow is the senior category of membership of RSC. Fellows of RSC hold positions of influence in the community and have invaluable experience, expertise and commitment to promoting the value of chemical sciences. →

29 PhD students have received the following scholarships and awards issued from Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies, CityU for 2022/2023 to recognize and reward their outstanding academic performances in their research studies. 1 student received the prestigious Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies Scholarships (CYCSGS) with \$60,000 one-off cash award scholarship; 8 students received Research Tuition Scholarship (RTS); 6 students received Institutional Research Tuition Scholarship (IRTS) and 14 students received Outstanding Academic Performance Award (OAPA). →

VCS

Review article on Pain Management in Farm Animals led by Prof Paulo Steagall has been selected as candidate for the Animals 2023 Best Paper Award. →

Dr Stefan Hobi received the European College of Veterinary Dermatology (ECVD) Resident Support Award 2022. →

New grants awarded:

Kate Flay, Alan McElligott (PH), Hannah Mumby	Lantau Conservation Fund (LCF).	HKD 2, 000, 000	The role of Buffalo in Lantau Biodiversity Conservation →
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The Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences (VCS) signed up to the CityU's WasteSmart MoneySmart Pledge, and the CityU Green Footprint Pledge to demonstrate our commitment to preserve a Bottled Water Free campus. →

PH

Professor Sheng CHEN was awarded Outstanding Research award of CityU of 2022. →

Many new grants were awarded including:

Prof. Sheng Chen	Theme Based Research Fund	HKD 43.011 million	Multi-disciplinary approaches to tackling the global public health threat of hypervirulent and multidrug-resistant (MDR) <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> →
Dr Ming Wai Kit Prof Sophie St-Hilaire Dr. Ioannis Magouris	Quality Education Fund (QEF)	HKD 995 000	On-line introductory course in Public Health (Project number: 2021/0011)
Dr. Ming Wai Kit	The Chinese Medicine Development Fund (CMDf)	HKD 703,415	Chinese Medicine and Public Health: Chinese Medicine Anti-epidemic Achievement Promotion Program (Project number: 22B1-2/012A)

Dr. Kai Liu	The Hong Kong Jockey Club Equine Welfare Research Foundation	HKD 294, 987	Automatic Behaviour Recognition Using Wearable Sensors for Improving Horse Health and Welfare
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CityU-Learning Classroom for Secondary School Students: Dr. Xiaowei ZHU gave one public talk to secondary school students on 9 August 2022. This class was also featured in the CityU BOLD magazine (P.13). →

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