Welcome from Professor Peter Holmes

Welcome to our new Vet Fund Newsletter which is being launched in conjunction with the 150th anniversary of Glasgow Vet School during 2012. This is an exciting year for the Vet School, celebrating 150 years since our founding by James McCall in 1862. You will find more details on the Vet150 anniversary events and how you can become part of the celebrations on the following pages.

How the Vet Fund has made a difference

Glasgow Vet School is firmly established as a world renowned centre for education, research and clinical studies. I am proud to say that the valuable support from our alumni to the Vet Fund has helped the Vet School continue this excellence. There has always been a great tradition of vet alumni supporting the Vet School and it is thanks in no small part to this support that we now have three magnificent facilities at Garscube: the award winning Small Animal Hospital; state of the art Weipers Centre for Equine Welfare; and the recently opened Scottish Centre for Production Animal Health.

The facilities available to our vet students in the early days may not have been as advanced as they are today but the underlying objectives of the Vet School remain the same: the dedication to provide the best possible experience for our students and the best possible treatment for animals committed to our care.

During our 150th year we are delighted to offer a new area for our alumni to support through the launch of our James Herriot Scholarship Fund in Veterinary Medicine. More details on this fund can be found on the following pages.

In future editions of our Vet Fund newsletter you will read more about the difference the gifts to the Vet Fund have made to the Vet School.

Student Support

It has been extremely gratifying to receive gifts from our vet student body. The graduating BVMS Class of 2011 made a gift to the Vet Fund to benefit the Small Animal Hospital as testament to the learning and teaching environment of the Vet School.

The Glasgow Veterinary family

There are some things about the Vet School that have not changed over the 150 years of its existence. In a recent article about the 150th anniversary in the University’s Avenue publication, Head of School, Professor Ewan Cameron said, ‘In more than 30 years of association with the School I am struck by things that prevail across the generations. The loyalty and affection that the School inspires among staff, students and graduates, the pride in the school’s heritage and the strong esprit de corps that defines the Glasgow Veterinary family across the world.’

I hope you like me are proud to be part of this unique and special family and I hope that Glasgow Vet School will continue to benefit from your commitment in the years ahead.

Professor Peter Holmes
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Chair, Vet Fund Advisory Board
The Vet Fund - Vet Alumni supporting our students

The School of Veterinary Medicine has an enviable history of its alumni supporting vet students. One example is Lewis Forbes, who graduated from Glasgow Vet College in 1944.

Lewis chose to gift scholarships enabling students to fulfil their ambition to study veterinary medicine. Euan McKenzie is a beneficiary of the Lewis Forbes Scholarship. Euan is in his third year of study and unlike many of his peers is 29 years old and travels every day from his home in Dumfriesshire to study at Glasgow Vet School.

Euan told us what this support means to him, ‘This Scholarship has allowed me to continue my clinical years without having to get a weekend job and gives me vital time to study and spend time with my family. It also has reduced the future debt I will have to pay back when qualified. In the future I hope to be able to assist students in similar circumstances to my own as Lewis Forbes has done to me.’

As the Vet School celebrates its 150th Anniversary, support in the form of scholarships for both undergraduate and postgraduate study remains a priority. You will read below about the launch of a new Fund and Head of School, Professor Ewan Cameron explains why it is needed, ‘Undergraduate scholarships are invaluable in attracting the best students who may otherwise not be able to pursue veterinary medicine. We are also keen to attract support for postgraduate scholarships that are vital in helping us develop knowledge in key areas of veterinary medicine; enable us to compete for the best students from around the world; and develop academic leadership in veterinary medicine.’

All gifts to the Vet Fund, whatever the size, help Glasgow Vet School remain at the forefront of Veterinary Medicine.

Through the Vet Fund you can:

- Provide the best training to the vets of tomorrow
- Provide the best specialist care to dogs, cats, horses and farm animals
- Continue the Vet School’s tradition of ground breaking research.

Launch of new Fund

As part of the Vet School’s 150th Anniversary celebrations we are pleased to launch a new fund to support our vets and clinical leaders of tomorrow:

The James Herriot Scholarship Fund in Veterinary Medicine

Gifts will enable us to award scholarships to excellent undergraduate and postgraduate veterinary students who, through financial constraints, may otherwise not be able to study at Glasgow. These scholarships will be crucial in providing opportunity to the most promising individuals from home and around the world, helping us to develop the academic leaders of the future and to train a new generation equipped to tackle future global challenges in animal health and welfare.

This new fund offers our alumni and friends the opportunity to support with a small regular gift. Donations of £250 (£5.21 per month for four years) and over are recognised with a naming opportunity.

Full scholarships are particularly prized, helping to bring the very best and brightest to Glasgow.

The Vet Fund also welcomes gifts to the Small Animal Hospital Fund and Weipers Equine Fund.

Weipers Equine Fund

The Equine Fund enables our donors to support the work of the Weipers Centre for Equine Welfare. The Weipers Centre offers the highest standards of veterinary care through the expertise of their internationally recognised staff and the most advanced diagnostic, therapeutic and surgical techniques for horses and ponies.

Gifts to the Weipers Equine Fund will help purchase up to date equipment allowing the provision of the best possible care and treatment for the horses, ponies and donkeys that come to us for help. Gifts will also help support their staff and students through their commitment to excellence and innovation in equine education.

If you would like to make a contribution or require further information on the Vet Fund please contact Sarah Hunter on +44 (0) 141 330 4961 or email sarah.hunter@glasgow.ac.uk

Small Animal Hospital Fund

The Hospital Fund enables our donors to support the work of the Small Animal Hospital. Gifts to our Hospital Fund will help us continue to provide outstanding care and treatment to animals by ensuring we can purchase the most advanced equipment meaning better and more effective treatment.

Gifts will also help support staff and support students, the vets of tomorrow, who will be training in the most advanced surroundings with access to some of the best specialist vets in their field.
Vet Alumni Events round up

2011 Reunion Dinner
In 2006, the Vet School held the first BVMS Alumni Reunion Dinner for all graduates celebrating a significant anniversary. On 29 October 2011 we welcomed almost 200 of our BVMS graduates from year groups ending "1" and "6". Many of our graduates enjoyed a tour of Garscube during the day, revisiting many old haunts and seeing the new developments, before attending the celebration dinner and ceilidh in the evening in the Bute Hall at the main University campus.

BSAVA 2012 Glasgow Vet Alumni gathering – Friday 13 April 2012
We were delighted to welcome over 80 of our graduates, staff and students at the Glasgow Vet Alumni drinks reception at the Malthouse in Birmingham on Friday 13 April as part of BSAVA.

GUVMA Rodeo – Saturday 14 April 2012
Organised and run by the students of Glasgow University Veterinary Medical Association (GUVMA), the Rodeo has been an annual event since the days of Buccleuch Street. Since then it has moved on to become one of the largest charity fundraisers associated with the University. The sun was shining and the crowds came in their thousands to enjoy a great fun day out for all the family!

If you would like help in contacting your classmates or in organising a reunion please contact Sarah Hunter, Alumni Relations Officer at sarah.hunter@glasgow.ac.uk or +44 (0) 141 330 4951.

Vet150 in North America
We are delighted that the Vet150 celebrations got underway in North America with vet alumni get-togethers taking place in January at the NAVC in Florida and Justins Vineyard in California and at the beginning of February at the Rock Center Cafe in New York.

We would be really pleased to help facilitate any potential gatherings of Glasgow Vets living in North America and around the world and hear ideas as to how we can help to develop communication between you.

Please contact Sarah Hunter Alumni Relations Officer with your thoughts and suggestions to:
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or alternatively write to Sarah in the Development & Alumni Office at the address in the ‘How to Contact us’ section on the final page of the newsletter

News Update
On June 13 2012 as part of the University of Glasgow’s Commemoration Day an Honorary Degree was awarded to Alison Bruce, the University of Glasgow’s lay representative at the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

Big Vet Wee Vet students supporting students
Enhancing the student experience has always been a priority for the Vet School. As the student body has grown the need to support new incoming students as they arrive to study in Glasgow has become more important.

Big Vet Wee Vet is a student led peer support network that was the brain child of Amy Vail, BVMS 2007 and a group of North American undergraduate students. They were initially engaged by the Vet School’s BVMS admissions team in order to support enquiries originating from students arriving from North America. The student group recognised many of the issues overseas students were facing and how important it was to share their experiences to support incoming students arriving in Glasgow. Communications began prior to arrival in Glasgow, so that incoming students had a ‘buddy’ when they arrived. The success of the buddy scheme with North American students resulted in it being broadened out to include support to all new vet school arrivals, both UK and Overseas.

Joyce Wason, Director of Admissions and Student Services Manager for the Vet School told us, ‘While the School of Veterinary Medicine supports the Big Vet Wee Vet initiative and meets with the organising committee approximately three times a year, the scheme is student led. This scheme demonstrates that there is an inherent desire in the undergraduate population to support other students and that a collaboration between the institution and the student body can create a support network the quality of which has been recognised by the British Council as contributing significantly to both the Home and International student experience.’
Vet150 - Celebrating 150 years of Veterinary Excellence (1862 – 2012)

Vet150 Congress:
5 – 7 October 2012

We very much hope that many of our alumni will join us in October at our Vet150 Congress, the focal point of the Vet School’s 150th anniversary celebrations, a celebratory CPD weekend for vet alumni, staff, students, veterinary surgeons and friends of the Vet School. Following on is a summary of the events taking place over the weekend:

CPD Programme:
The event will launch with a ‘New Horizons’ programme and the McCall Lecture on Friday 5 October followed on Saturday with a three streamed CPD lecture programme (small animal, equine and farm animal) and a commercial exhibition. On Sunday there will be an interactive modular programme.

Social Programme:
The social programme includes a Civic Reception in the Bute Hall on the evening of Friday 5 October. The focus of our celebrations will take place on Saturday 6 October at our Vet150 Gala Banquet and Ceilidh. The Vet150 Congress will conclude with brunch on Sunday and tours of the Vet School.

Partners and families are very welcome to attend as there is much to do in and around Glasgow. Colleagues from Glasgow City Marketing Bureau will be in attendance at the Congress to assist with bookings for any tours, outings or excursions.

It is our hope that vet graduates celebrating their significant anniversaries in 2012 (Year Groups ending ‘2’ and ‘7’) will hold their reunions as part of the Vet150 Gala Banquet and Ceilidh on Saturday 6 October.

For more details and information on Vet150 events and to book for the Vet150 Congress including CPD and celebratory Gala Banquet and Ceilidh please visit our website at www.gla.ac.uk/Vet150. Alternatively, if you would like to be sent a hard copy of the Congress Programme including booking form please contact Sarah Hunter at sarah.hunter@glasgow.ac.uk +44 (0)141 330 4951

or write to Sarah in the Development & Alumni Office at the address in the ‘How to Contact us’ section on the final page of the newsletter.

Vet150 forthcoming Events
Mid September 2012 (running for approximately 3 months) – Exhibition and Vet Trail, Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum Glasgow

The exhibition will take place in the community space of the museum and will depict the history and achievements of veterinary medicine at Glasgow Vet School. Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum is the most visited museum outside London with one million visitors annually.

Saturday 15 September – Doors Open Day, Small Animal Hospital

This year the Small Animal Hospital will open its doors to the public as part of the annual Doors Open Day, Scotland’s largest free annual architectural event. The Small Animal Hospital won two awards at last year’s British Veterinary Hospital Association Practice Design Awards. The Hospital was awarded first in the Best Referral Hospital Design and the overall Best Hospital/Practice Design. The awards are the latest in a string of prestigious titles that the Small Animal Hospital has won in recent years, including recognition from the Glasgow Institute of Architects, the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland and the Royal Institute of British Architects.

As part of our 150th celebrations we have launched our ‘Glasgow Vet School Alumni Facebook page’!
Please follow us by going to:

http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Glasgow-Vet-School-Alumni/308286505855198

James Herriot and Glasgow

The University was honoured that Jim Wight, BVMS 1966 marked the launch of the 150th Anniversary with a lecture, to a packed audience, on ‘James Herriot and Glasgow - past and present’. In his talk Jim, a Glasgow Vet School graduate, talked about his own veterinary experience and that of his father, Alf Wight, who as James Herriot, wrote the world-renowned books about life working as a vet in Yorkshire and reflected on how veterinary practice has changed over the past 50 years.

Alf Wight was educated at Glasgow Veterinary College and qualified in 1939. After a short spell working in Sunderland he joined a practice in Thirsk, North Yorkshire and began to write about his experiences. If Only They Could Talk was published in 1969, and it was followed by six more books, two films and a popular television series, All Creatures Great And Small.

James Herriot is one of the Vet School’s most famous alumni and millions of his books have been sold around the world. In a recent special interview with the University Jim gave an insight into the life of his father, arguably the world’s most cherished vet.

Just before Alf Wight died in 1996 he learned that Glasgow Vet School was naming its library in honour of him. Jim told us, ‘Dad said to me, “I’ve had a lot of honours in my life – an OBE, meeting Her Majesty The Queen, a Fellowship of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons – but this, this honour here, means as much as all the others.”’ Although he was an Englishman born in Sunderland, a huge part of his soul was in Glasgow.’

You can listen to the University’s interview with Jim Wight by using the following link:
http://itunes.gla.ac.uk/podcasts/subjects/mvls/vetmedicine/JimWightinconversation.mp4
Baron O’Buchlyvie

Baron O’Buchlyvie was one of the world’s most famous Clydesdale horses, siring bloodlines that still exist today as far away as Canada and North America. The horse had to be put down in 1914 when he was kicked in the leg as technology at the time could not have repaired the horse’s broken radius bone.

Patrick Pollock (pictured), Veterinary Surgeon at the Weipers Centre Equine Hospital has been fascinated by the skeleton of the Baron since his time as a student at Glasgow Vet School. Together with colleague, Dr Lance Voute (pictured), they were interested to see if modern veterinary surgery could have saved the life of the famous Clydesdale horse.

Patrick said, ‘The exhibition of the Baron has interested me for years, ever since my students days, and I have always wondered if we could have saved him with the advances in equine medicine that we have now. We found on the x-rays that he would have just been on the edge of being saved.’

Baron O’Buchlyvie being x-rayed by Patrick Pollock and Lance Voute at the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum in Glasgow

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