Reynolds and Grazul-Bilska Organize Symposium

Dr. Larry Reynolds, co-director of the Center for Nutrition and Pregnancy and university distinguished professor of animal sciences, and Dr. Anna Grazul-Bilska, professor of animal science, are serving on the Scientific Committee of the 2013 Aspen/Snowmass Perinatal Biology Symposium to be held in Snowmass, Colorado, August 24 through 27, 2013.

The Perinatal Biology Symposium is held every three years and highlights current research in perinatal biology (that is, basic research on the mechanisms regulating normal fetal and offspring growth and development immediately before and after birth). The perinatal period is critical as this is the time during which the fetus prepares for birth and during which most offspring loss occurs in mammals, including humans and livestock (from 1% to as high as 20% of births). This year’s symposium will focus on “Fetal Adaptation to Maternal and Placental Dysfunction.”

The main organizing committee is comprised of Drs. Charles Ducsay, Loma Linda University School of Medicine; Sean Limesand, Department of Animal Sciences, University of Arizona; Denise Hemmings, Department of Ob/Gyn and Department of Microbiology and Immunology, University of Alberta; and Anna Grazul-Bilska, Department of Animal Sciences and Center for Nutrition and Pregnancy, NDSU.

The symposium has been held six times, the first three times as a FASEB Summer Research Conference, and the last three times as an independent symposium. It has been funded by the U.S. National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the March of Dimes, among others. This is the fifth time that NDSU professors have helped co-organize the meeting, which involves clinicians, basic biomedical researchers, and basic agricultural researchers from around the world.

For additional information, see http://cals.arizona.edu/ans/perinatalbiology/index.html.
Katrina Troppy Joins Animal Sciences
Katrina Troppy will be working on her M.S. degree in physiology of reproduction with Drs. Anna Grazul-Bilska and Dale Redmer. Her office is in Hultz 128, her phone number is 231-7631, and her email is katrina.troppy@my.ndsu.edu.

Katrina Troppy was born and raised in Deep South Texas near the Mexican border. All of her life she has been involved in agriculture because her father was a cotton and grain farmer. She completed her B.S. degree from Kansas State University in animal science and took additional classes at Texas Tech University for enrichment. She has a wide variety of experience with animals, ranging from squirmy swine and wooly sheep to docile deer.

Katrina is an avid birder and has competed in the Great Texas Birding Classic competitions since she was in fourth grade. She has given seminars on birding to adults and children, guided birding tours, and written a children’s birding curriculum for Quinta Mazatlan, a Texas World Birding Center. She has a life list of more than 300 birds.

Victoria Kennedy is New Graduate Student
Victoria Kennedy is a new M.S. student studying under the direction of Kim Vonnahme. Tori’s office is in Hultz 106, her phone number is 231-7642, and her email is victoria.kennedy@ndsu.edu. Tori submitted the following introduction.

“My name is Tori Kennedy. I am new to Fargo and excited to be here! I grew up near Philadelphia, but did my undergrad at The Ohio State University in Columbus, which is where I fell in love with reproductive physiology.

I also enjoy traveling, whether it be for academics or outdoor pursuits. Aside from animal sciences, my passion is rock climbing. I have spent a lot of time roaming around the country to find different types of rock. My favorite climbs are the cracks and towers in the desert of Moab, UT. I also love exploring in any sense of the word – from backpacking in national forests to poking around new cities. I am very happy to be following another one of my passions and look forward to my newest adventure – my Master’s degree!”

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**Upcoming Extension Event**  
**Beef Cattle and Forage Field Day**, Dickinson Research Extension Center Ranch Headquarters, August 19, 2013 – As part of the program, Dr. Rob Maddock will be a member of a panel discussing “Yearling Steers: Can an Extended Grazing Season and Short Feedlot Finishing be Profitable?”

**Curriculum Vitae Resources Available** – Mike Hanson, Northwest District Extension Office  
A curriculum vitae (CV) is used in academic circles as a replacement for a resume. Far more comprehensive than a resume, CVs are often required for award and grant applications or for applying for jobs. To help Extension agents prepare a CV, a webinar was conducted by District Directors Lynette Flage and Ron Wiederholt. Over 30 agents participated and learned the basics of CVs along with suggestions on how to prepare one. The webinar was recorded, and it, along with other CV resources, can be found at [http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/ProfessionalDevelopment/personaldevelopment/needsassessment](http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/ProfessionalDevelopment/personaldevelopment/needsassessment).

**Email Change**  
Please note that Lauren Hanna’s email has been updated from her maiden name (Lauren Hulsman) to her married name. Her new email address is [lauren.hanna@ndsu.edu](mailto:lauren.hanna@ndsu.edu). Mail sent to the old address will be forwarded for a time, but be sure to change your contact list.

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**Congratulations!**

Rex Sun (former visiting scientist in Animal Sciences) and Heather Zhang will be married October 20, 2013, at the Yihengyuan Hotel, Yan Tai, China.
Sheep Unit Has Good Showing at State Fair – Skip Anderson, Sheep Unit Manager

The NDSU Sheep Unit exhibited five head of Hampshires at the North Dakota State Fair. This is how the sheep placed:

- NDSU 2029 – 1st place Yearling Ram and Champion Ram
- NDSU 2060 – 1st place Yearling Ewe and Reserve Champion Ewe
- NDSU 2031 – 3rd place Yearling Ewe, also a member of the 1st place Pair of Yearling Ewes
- NDSU 3069 – 1st place February Ewe Lamb and Champion Ewe, also a member of the 1st place Pair of Ewe Lambs
- NDSU 3001 – 1st place January Ewe Lamb, also a member of the 1st place Pair of Ewe Lambs

Students who showed the sheep (L to R): Quinn Steffan, Jaci Heins, Isaiah Bauck, Daven Dockter, Taylor Friesz. Also shown are A.J. Heins (future Bison) and Skip Anderson.