VISITING ACADEMICS

2003

Dr Edward Mather
Michigan State University

Dr Edward Mather, Deputy Director of the National Food Safety and Toxiocology Center at Michigan State University (MSU), visited the Faculty in February 2003. Dr Mather was a special international guest at the first residential for the postgraduate coursework Veterinary Public Health Management program at the invitation of then Dean Professor Reuben Rose. Dr Mather, as Program Director of the on-line Professional Master of Science in Food Safety (ProMS) Program at MSU, had experience to share in the establishment of on-line training programs. He provided an inspirational speech at the inaugural annual dinner, sharing his insights on food safety and public health issues in the USA. In addition he attended the residential teaching sessions and offered comment on suitability of the structure and content for Masters students. Dr Jenny-Ann Toribio later visited MSU and further joint activity in the discipline is planned.

2004

Professor Ian Gardner
University of California, Davis

Professor Ian Gardner, Professor of Epidemiology, Department of Medicine and Epidemiology, University of California, Davis, received a prestigious New South Wales Residency Expatriate Scientists Award and visited the Faculty of Veterinary Science for three months in 2004.

This program is a joint initiative of three partners: the University of Sydney, CSIRO and the NSW Department of Education and Training. The selection process was based on the academic quality, the relevance and potential benefit of the applicant's collaborative research proposal for the University of Sydney and/or CSIRO and the ability of the applicant to communicate effectively, especially with high school students.

Professor Gardner made a tremendous impact in his tour of NSW high schools to promote science, and in the Faculty where he presented numerous seminars, and undergraduate lectures. Research outcomes included proposals for joint projects in Johne’s disease and links between the two universities in Veterinary Public Health.
2005 - 2006

Dr ChuanQing Wang
Henan Agricultural University, Zhengzhou

Dr ChuanQing Wang is Professor of Infectious Diseases and Head of the Department of Veterinary Science Agricultural University, Zhengzhou. His research interests are in the rapid diagnosis and prevention of animal infectious diseases and recently has had projects in immunology and virology in pigs and poultry. He gained his BSc in Animal Medicine Science in 1982 from Henan Agricultural University and his PhD in 1998 from Nanjing Agricultural University.

Dr Wang's visit is funded by the Chinese Government and he will join the Farm Animal Health group at Camden to work in aquatic animal virology. This is a field of growing importance internationally and Dr Wang will assist in an ARC Linkage project that aims to control nodavirus infection in barramundi aquaculture.