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13th Annual Graduate Studies and Research Days at AVC joins forces with the UPEI Faculty of Science

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(*CHARLOTTETOWN, PE*): The Atlantic Veterinary College's 13th Annual Graduate Studies and Research Days will be held Thursday, May 19 and Friday, May 20, 2005 in Lecture Theatre A at AVC. For the first time the University of Prince Edward Island's Faculty of Science will join AVC by also having a series of graduate presentations on Thursday May 19, in Lecture Theatre B at AVC. AVC and Faculty of Science graduate students will present recent research findings on a variety of projects.

"It's exciting to see the Graduate and Research Days expanding. We're pleased the Faculty of Science is teaming up with AVC," says Dr. Jim Bellamy, Associate Dean, Graduate Studies and Research. "Graduate students bring energy and curiosity to a university. These two days give us the chance to recognize their integral role in teaching, research, and service here at the Atlantic Veterinary College." Since the opening of AVC in 1986 the College has graduated more than 150 graduate students.

Although this is the first year the Faculty of Science has held a Graduate Research day, it is the fifth anniversary of the Program. In the last five years, 15 students have graduated with their Master of Science through UPEI.

"Our Graduate programs in Biology and Chemistry have proven to be a huge success," says Dr. Roger Gordon, Dean of Science at UPEI. "Students have been carrying out cutting-edge research that has benefited their own careers as well as further energizing the research programs of our faculty members."

The Faculty of Science's guest speaker is Dr. William Whelan, Ryserson University, who is a visiting Researcher here at UPEI. Dr. Whelan's talk, entitled "Physics for the Mind and Body" is on Thursday, May 19 in Lecture Theatre "B" at AVC at 2:30 p.m.

For AVC's part, presentations on biomedical science, animal welfare, and clinical research, will be delivered on Thursday, May 19. Graduate students will present their research in the areas of population health and aquatic animal research present on Friday, May 20.

The annual AVC R.G. Thomson Lecture will be presented by Dr. Barry T. Rouse, University of Tennessee. His presentation, entitled T-cell regulatory effects in viral immunology and immunopathology in AVC Lecture Theatre A on Thursday, May 19 at 9:30 a.m.

Fifty-six graduate students are currently enrolled at the AVC in Master of Science, Master of Veterinary Science and Doctor of Philosophy programs.

A detailed agenda of Graduate Studies and Research Days can be found at www.upei.ca/~avc/program.pdf. Media and the general public are invited to attend the presentations.

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