News from ACT and SFT

The American College of Theriogenologists and the Society of Theriogenology combine their annual meetings, this year convening in Milwaukee, Wis. The following CVHS representatives participated:

- **Dr. Carlos Risco**, dean, presented "Effects of mastitis on reproductive performance in dairy cattle" and on the "Association between subclinical hypocalcemia and postpartum health disorders in dairy cattle." He served as chairman of the ACT certifying examination committee this year, his fifth year of service on this committee.

- **Dr. Candace Lyman**, assistant professor, presented "Evaluating the efficacy of a silicone Y-design intrauterine device as a horse contraceptive breeding trial" (mare IUD research) and "In vitro equine embryo production: An adventure in multi-unit collaboration" (clinical aspects of assisted reproduction technologies available at OSU).

- **Dr. Reed Holyoak**, professor, presented "The equine endometrial microbiome" (microbiome research). He is president of the ACT for the coming year.

- **Dr. Jessica Cohen**, past OSU theriogenology resident, passed the certifying examination. Cohen now works in a private practice in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

**Congratulations to OADDL!**

Congratulations to everyone at the Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory! Thanks to their teamwork, OADDL recently received full accreditation by the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD).

This accomplishment makes Oklahoma one of 33 U.S. states with an AAVLD-accredited veterinary diagnostic laboratory. Read more in the [OADDL E-News Special Issue](#).

Veterinary Biomedical Sciences Seminar

**Joy Scaria, PhD**, will present "Culturomics based discovery of antibiotic alternatives from gut microbiota" on Thursday, Aug. 23, at 3 p.m. in Room 259 McElroy Hall. Scaria is an assistant professor in the Department of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences at South Dakota State University.

Register for Fall Veterinary Conference

Early bird discounts will end on August 31. Visit the conference event site for registration options, agenda, speaker bios, and more. Register now at [2018 Fall Veterinary Conference](#).

Getting to Know You

**Marnita Rupp** is a senior administrative support specialist in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences. Originally from Lucien, Okla., she grew up in Perry, Okla., and graduated from Covington-Douglas High School.

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Married for 26 years, Marnita and husband Kory Rupp have three children. In her spare time, Marnita
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