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### August Calendar

8/15 - **Birthday Cake and Coffee**, Staff Lounge, 2:30 p.m.

## Kelvin Koong Named ASAS Fellow

**Dr. Kelvin Koong** was named a Fellow of the American Society of Animal Science at the society's centennial meeting held in Indianapolis in July. His citation follows:

"L.J. Kelvin Koong was born in Nanjing, China, and grew up in Taiwan. He received a BS degree in animal husbandry at National Taiwan University and MS and PhD from North Carolina State University. He began his administrative career at the University of Nevada, Reno. He has spent the past 20 years at Oregon State University where he has served as head of the Department of Animal Science and dean or associate dean at three different college units. He has served his profession well, including as president of the council for Agricultural Science and Technology. For 20 years, he has provided leadership as an administrator at the state and national levels."

## OSU Strong in Centennial Histories

As noted in our last newsletter, many of our faculty attended the centennial celebrations of the American Society of Animal Science, the American Dairy Science Association, and the Poultry Science Society held last month. Perusing the centennial programs, it is evident that Oregon State has played a strong role in the histories of these organizations, as illustrated by...

Four Past Presidents, ASAS: **J.C. Miller, J.E. Oldfield, D.C. England, and J.R. Males**

Nine ASAS Fellows: **R. Bogart, D.C. Church, D.C. England, J.R. Males, F.F. McKenzie, J.C. Miller, J.E. Oldfield, F. Stormshak, and D.W. Weber**

Seven major ASAS Awards: **J.E. Oldfield** (Morrison Award), **J.C. Miller** and **D.W. Weber** (Distinguished Teacher), **R. Bogart** and **W.D. Hohenboken** (Rockefeller Prentice Award in Animal Breeding and Genetics), **F. Stormshak** (Animal Physiology and Endocrinology Award; L.E. Casida Award; Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Animal Science); and **R. Bogart** (Animal Industry Service Award).

Past Presidents, PSA: **G.H. Arscott, Walther Ott** (Walther Ott earned his M.S. Degree at

OSU and currently sponsors a professorship in Poultry here.)

Fellows, PSA: **G.H. Arscott; W.H. Ott**

**Jim Oldfield** notes that he was the oldest past President attending the ASAS meeting, and that he was asked if he was a Charter member (he was around for most of the 100 years but not all!)

## Travel/Presentations

**Candace Croney** will travel to Portland on August 15th to present a talk and workshop on Ethics, Animals and Science to an expected 100 attendees from OHSU, the VA, Providence and Legacy hospitals. All of these facilities have major research programs where animals are used as biomedical models. Candace was asked by the attending veterinarian at Legacy to give the talk and then facilitate a workshop after presenting her view of the scientific and ethical problems associated with a contentious experiment under review by the hospital's IACUC.

Many of the researchers in these facilities deal with animal activist groups as a result of their work. Candace will talk to them about the social, ethical and scientific issues raised by some of their efforts and try to facilitate discussion on how to incorporate ethical considerations into scientific research done with animals.

## Grant Awarded

**Gita Cherian** has received \$10,000 from the Agricultural Research Foundation for her project, "Camelina sativa in poultry diets."

## Welcome New Researcher



**Abeer ELSaid ELSayed Aziza** has joined **Dr. Gita Cherian's** laboratory team this summer to begin research on a project titled "Dietary polyunsaturated fatty acid metabolism in poultry: nutritional and health implications." Abeer comes to us from Damitia, in northern Egypt near the Mediterranean Sea. She completed her M.S. degree in animal nutrition at Mansoura University, where she is a teacher. Abeer hopes to spend two years in Corvallis; she will soon be joined here by her husband and two young children.

## News and Notes

**Mary Jane and Dale Weber** recently attended the wedding of Dale's former graduate student, **David Blount** (M.S. '90). David married Donna Stone at a beach ceremony in Lincoln City on July 28th. The weather conditions were perfect for an outdoor evening ceremony. David and his wife will divide their time between Alaska and New Mexico. He has a fishing

business in Alaska, and she is a massage therapist.

**Dr. Candace Croney** has been elected North American regional secretary for the International Society for Applied Ethology.

**Dr. Steven Davis** was recently contacted by The New York Times for his perspective on the emotional public debate over thinning burgeoning populations of wild horses. In a July 20 article titled "On Mustang Range, a Battle on Thinning the Herd," by Felicity Barringer, Steve is quoted as saying "Many of the wild horse supporters claim that the horses have a right to be there. I reject that argument. They damage the water holes. They damage the grasses, the shrubs, the bushes, causing negative consequences for all the other plants and critters that live out there." As feed and gas costs have increased, the Bureau of Land Management's adoption program for wild horses has plummeted. Euthanasia is proposed for a Nevada herd already numbering 30,000, as opposed to boarding the animals at taxpayers' expense, or leaving them to overpopulate, damage the range and die of hunger or thirst.

The Department was visited on June 27 by Dr. Murray Dawson. Dr. Dawson, a New Zealander by birth, was a member of our OSU faculty in Soil Science for a number of years. He and his wife, Kath, now live in the Seattle area. Murray is interested in the Oregon sheep industry and he and **Jim Thompson** traded information on the sheep business here and in New Zealand. There are about 6 million sheep and lambs in the United States, compared with almost 60 million in the small country of New Zealand. And there are about 215,000 sheep and lambs in

Oregon. While in Corvallis, Murray visited with another New Zealander, Joan McGuire, who lives out in Crescent Valley. Joan's husband, Bill, was a former faculty member in OSU's Crops and Soils Department.

**Brian Kitamura** (BS '06) has just begun a surgery rotation at University of Nebraska Medical Center, where he is beginning his second year. Brian says he is way ahead of his class in the area of suturing and scalpel, thanks to his work on sheep with **Fred Stormshak**. At OSU, Brian did undergraduate research with Stormy in the area of nongenomic action of estrogen in the endometrium of the sheep uterus as a Howard Hughes Medical Institute scholar. Brian and his wife, Jen, are extra busy with a daughter, Elise, in pre-school, and one-year-old son, Gabriel.

Congratulations to **Travis Schaal** (BS '08), who received an Undergraduate Award of Excellence for his oral presentation in the Nutrition and Metabolism section at the annual meeting of the Poultry Science Association in Niagara Falls last month. Travis's talk was titled "Tissue lipid and vitamin E status of broiler chicks: Effect of in ovo feeding of vitamin E."



## August Birthdays

Randy Mills.....	15
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