



Dear JCC Community,

We celebrated the festive season in style this week at our JCC Christmas Party, where all four of our departments filled the Faculty Lounge venue to capacity for a tasty buffet lunch. I am grateful to the JCC College Office (Gary Lee, Kammy Cheng, Tatum Chan, Rochelle Ko, Howsie Yiu, Kity Mak, Sammi Wong and Danny Wong) for their seamless events management, including their superb menu choices and for arranging the lucky draw with so many thoughtful prizes. Thanks also to our MC, Richard Sha.

The last two weeks have flown by and have been dominated by end of semester exams and ongoing preparations for the accreditation. Professor Norm Williamson concluded his visit with us and his experience as former Chair of the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council, was invaluable as he cast his critical eye over our facilities, noting several issues that have been rapidly acted upon. We were also visited by Professor John Hermanson from Cornell, who leaves today. Prof. Hermanson has also been contributing to the accreditation preparations, meeting with faculty, reviewing student feedback, anatomy laboratory infrastructure of the anatomy and collating inputs for a new student welfare policy.

I am also delighted to announce that the President approved my request for a new Associate Dean, filled by Dr. Terrence Lau, who is the new Associate Dean of Postgraduate Programmes (JCC) And Undergraduate Programmes (BMS and NS). Dr. Lau has worked closely with most departments in the JCC, especially during his time as Acting Head of BMS, and will represent the JCC well in this new role.

Thank you to all for your mega-efforts over the last few months. I wish you all a safe, happy, and relaxing festive season.

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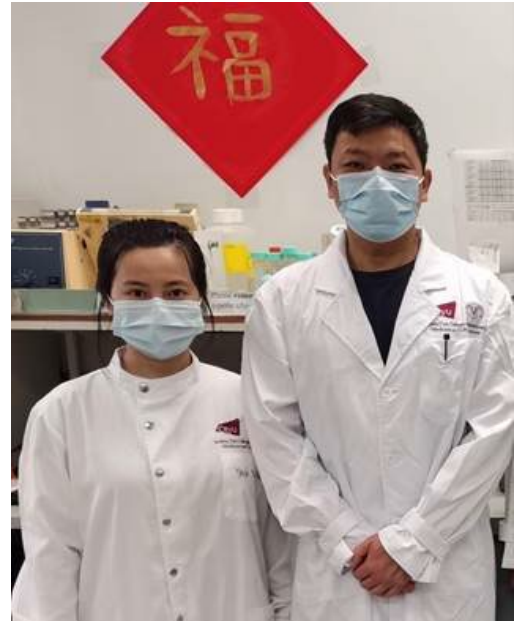
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# News From Our Departments

## Department of Infectious Diseases and Public Health

### Awards

- Dr. YANG Xuemei, a PhD student supervised by **Prof. CHEN Sheng** awarded the “*Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies Outstanding Doctoral Research Award*” on 6 December 2022.



**Research** (included new awards, new publications, new **successful** external grants, etc.)

#### Publication:

- A research conducted by **Dr Surya Paudel** and his team in Vienna in collaboration with International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), United Nations has been accepted for publication in the journal “Vaccine”. In this work, in vitro characteristics based on the proteomics and electron microscopy, and in vivo efficacy of a novel prototype vaccine against colibacillosis in chickens is reported. The vaccine is developed based on the irradiation technology, which is the first of its kind to prevent colibacillosis, a very common disease in poultry. Manuscript information: Paudel, S., Abdelhamid MK., Lyrakis M., Wijewardana, V., Kangethe, RT., Cattoli, G., Hess, M. 2022. Aerosol delivered irradiated Escherichia coli confers serotype-independent protection and prevents colibacillosis in young chickens. Accepted in Vaccine (corresponding author: S. Paudel)

### Internal Service

- 38 staff and students were trained for First Aid by our Communication Coach (**Mr Richard Shah**).
- The government has renewed our PH staff under the Job creation scheme 2.0 for another 12 months.

### External Service

- **Dr Alan McElligott** attended a meeting of the International Society for Applied Ethology (ISAE), Equality, Diversity, Inclusion (EDIA) Committee on 6 December 2022.
- **Dr Alan McElligott** attended an editors meeting for CABI Animal Behaviour and Welfare Cases on 13 December 2022.

### Staff Development

- **Dr Alan McElligott** attended 2 training sessions. One is UK Research Integrity Office (UKRIO) Research Integrity Webinar: Introduction to Research Integrity held on 7 December 2022, another one is The American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC). Unconscious Bias training held on 1 December 2022.

## Media

- **Dr Surya Paudel** was invited in a “Bachchat programme” of RTHK Radio 3 aired on 2 December 2022 at 9 AM as an expert to talk about avian influenza. Key issues related the public health, such as the virus transmission from wild birds to human population, potential threat and preventive measures of avian influenza were discussed.

## Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences

### Teaching updates



VCS has run OSCEs (practical exams) for years three and five of the BVM program, focusing on physical examination and large animal clinical skill respectively. A big thank you to all the staff who have made this possible!

Our Year 6 veterinary students who were on their clinical rotations (Equine) had the opportunity to be involved with FEI duties for the Dressage World Challenge 2022 that took place at the Beas River Equestrian Centre last week.

The challenge was subvented by Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau, Leisure and Cultural Services Department and supported by The Hong Kong Jockey Club.



## Diversity, Equity and Inclusion News

### CityU DEI Event

**CityU** 香港城市大學  
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# LGBT+:

## Sharing Our Stories Workshop for CityU staff

**Introduction:**  
The LGBT+ sharing workshop provides participants an opportunity to understand more about the LGBT+ group and share their stories with us. Through the dialogue, participants can deepen their understanding of the challenges faced by the LGBT+ group and learn how we can better support the LGBT+ community.

**Date:** 6 January 2023 (Friday)  
**Time:** 2:30pm - 4:30pm  
**Venue:** Pao Ho Mei Chun Classroom (B5-208), YEUNG  
**Quota:** 30 CityU academic and administrative staff (on a first-come, first-served basis)  
**Medium of instruction:** Cantonese  
**Fee:** Free of charge  
**Co-organisation:**

**Application deadline:** 29 December 2022 (Thursday)

**Remarks:** Successful applicants will receive a confirmation email on or before 30 December 2022 (Friday).

**For Application:**  
Organised by Counselling Service (CS)  
Student Development Services  
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## Diversity, Equality & Inclusion Summit

Date: 1 February 2023 (Wed)

To Register: [Link](#)



### Further Readings on DEI

- YANG et al. 2022. **Gender-diverse teams produce more novel and higher-impact scientific ideas.** [Proceeding of the National Academy of Sciences, USA119, e2200841119.](#) (August 2022)
- **Improving diversity, inclusion in vetmed requires 'sustained effort'.** [AVMA/VMAE aims to educate the profession on DEI principles.](#) (August 2022)

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