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JDIP News is published periodically to enhance intramural communications and ensure that JDIP participants and stakeholders are updated on news of relevance to our community.

Suggestions, comments and contributions should be directed via email to Bob Schroeder at schro488@umn.edu.

JDIP Receives USDA Approval of 2nd Year Funding

After a rigorous process of internal and external scientific and fiscal review, the USDA has approved JDIP's second-year funding request of \$1.5 million.

This approval allows JDIP to continue its six core activities (described in, "JDIP Core Groups Provide Broad Array of Services and Support to Researchers," page 3) and its four major projects: Epidemiology & Transmission of JD; Diagnostics & Strain Differentiation; *Map* Biology & Pathogenesis; and, *Map* Immunology & Vaccine Development.

In addition to continuing funding for the major projects and core activities, the approved funds include nearly \$100,000 for developmental projects – projects that hold particular promise in contributing to JDIP's goals.

The principal investigators for the developmental projects that will receive funding during year two include Torsten Eckstein, Colorado State University: Raymond Sweeney, University of Pennsylvania; Geoffrey Fosgate, Texas A&M University; Ynte Schukken, Cornell University: Elizabeth J.B. Manning, University of Wisconsin - Madison; and, Sangeeta Khare, Texas A&M University. Congratulations and welcome to all of these investigators into the Johne's Disease Integrated Program!

The table at the right presents more detailed funding information for each project and core.

The effective date of this funding period is retroactive to April 15, 2005 and runs through April 14, 2007. The necessary subcontracts will be in place within approximately four weeks.

PI	Institution	Title	Amount
Bannantine, John	NADC	Genomics, Antibodies and Proteomics Core	172,310
Collins, Vichael	U. Wisc. Madison	Communications and Extension	77,018
Davis, William	Washington St. Univ.	Immunology & vaccine development	111,562
Eckstein, Torsten	Colorado State Univ.	Lipidomic Definition of B-cell antigens of Mycobacterium avium subspecies paratuberculosis	45,273
Fosgate, Geoffrey	Texas A&M Univ.	Tangential flow filtration and risk mapping of environmental contamination for Johne's disease in Texas beef ranches.	20,000
Gardner, an	UC Davis	Epidemiology and transmission	116,542
Grohn, Yrjo	Cornell Univ.	Epidemiology and Biostatistics Core	88,888
Kapur, √ivek	U. Minnesota	Administrative Core	115,075
Khare, Sangeeta	Texas A&M Univ.	Phagocytosis and persistence of Mycobacterium avium subsp. Paratuberculosis in phagocytic cells from beef and dairy cattle.	14,815
Manning, Elizabeth	U. Wisc. Madison	M. paratuberculosis antigens and antibodies: liquid crystal detection diagnostics	8,485
Payeur, Janet	NVSL	Diagnostics and Strain Differentiation	51,143
Schukken, Ynte	Cornell Univ.	Calf-to-calf transmission of Mycobacterium avium subspp. paratuberculosis (Map) on commercial dairy farms.	23,750*
Sreevatsan, Srinand	U. Minnesota	Identification and characterization of single nucleotide polymorphisms in Mycobacterium avium subsp. Paratuberculosis to enable strain differentiation and tracking.	75,425
Stabel, Judy	NADC	Animal Models & Facilities Core	82,584
Sweeney, Raymond	U. Penn.	Immune response to oral vaccination for Johne's disease in calves	28,978
Talaat, Adel	U. Wisc. Madison	Basic biology and Pathogenesis of M. paratuberculosis	167,202
Wells, Scott	U. Minnesota	Develop and validate efficient testing strategies for use in cattle and other species.	30,099
included in Epidemiology and transmission, 1st line; highlighted items are levelopmental projects		JDIP Conference, travel & misc.	115,578
		Indirect costs	179,023
		Total Year 2 JDIP Funds:	1.500.000

JDIP News Updates

Congratulations to the following investigators, whose projects were among those selected to be funded as developmental projects by JDIP.



Three of our investigators who recently received JDIP Year 2 development project funding.

(left to right: Torsten Eckstein, Becky Manning, Ray Sweeney). Photos not available: Geoffrey Fosgate, Sangeeta Khare, Ynte Schukken.

Other

On November 14, 2005, Bob Schroeder joined the Johne's Disease Integrated Program as Associate Administrator.

In his new role, Bob is responsible for grants and subcontract administration, problem identification and resolution, and the development of communications to aid in overall program effectiveness.

Bob brings a varied background to his position, including purchasing and personnel experience gained at the Field Servicing Office of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service in Minneapolis.

With а degree in personnel management, Bob spent 20 years in human resources management in organizations as diverse as a consortium of rural electric cooperatives, and with Battelle - Pacific Northwest Laboratories, the organization that managed research and development activities at the Nuclear Waste Site Hanford in Washington state. He also spent several years as a Senior Consultant with a major national CPA/consulting firm.

Bob comes to us from the Tumor Vaccine Group at the University of Washington, where he was responsible for administrative coordination of project and core activities of an immunologic monitoring consortium that included numerous universities and private companies. His areas of responsibility included grants administration, purchasing, human resources, computer network administration, and internal and external communications programs, including website development and maintenance.

Bob

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JDIP Core Groups Provide Broad Array of Services and Support to Researchers

Since its inception, JDIP has operated on the premise that Johne's Disease researchers need to be able to work collaboratively, and that resources need to be effectively leveraged to provide the greatest benefit to those researchers.

A key element to accomplish this was the creation of the core groups within JDIP. There are four scientific cores, an Extension and Communications Core, and an Administrative Core, and each core is charged with a specific goal and includes members across disciplines and institutions.

The core groups ensure economies of scale by providing broad-based community access to key enabling technologies and research facilities, standardized reagents and resources, as well as extension, education, communication and oversight.

The state-of-the-art scientific core groups and their goals include:

 Core 1, Epidemiological & Biostatistical Consulting, provides the community with consulting services and training programs for JD-related bio-statistics and epidemiological study design. As an example of its activities, this core recently made itself available to assist investigators with study design issues as they completed their applications for NRI grants.

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 Core 2, Diagnostics & Strain Differentiation, provides services, reagents, and standardized protocols for diagnosis and strain differentiation of *Map*.

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 Core 3, Genomics, Antibodies & Proteomics, provides state-of-the-art genomics and proteomics reagents and resources, as well as services and facilities for the production of antibodies and other immunological reagents for *Map* and JD research.

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 Core 4, Animal Models & Facilities, develops and provides access to standardized animal models and provides access to state-of-the-art animal facilities for JD research.

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In addition to these cores, **Core 5**, Extension & Communications, develops and implements a strong communications, training, and outreach plan designed to promote linkages with public and private stakeholders.

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JDIP Sponsors Students at Workshop in Denmark

Application of state-of-the-art methods in the design and analysis of test evaluation studies for paratuberculosis was the central theme of a workshop held at the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University (RVAU), Copenhagen on August 19-20, 2005.

JDIP sponsored the attendance of seven PhD and Masters students at the workshop. Lectures and discussion sessions considered situations where a "gold standard" test (e.g. fecal culture) was available and situations where estimation of sensitivity and specificity was necessary in the absence of a gold standard. Participants also analyzed data from a recently published test evaluation study authored by three JDIP members: Michael Collins, Robert Whitlock, and Scott Wells.

Lecturers and discussion leaders at the workshop were Ian Gardner, a JDIP member; Matthias Greiner, Danish Food and Veterinary Research Institute; and Niels Toft, RVAU. Soren Nielsen, one of the main organizers of the 8th International Colloquium on Paratuberculosis, also assisted with local arrangements.



JDIP-sponsored students. (left to right: Sanjeev Gumber, Polychronis Kostoulas, Suelee Robbe-Austerman, Juliana Ruzante, Natalia Cernicchiaro, Nicole Gollnick, Navneet Dhand)

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	Upcoming Meetings and Conferences that may be of Interest	
	 JDIP 2nd Annual Conference, Davis, CA January 26 – 29, 2006. http://www.jdip.org 	
JDIP External Advisory Board	 American Society for Microbiology 106th General Meeting. Orlando, FL May 21 - 25, 2006. 	
John Adams (NATIONAL MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION)	http://gm.asm.org/	
Michael A. Carter (USDA-APHIS-VS)	 American Veterinary Medical Association 143 Amirual Convention. Honolulu, HI July 15 - 19, 2006. http://avmaconvention.org/ 	
Roy Curtiss III (WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY)	 University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine and USDA Animal and Blant Health Inspection Service 4th Bioppial Earsian Animal Diseases Training 	
Gerald F. Gerlach (HANOVER VETERINARY SCHOOL, GERMANY)	Course. Madison, WI July 30 - August 4, 2006.	
Thomas Gomez (USDA-APHIS-VS)	http://www.vetmed.wisc.edu/pbs/courses/FAD2006	
Bill Hartmann (MINNESOTA BOARD OF HEALTH)	 11th International Symposium on Veterinary Epidemiology and Economics (ISVEE XI). Queensland, Australia, August 6 - 11, 2006. 	
Lawrence Hutchinson (PENNSYLVANIA STATE	http://www.isveexi.org/	
David J. Kennedy (AUSVET ANIMAL HEALTH SERVICES PTY LTD, AUSTRALIA)	 American Association of Bovine Practitioners 39th Annual Convention. St. Paul, MN Sept. 21 - 23, 2006. http://www.aabp.org/meeting/default.asp 	
Mark Tizard (AUSTRALIAN ANIMAL HEALTH LABORATORY, AUSTRALIA)	 46th Annual Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy. San Francisco, CA September 27 - 30, 2006. http://www.icaac.org/ 	
Cynthia Wolf (U. OF MINNESOTA)	 Infectious Diseases Society of America 44th Annual Meeting. Toronto, Ontario, Canada October 12-15, 2006. http://www.idsociety.org/Template.cfm?Section=Meetings 	
	 United States Animal Health Association 110th Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, MN October, 12 - 19, 2006. http://www.usaha.org/meetings/ 	
JDIP JOHNE'S DISEASE INTEGRATED PROGRAM	 Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases. Chicago, IL December 3 - 5, 2006. http://www.cvmbs.colostate.edu/microbiology/crwad/index.htm 	

Special Notice

The Joint ADSA/ASAS Annual Meeting, which is being held July 9-13 in Minneapolis, will include a specific section for oral presentations on Johne's work this year. Dr. Ken Olson will be coordinating the section. Poster presentations are also welcome, but they will be included in the broader poster sections. The meeting, which normally has over 3,000 in attendance, provides an excellent opportunity to get your work in front of animal and dairy science professionals. The call for abstracts and links to the abstract submission site is included below. Please indicate that your abstract is for "Animal Health" to help assure that it is placed in the Johne's section.

Questions can be directed to Ken Olson at keolson@prodigy.net.

Abstracts are due February 1, 2006.

2006 ADSA-ASAS Call for Abstracts Mailing -- Save this Email!

This email is your 2006 ADSA ASAS Call for Abstracts Mailing. This is our way of continuing to provide online services to our members. All the information you need to submit an abstract is posted at http://adsa.asas.org/meetings/2006/call.asp. Save this URL -- bookmark the page today to access at a later date. And don't forget to highlight February 1, 2006 on your calendars -- the deadline for abstracts.

Other important deadlines:

Special Events Request Forms: December 15, 2005 Early Registration: June 7, 2006 Housing: June 7, 2006

If you prefer to have the call for abstracts information mailed to you, please request via email to abstract@assochq.org or call 217-356-3182.

The 2006 ADSA ASAS Housing Form printable version is available at http://adsa.asas.org/2006 to make your reservations online.

Visit the meeting web site, <u>http://adsa.asas.org/2006</u>, often for the latest meeting information.

The submission of abstracts by our members points to the success of our meeting!

Thank you!

2006 ADSA ASAS Program Committee

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