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& EVENTS****MU Ophthalmology Group, Alumna Enjoy Success at National Conference**

The MU College of Veterinary Medicine comparative ophthalmology service had a strong presence at the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists annual conference in November in Puerto Rico.

Ann Bosiack, DVM '09, MS '13, who completed her residency at MU this summer and recently achieved her ACVO diplomate status, won two of the three resident awards given out at the conference. She won the 2013 Best Basic Science Manuscript Award for the second year in a row and the 2013 Cindy Wheeler Memorial Award for best case report or review article.

Bosiack received her basic science award for her September 2012 Veterinary Ophthalmology article, "Efficacy and safety of suberoylanilide hydroxamic acid (Vorinostat) in the treatment of canine corneal fibrosis." Her co-authors were Elizabeth Giuliano, DVM, MS, Rangan Gupta, PhD, and Rajiv Mohan, PhD, MSc. Giuliano is an associate professor of veterinary ophthalmology, and Mohan is the Ruth M. Kraeuchi Endowed Professor in Veterinary Ophthalmology. Gupta is a former postdoctoral research fellow in ophthalmology at the MU School of Medicine.

Bosiack's Wheeler Memorial award was given for "Corneal Gene Therapy in Veterinary Medicine: A Review," which was published in the Journal of Veterinary Science & Technology in February 2012. Her co-authors were Giuliano and Mohan.

"I am very honored to receive both awards and owe a great deal of gratitude to everyone involved in both research projects, but especially to Dr. Mohan and Dr. Giuliano," Bosiack said.

Members of the University of Missouri presented a record five scientific abstracts at the conference. In addition, Giuliano served as the 2013 program chair and a member of the ACVO Board of Regents. She also organized and lectured at the eight-hour ACVO Diplomate Ophthalmic Photography and Image Management continuing education course. Jacqueline Pearce, DVM, MS, assistant teaching professor of ophthalmology, served as a member of the ACVO Exam Committee.

The ophthalmology group's focus is corneal wound healing with therapeutic strategies aimed at decreasing corneal scarring to improve long-term vision.



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