

Mountain Gorillas and Public Health in Uganda

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Dr. Gladys Kalema-Zikusoka, 2003 alumnus of the CVM Master's in Specialized Veterinary Medicine/Zoological Medicine Residency, gave a presentation on December 9th to an audience of veterinary students and campus wide faculty on her work related to wildlife management and programs that benefit humans and animals. Dr. Kalema-Zikusoka is Founder and Chief Executive Officer of "Conservation Through Public Health", an international grassroots NGO, established in 2002, to promote conservation with public health by improving primary health services for people and animals around protected areas throughout Uganda. Her recent accolades include selection as an Ashoka Fellow 2006 (<http://www.ashoka.org/node/3965>).

One Health Intellectual Exchange Group Inaugural seminar in the Triangle

With introduction from Dean Warwick Arden, Rear Admiral Dr. William Stokes (NIEHS) and Dr. Al Osbahr (Chair, NC Medical Society) launched the first One Health seminar series on January 21st at the NC Biotechnology Center. The event was jointly coordinated by the NCSU CVM as well as NC DA&CS, NC DPH, Duke, UNC-CH and NIEHS. In spite of the first snow in a few years, over 70 attended the event to champion discussion and programs bridging the environmental, human and animal health sectors.

Food Safety & Zoonotic Diseases in India

Dr. Sid Thakur and Dr. Prema Arasu presented invited papers at the International Symposium on Food Safety, Global Trade and Quality Assurance held at G. B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, India, on November 7-9. The conference attracted participants from several countries and was co-hosted by Michigan State University and the Indian Association of Veterinary Public Health Specialists.

Dr. Manish Kakkar, scientist and Public Health Specialist, Public Health Foundation of India, will be visiting the Triangle from Feb 1-6, 2009, to further develop research and programmatic linkages with NC consortium members (NCSU, UNC Chapel Hill and RTI International). Further information can be obtained from Prema Arasu.

Partnership with University of Sao Paulo

Dr. Maria Correa hosted the Rector of the U. of Sao Paulo, Marcos Macari, at the CVM on December 3rd. In addition to a tour of the college facilities and veterinary teaching hospital, discussions were held about potential exchange programs. The University of Surrey in the U.K. is also pursuing a triangulating partnership linking Surrey-NCSU-USP.