## From the Dean's Desk

18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### Dear JCC Community,

The last two weeks have been dominated by two things – Accreditation Preparation and the Opening of the CityU Farm. Large teams of faculty, scientific/executive/clerical officers, clinical educators and others have been meeting together to bring together the huge body of evidence required by the RCVS and the AVBC to showcase what we have achieved for the BVM program since our first cohort of students enrolled in 2017. That very same cohort is currently in far North Queensland, North of Cairns, completing their Cattle Practice Rotation. We have received excellent feedback from their Australian teachers, Dr. Philip Chamberlain and Dr. Bill Tranter about the students' motivation and high levels of engagement, their willingness to learn and people skills. Importantly, the students are also having fun in FNQ as it is affectionately known to Aussies.



The cattle theme has continued this week with the long-awaited opening of the <u>CityU Farm</u>. The officiating guests at the opening ceremony included the Government Secretary for Education, representatives from the UGC, the Chair of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, the President and the Chair of CityU Council. It was the culmination of many years of hard work:



CityU Farm Project Video



Dean's Speech

Special thanks to JCC staff including former Dean Klaus Osterrieder, Dr. Howie Wong and Mr. Mo Kai Hong and the Dairy Team, Dr. Eryl Done, Dr. Joyce Ip, Mr Luk and for their tireless efforts in the construction and establishment of the Farm. Also, I would like to thank Dr. Kevin Downing, Council Secretary for the support he has continued to provide to the JCC as we iron-out a few inevitable teething problems establishing the first functional dairy in Hong Kong for more than two decades.



It has been a particularly busy time of year for teaching for many faculty with assessments, examination preparations and marking. Thank you to all, your efforts are deeply appreciated.

I wish you all the very best for a relaxing weekend.

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# News From Our Departments

### **BMS**

#### Service updates

- Prof HUANG Yu was elected as Vice-President of the Chinese Association for Physiological Sciences (CAPS) (中國生理學會副理事 長) at the 26th National Congress of CAPS on 5 November 2022. (https://www.cityu.edu.hk/bms/broadcast/news/20221109-yh.htm)
- **Prof CHENG Shuk Han** was awarded Medal of Honour presented by HK Chief Executive at the 2022 Honours & Award Presentation Ceremony at Government House on 6 November 2022. in recognition of her dedicated and valuable community service, particularly her contributions to the development of innovation and technology in Hong Kong.

(https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202211/06/P2022110400309. htm)



#### Research updates



- Dr PU Yujie, a postdoctoral fellow in Prof. HUANG Yu's laboratory received Sun Chieh Yeh Heart Foundation Young Investigator Award (1st Prize) in recognition of her outstanding oral presentation at the 25th Scientific Meeting of the Institute of Cardiovascular Science and Medicine (ICSM) on 5 Nov 2022.
- Dr CHENG Chak Kwong (Andy), a RGC Postdoctoral Fellow in HUANG Yu's laboratory, received an Outstanding Presentation Award (Best Oral Award) at the 10th Biennial Meeting of Society for Free Radical Research - Asia which was held on 5-6 November 2022 in Seoul, Korea.
- Dr YAO Xi and his team of researcher and research students have published a research article at Advanced Materials (A+ journal, impact factor of 32.086) on 29 Oct 2022.
- Dr Katie Chan and her team of researchers have published a research article at Computers in Biology and Medicine (A+ journal) on 28 Oct 2022.

#### **Other News**

- Forum on <u>Metabolism in Health and Disease</u>, co-hoisted by HKIAS and BMS, will be organized from 15-16 Dec 2022, as one of the HK Tech Forum Series.
- BMS will renew the exchange agreement signed with Chang Gung University, Taiwan to re-start the departmental-level Summer Exchange Programme in June – August 2023.



## PH

#### Research updates

18 GRF/ECS and 3 HMRF grants were sent by PH Faculty

#### New publication:

- Hamidullah Muhammad Saqib, Muhammad Sohail Sajid, Sabir Hussain, Hafiz Muhammad Rizwan, Khurram Ashfaq, Sadia Ghazanfer, Asif Ali Butt, Mahvish Maqbool, Sibtain Ahmad and Olivier Andre Sparagano (2022). Screening of Toxoplasmosis in Owned and Stray Dogs of District Faisalabad, Pakistan through Latex Agglutination and Indirect ELISA. Pathogens (in press).
- Dr DEAN Mason Newman's collaborative paper was accepted in the European Conference on Computer Vision journal: <a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.12687">https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.12687</a>

#### **Internal Service**



 Mr Richard Monash (PH Communication coach) started to train our BVM students for First Aid

#### **External Service**

- **Prof Sophie St-Hilaire** becomes an Ad hoc committee member for the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) in Nov 2022
- Dr Alan McElligott gave a talk on "Livestock Emotions, Vocalisations and Positive Welfare" at the Africa Animal Welfare Conference on 31 Oct 2022 (<a href="https://www.aawconference.org/">https://www.aawconference.org/</a>) and a talk on "Using behaviour and cognition to advance positive goat welfare" at the Goat Veterinary Society conference on 9 Nov 2022 (<a href="https://www.goatvetsoc.co.uk/">https://www.goatvetsoc.co.uk/</a>)
- Dr DEAN Mason Newman was invited to review a U.S. grant application

#### Media

- Dr DEAN Mason Newman contributed to the exhibition at Kunstgewerbemuseum Berlin which opened on 4
  Nov 2022: <a href="https://www.smb.museum/en/exhibitions/detail/design-lab-13/">https://www.smb.museum/en/exhibitions/detail/design-lab-13/</a>
   https://www.matters-of-activity.de/en/activities/8684/design-lab-13-material-legacies
- Media comment on animal welfare/ethics published on 3 Nov 2022 Controversial monkey study reignites animal testing debate <a href="https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20221103-controversial-monkey-study-reignites-animal-testing-debate?ref=tw">https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20221103-controversial-monkey-study-reignites-animal-testing-debate?ref=tw</a> (Dr Alan McElligott)

## **VCS**

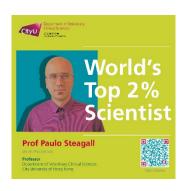
#### **Teaching updates**

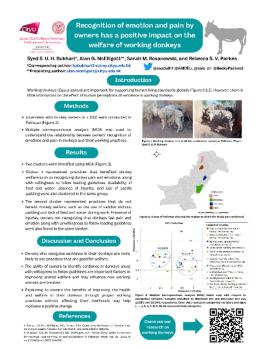


- The practical labs on neurological examination by Visiting Professor Joe Kornegay are successfully held this week, with the support of the visiting dog teachers and our teaching staff.
- New Clinical Educator Dr Mary Ann Guglick, specialist in Large Animal Internal Medicine, joined the Department in early November 2022 to support the BVM teaching.

#### Research updates

- Prof Julia Beatty is awarded the Fellow of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (FRCVS) for meritorious contributions to the veterinary profession through her work on feline virology.
- Board-certified anaesthesiologist and pain management specialist Professor Paulo Steagall is listed among the top 2% of the world's most highly cited scientists in the latest report by the Stanford University.





#### **Publications & Poster Presentation**

- Stefanie Mitze, Vanessa R. Barrs, Julia A. Beatty, Stefan Hobi & Paweł M. Bęczkowski (2022) Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome: much more than a surgical problem, Veterinary Quarterly, DOI: 10.1080/01652176.2022.2145621
- Rufiange M, Ruel HLM, Monteiro BP, Watanabe R, Cruz Benedetti I, Benito J and Steagall PVM (2022) A randomized, prospective, masked clinical trial comparing an opioid-free vs. opioid-sparing anesthetic technique in adult cats undergoing ovariohysterectomy. Front. Vet. Sci. 9:1002407. doi: 10.3389/fvets.2022.1002407
- Bukhari, Syed & McElligott, Alan & Rosanowski, Sarah & Parkes, Rebecca. (2022). Recognition of emotion and pain by owners has a positive impact on the welfare of working donkeys.
   Poster presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> Africa Animal Welfare Conference -Action 2022.

 Organized by the CityU student organization Veterinary Medicine Society, Dr Angel Almendros and Dr Colin McDermott gave a career talk to the BVM students to share their highlights and lowlights of their careers, including the pathway to get into their respective field and advice for prospective vets.





- **Dr Angel Almendros** delivered a talk "Approach to Cardiology in the Primary Care: Clinical cases" at the Royal Canin Hong Kong & Taiwan Symposium 2022 on November 12, 2022.
- **Dr Stefan Hobi** is elected as member for the Editorial Board of the Veterinary Dermatology Journal.

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