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ISU Veterinarian Welcomes New Advisor

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The staff of the *ISU Veterinarian* would like to formally introduce our new faculty advisor, Dr. Mark R. Ackermann. Dr. Ackermann has been an Assistant Professor in the Department of Veterinary Pathology at Iowa State since 1996. He was collaborative assistant professor for the department from 1992-1996 when he worked at the USDA-National Animal Disease Center (1986-1996) in Ames, Iowa. Beside helping with the *ISU Veterinarian*, Dr. Ackermann has developed a research program in respiratory diseases. His main area of interest is in acute inflammation during the onset of pneumonia. He has published over 50 research manuscripts and has served on editorial boards for *Veterinary Pathology* and *The American Journal of Veterinary Research*. He reviews manuscripts for other journals and grant proposals for the USDA. In addition to his prolific writing and editing, Dr. Ackermann manages to find time to teach graduate courses in veterinary pathology and is the professor-in-charge of the image analysis facility for Iowa State University.

Dr. Ackermann grew up in Preston, Iowa, and attended Loras College in Dubuque and Clinton Community College for his undergraduate degree. He received his DVM from Iowa State University in 1986 and his PhD in 1989. He is a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. His wife, Shelly Cheney-Ackermann, is from Bellevue, Iowa, and is a social worker at Iowa Health Systems (Methodist and Lutheran) in Des Moines. He lives in Ankeny with his wife and three children. Beside his duties at the university, Dr. Ackermann finds time to serve as a board member for the Children’s Habilitation Center in Johnston, Iowa, where his son is a resident. Dr. Ackermann is an avid runner and triathlete.

Over the years, he has competed in numerous road races including the Drake 1/2 Marathon, Dam to Dam, Iowa Games, and Bix. He qualified and completed the 100th Boston Marathon in 1996, where he earned nearly $1,500 in pledges for the Children’s Habilitation Center. He has also completed numerous triathlons including Big Creek in Des Moines, Lake Geode in Burlington, New Life in Coralville, Pigman in Palo, Whaletown in Anita, and Nishna Valley in Griswald.

Dr. Ackermann is warm-hearted and always ready to lend a hand or give advice regarding the direction and focus of a project. As the years pass, he will become an integral part of this journal, and the staff is thrilled to welcome him as the new faculty advisor for the *ISU Veterinarian*.

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