

THE ACVP/STP COALITION FOR VETERINARY PATHOLOGY FELLOWS ESTABLISHES SIX NEW TRAINING POSITIONS

The American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP) and Society for Toxicologic Pathology (STP) recently formed the ACVP/STP Coalition for Veterinary Pathology Fellows to provide a unified mechanism to solicit and allocate funds to establish additional positions to train veterinary anatomic and clinical pathologists (Can. Vet. J. 46:1-2, 2005, and J. Am. Vet. Med. Assoc. 226:1964-1965, 2005). As a result of this initiative, support has been received for six new residencies in veterinary anatomic pathology, funded by **GlaxoSmithKline, Pfizer and sanofi-aventis** with additional unrestricted grant support from **Bristol-Myers Squibb and Experimental Pathology Laboratories**. A Request for Applications (RFA) was issued to North American veterinary pathology training institutions to compete for these new residencies, and following review of 17 applications received in response to the RFA, the positions were awarded to **Colorado State University, North Carolina State University, The Ohio State University, Purdue University, University of California at Davis, and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**. The Coalition will continue to solicit support for additional positions, including residencies in veterinary clinical pathology and for PhD dissertation research of trainees who have already completed pathology residencies. "Industry's early response to this important educational initiative has been outstanding," said Dr. Gary Cockerell, Director of the Coalition. Directors of training programs at academic institutions are also enthusiastic. "The generous support from industry will allow each of the funded programs to accept an additional highly qualified applicant who could not otherwise be supported," said Dr. Rose Raskin, Professor of Veterinary Clinical Pathology at Purdue University and Chair of ACVP Training Coordinators. "This new funding will enhance candidates' training and provide excellent opportunities to experience additional career opportunities in veterinary pathology, and will help resolve the deficit of veterinary pathologists to fill critical positions in academia, the private sector and government," added Dr. Nancy Everds, President of STP, and Dr. Keith Harris, President of ACVP.