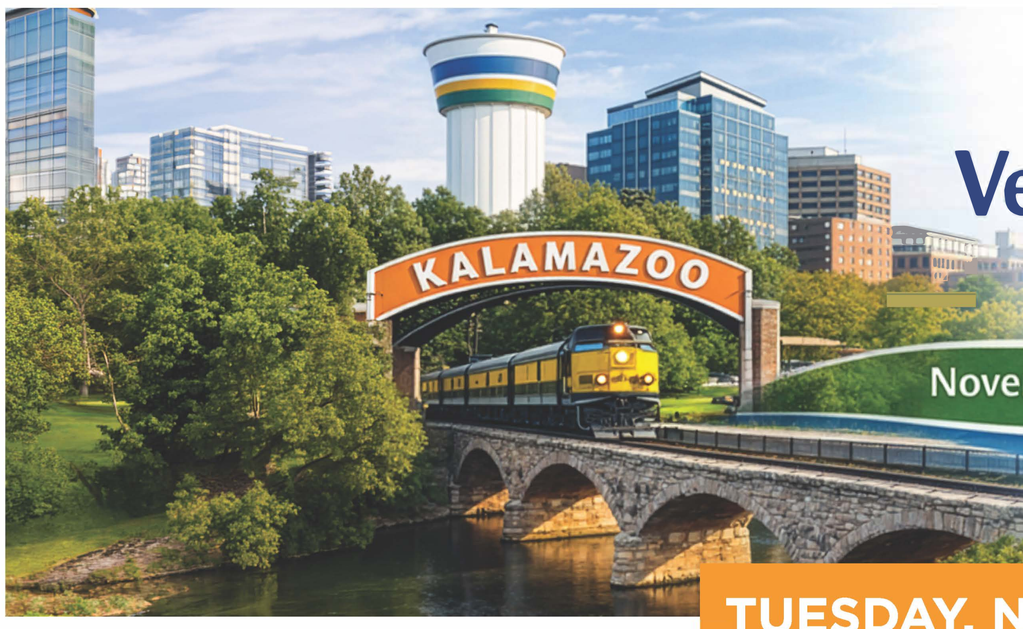


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TUESDAY, NOV. 10 — GLENS 1 & 2

8:25-8:30
Welcome / Opening Remarks:
Oliver Garden & Edwina Gildea

8:30-9:30
Anne Avery
Applications of flow cytometry in veterinary clinical immunology

9:30-10:00
Steven Friedenberg
Genetics of immune-mediated disease - A complex trait: unraveling the genetics of canine Addison's disease

10:00-10:30
Samantha Evans
Trends in diagnosis of immune-mediated disease in small animals

10:30-11:00
BREAK | GLENS 3

11:00-12:00
Claire Fellman
Emerging topics: Treatment of immune-mediated disease

12:00-2:00
Lunch / Tour of Zoetis Veterinary Medicine R&D Laboratories, Kalamazoo

2:00-4:00
Andrew Woolcock
Oral Research abstracts

2:00-2:12
Dalit Talmi-Frank
Biomarker-Driven Approach for the Development of Anti-CD20 Monoclonal Antibody for Treatment of Canine B-Cell Lymphoma

2:12-2:24
Amanda Lofrano-Porto
Effect of Indoleamine 2,3-Dioxygenase Inhibition on Macrophage Phenotype and Phagocytosis in Canine Oral Melanoma Co-Culture

2:24-2:36
Adam Cook
Single-Cell RNA Sequencing Identifies Large Macrophage and Myeloid Cells in Canine Osteoarthritis Synovial Fluid

2:36-2:48
Keerthi Bandaru
Effect of Acid-Suppressant Treatment on NET Formation Ability of Healthy Dog Neutrophils ex vivo

2:48-3:00
Erin Lashnits
Beyond SNAP-Positive: Serological Responses to Borrelia burgdorferi in Dogs from an Endemic Region

3:00-3:30
BREAK | GLENS 3

3:30-3:42
Jing Gao
Effect of Vaccination Schedules Prior to Dry-Off on Inflammation, Immunity, and Performance of Dairy Cows

3:42-3:54
Eric Owczarzaka
Effect of Isoprostane Class on Bovine Macrophage Function During Inflammatory and Oxidative Stress Challenge

3:54-4:06
Julia Felippe
Cytotoxic Immune Competence of the Equine Neonate and Foal

4:06-4:18
Isabella Hamner
Pulsed Electromagnetic Frequency Therapy Mitigates Inflammation Associated with Persistent Breeding-Induced Endometritis in Horses

Poster Research Abstracts / Reception | Glens 3 | 4:30 - 6:00

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Nicola Mason
Novel immune therapies for cancer

9:30-10:30
Terza Brostoff
Vaccines and vaccinology: small animals - Emerging trends in small animal vaccines

Elisa Crisci
Vaccines and vaccinology: large animals - Advances and challenges in large animal vaccinology

10:30-11:00
BREAK I GLENS 3

11:00-11:30
Linda Kidd
Pathogens and immune-mediated disease: 1 - The role of pathogens in triggering immune-mediated disease

11:30-12:00
Erin Lashnits
Pathogens and immune-mediated disease: 2 - The role of pathogens in triggering immune-mediated disease

12:00-1:30
LUNCH AT RADISSON

1:30-2:45
Amelia Woolums, Angela Bordin, Julia Felippe, Véronique Moulin
Large animal immunology: Immunology and disease in foals, gut-lung axis in foals and livestock: Diagnosis, vaccines, immunomodulators, and emerging therapies

2:45-3:15
BREAK | GLENS 3

3:15-4:30
James Swann, Andrew Woolcock, Shauna Blois, Duncan Mwangi
Small animal immunology: Current and future challenges in the diagnosis and treatment of immune-mediated diseases in dogs and cats

3:30-5:00
Oliver Garden
VCCIS Annual Business Meeting

5:00-6:30
Free Time

Gala Dinner | West Michigan Room | 6:30-9:00

THURSDAY, NOV. 12 | GLENS 1 & 2

9:00-10:00
Dana LeVine, Shauna Blois, Caroline Griffin, Samantha Evans, Molly Ellis
Diagnostic conundrums, therapeutic dilemmas: what to do?

10:00-10:15
BREAK | GLENS 3

10:15 - 11:15
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11:15-11:30
Oliver Garden
Closing remarks, awards ceremony, & group photograph + Research Awards and how to submit a successful submission

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Inflammatory Cytokines Induce an Autocrine Secretory Response in Canine Osteosarcoma Cells

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Healthy Dogs Have a High Percentage of Neutrophil Surface-Associated Antibody Detected by Flow Cytometry

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Serena Teh
Determining the Effects of IgG Glycosylation on Equine Maternal Antibody Transfer

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