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Davis Foundation Winds Up a Difficult 2009



It's no secret that things are tough all over, and like most charities, 2009 will go down as possibly the toughest economic year ever for the C.L. Davis Foundation. Indicators across the board suggest that the nation's charities will see over a 10% drop in revenues this year, but for a non-endowed charity like the Foundation, which relies exclusively on its membership and course revenues for each year's operating funds, the down economy hits much harder.

"We have been extremely conscious with where we spent money this year," says Foundation president Bruce Williams. "We have had to look extremely hard and cut back in every area – meetings, publications, and faculty travel were cut truly to the bone, and we will make even more changes for 2010. We cut our meetings by half in 2009, and this will probably continue in 2010."

Why such a bleak outlook? Its "natural and understandable," according to Foundation founder and CEO, Sam Thompson. "People are wondering how they are going to pay their bills, or buy Christmas presents," says Dr. Thompson. "Our retired members, or those close to retirement have seen their nest eggs take an unimaginable hit over the last year and a half. Pharmaceutical companies are merging to stay afloat, and for the first time that I can remember, some of our members can't even find jobs. My heart goes out to them." On top of this, add in the budget cuts that have affected veterinary schools across the country, new restrictions on travel and course attendance at many companies, and you can understand the effect it has had on course attendances this year.

But the Foundation and its dedicated volunteers aren't backing down - in fact, volunteerism has reached a whole new level, especially among our dedicated Faculty. "This year has been absolutely amazing," recounts Dr. Williams. "Early this year, I received offers from a number of our faculty members to pay for their own international travel in order to speak for the Foundation. Several said that the Foundation has given them so many opportunities that they wanted to give something back in these tough times."

Many other projects continued despite the lack of incoming funding. Independent study centers around the globe received new lectures on DVD, and we even set up new centers in Argentina, Edinburgh, and India. The 5th edition of John King's

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Foundation's Latin Division Has a Busy 2009

From all vantage points, 2009 did not look like it was going to be a good year for the Foundation's international programs. After four annual meetings in Brazil, three in Argentina, and two in Colombia, the Foundation had to consider putting these meetings on hiatus, as we have done in other parts of the world.



Faculty for the 2009 Colombian Symposium include (L-R): Fabio del Piero, Ricardo Ochoa, and Sriniv Rao.

However, the Latin Division, headed by Dr. Ingrid Pardo and Foundation Board member Ricardo Ochoa, would not accept that fate. These well-attended meetings are the backbone of the annual convocation of pathologists in those countries and are a great educational source for local trainees who turn out in large numbers.

The Foundation's Latin American Division, (*nee* the Latin Comparative Pathology Group) is a group of dedicated veterinary pathologists originally from countries in Central and South America who seek to increase training and opportunities for pathologists and pathology trainees in this region. On their own initiative, and using their own personal funds, members of the Latin American division traveled to Colombia, Argentina, and Brazil in 2009 to ensure the continuation of these important meetings.

In July 2009, the second annual three-day C.L. Davis symposium was held at the Universidad Nacional with a stellar faculty – Drs. Ingrid Pardo, Marcia Pereira and Ricardo Ochoa (all of whom trained as veterinarians in Colombia, and Brazilian-trained Dr. Ingeborg Langohr. Drs. Fabio del Piero and Srinivas Rao were also part of the delegation – while not “Latin” by strict definition, these two well-traveled Foundation speakers are Latin in spirit and best of all, fluent in Spanish.



With such a stellar cast, this year's Colombian meeting covered all bases - pathology of production animals, lab animals, exotic species, and even toxicologic pathology. Once again, Dr. Carlos Iregui put on an excellent forum, with the attendees agreeing this relatively new course continues to improve with age.

Slightly smaller, but no less enthusiastic groups, traveled to Argentina and Brazil to uphold the Foundation's commitment in these countries as well. Central to the annual meeting of the Argentinian Society of Veterinary Pathology was the two-day symposium put on by Francisco Uzal of UC Davis, Antonio Rodriguez Bertos of the Universidad Complutense de Madrid and once again, Fabio del Piero of the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center. The first day concentrated on systemic pathology of domestic species, including equine respiratory disease, foal diseases, and gastrointestinal pathology of horses, dogs and cats, while the second day of instruction included a number of topics on current methodology of pathology instruction by the assembled participants as well as Foundation Faculty.

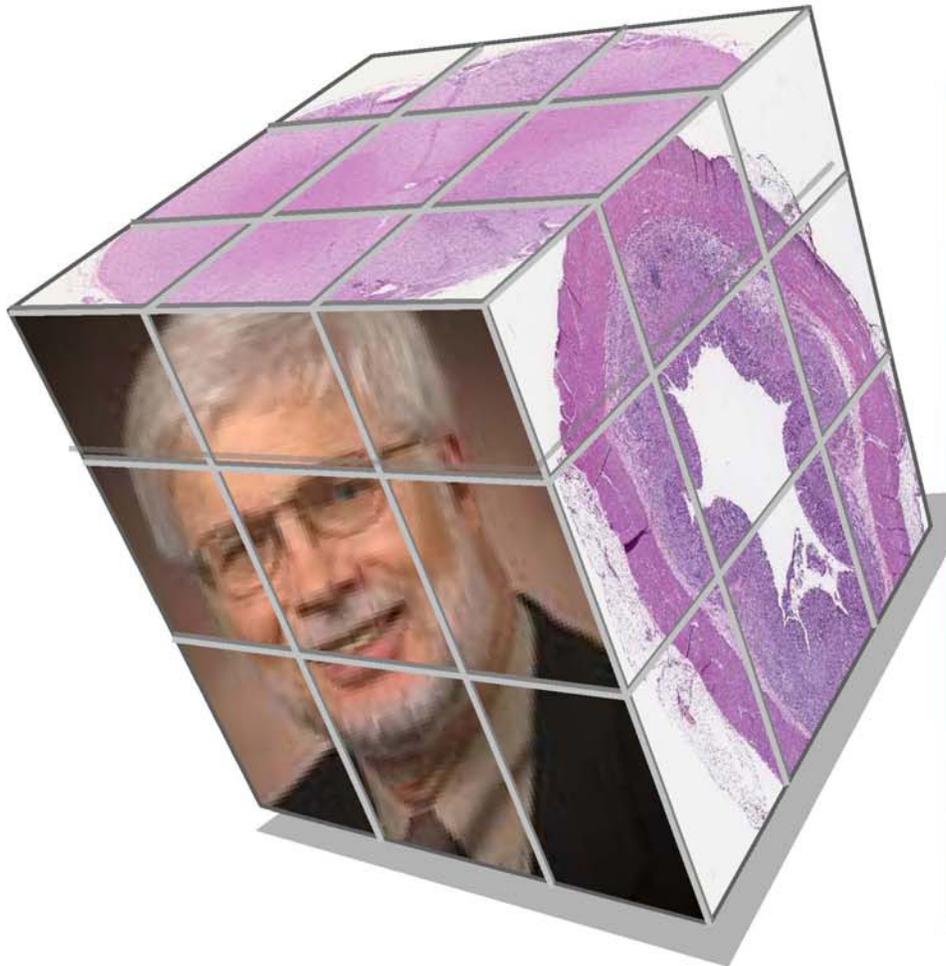


Dr. Ingrid Pardo (and course director Carlos Arturo Iregui in background) coordinated another extremely successful symposium in Bogota.

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“A New Look at Surgical Pathology”

The 2009 C.L. Davis/ACVP Pre-Conference Workshop



**An eight-hour
symposium by:**

**Paul Stromberg, DVM
MS. Ph.D., Dipl. ACVP**

**Date: 5 December
2009**

**Location: Monterey
Conference Center/
Monterey Marriott
Hotel**

Monterey, California

A comprehensive overview of veterinary surgical pathology in eight hours! Taught by the renowned Dr. Paul Stromberg from The Ohio State University, this seminar will cover the complete spectrum of biopsy issues from collection of tissue to the wording of the pathology report. Topics in specimen preparation will include instruments for biopsy sample collection, tissue handling, fixation, artifacts, tissue marking, specimen trimming and orientation, margin evaluation, and the submission form. Special attention will be given to effective two-way communication between the clinician and pathologist, cognitive errors in medical diagnosis and looming legal liability issues. Organ systems that will be specifically emphasized are the skin, spleen, and lymph node, and the particular considerations of amputation specimens will also be discussed.

Registration for the workshop should be made through the ACVP website at <http://www.acvp.org> as part of your registration package. For more information, contact course director, Dr. Sarah Hale at sarah.hale@covance.com.

Fourth Annual CLD/Indian Assoc. of Vet Path Meeting

The Satellite seminar of the CL Davis DVM foundation on '**Advanced Descriptive Techniques-Ultrastructure, Cytology and Immunohistochemistry**' was delivered by Bruce Williams, President of the Foundation and Chair of the Department of Telemedicine, AFIP, USA, on 28th October 2009 at the Life Hotel, Ludhiana, India, as pre-conference to Indian Association of Veterinary Pathologists (IAVP) Annual meeting from 28-30th October 2009.

The Satellite seminar was coordinated by Prof. Vipin K. Gupta, Foundation's Liaison and Director ISC at Veterinary College, Palampur, India, and organised by Dr. Naresh Sood, (Veterinary College Ludhiana) local Organizing Secretary of the IAVP-2009 annual conference. The seminar was attended by over 250 participants from all over the world. The seminar was a grand success and fifth in series being conducted by the Foundation in collaboration with IAVP in India.

Bruce was welcomed by the IAVP Secretary General Dr. TV Anilkumar and President Dr. Lal Krishna and was invited on the Dias during the inaugural function of the IAVP meeting to share his views about the annual program of veterinary pathologists in India and the recently started Indian College of Veterinary Pathologists (ICVP).

Foundation Liaison Dr. V.K Gupta and IAVP President Dr. Lal Krishna welcome Foundation President Dr. Bruce Williams to the 2009 IAVP/CLD Seminar.



...The Foundation in 2009 *(cont. from page 1)*

Necropsy book is now in print. Plans are underway to continue the Foundation's flagship courses, albeit with some new changes designed to make them more economically attractive in a tougher economic climate.

"The programs and the Faculty are as good as they have ever been, possibly even better," says Foundation President Bruce Williams. "And the need for the instruction is greater than ever before. Creativity and flexibility will be the keys to the Foundation's continued success in the next few years."

And in 2010, the Foundation's greatest asset will still be here – YOU. Renew your membership, or ensure that your school or company renews theirs as well. Try to get financial support for one or more of the Foundation's programs from your organization in 2010. Remember, the Foundation has always been there for you – in 2010, be there for your Foundation.

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To round out the year, in October, Foundation President Bruce Williams kicked off the 2009 RAPAVE meeting (the biannual meeting of the Brazilian Society of Veterinary Pathologists) in beautiful Aguas de Lindao with a day-long seminar on Descriptive Techniques in Veterinary Pathology, focusing on description in gross, microscopic, and ultrastructural specimens. This biannual conference (alternating in off years with the ANAPAVE in neighboring Argentina) was attended by over 400 veterinary pathologists, many in the early stages of their veterinary pathology careers.



The Davis lineup in Argentina – Drs. Francisco Uzal, Fabio del Piero, Antonio Bertos, seminar organizer Guillermo Ibargoyen and Argentinian division Director Eduardo Gimeno.

On top of this, the first C.L. Davis-sponsored meeting in Chile (at the veterinary school in Valdivia) is planned for January 2010, making this division the only one to actually expand operations during this past year.



Satellite Seminar Lecturer Bruce Williams (center) and seminar (and Brazilian Division director) Renato de Lima Santos enjoy the beautiful scenery with some of the symposium attendees.

But that isn't all that the Latin Division has been involved in. Membership and fundraising issues, Spanish-language lectures at the 2009 STP and ACVP meetings, exploring the possibilities of obtaining veterinary journals at lower rates for veterinary schools in the region, planning 2010 meetings in the region – all this and more have been completed by this group of tireless individuals.

For more info on how to volunteer for or be a sponsor of this division, please contact Dr. Ingrid Pardo at Ingrid.pardo@pfizer.com.

Third Annual Wayne O. Kester Symposium Equine Respiratory Disease

*Pathogenesis, lesions and
management of equine
respiratory diseases*



Faculty:

Laurent Couëtil
Fabio del Piero
Andrew Hoffman
Pamela Wilkins



*Clinical pearls of
lower airway
diseases*

*Management of lower airway
diseases: infections inflammatory
airway disease (IAD), and heaves*



**Given in association with the
55th Annual Meeting of the AAEP
Dec 10, 2009 - Las Vegas, NV
Mandalay Bay Hotel and Casino**



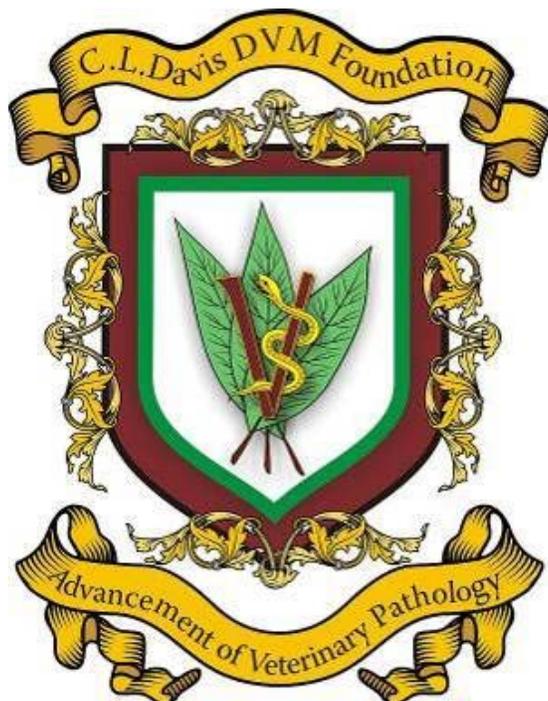
**Tuition: \$150 includes breaks, and 8
hours of RACE-accredited CE.**



For more information, visit
<http://www.cldavis.org/courses/upcoming.html>
or email course director Dr. Fabio Del Piero
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Quick Note From the Foundation Bookstore

Please note -Items Purchased from the Davis Foundation Bookstore (<https://store.clavis.org>) AFTER 24 Nov. 2009 will be shipped after 3 Jan 2010. Due to a historically high rate of loss/damage of items shipped during the holiday period, our media handling department will hold all shipping orders for shipping until after the holiday season.



First Announcement – Gross Pathology/General Pathology Courses To Combine in 2010



Mark your calendars !!! Two of the Foundation's flagship courses – the Gross Morbid Pathology of Animals (now in its 36th year) and the third annual General Pathology Review Course will combine in 2010, offering participants significant savings in travel costs and days away from work and family. This new CME event will take place from 11-18 July 2010 at the Sirata Beach Resort, St. Pete's Beach, FL (site of the previous two Gen Path courses). Participants may choose to attend one or both courses, with significant savings if you attend for the entire eight days.

Stay tuned to <http://www.cldavis.org/courses/upcoming.html>