Meet Dr. Jon Reuter designee of the President of the University of Colorado to the ICR Governing Board

Jon D. Reuter MPVM, DVM, DACLAM works within the Research Innovation Office and has oversight of Research Integrity and Compliance at the University of Colorado, Boulder, CO. He is actively involved in oversight of University affairs including the Office of Animal Resources, the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), Standing Committee on Research Misconduct, Institutional Review Board for human research studies (IRB), Conflict of Interest and Commitment, and DEA Controlled drug use, including cannabis, hemp and CBD. As a Professor in Psychology and Neuroscience, he participates in many collaborative research investigations in the fields of neuroscience, integrative physiology, wildlife ecology, microbiome, and comparative medicine research. Prior to joining the faculty at CU Boulder, Dr. Reuter served as Sr. Director of the Animal Resources Department, Sr. Staff Scientist, and Attending Veterinarian at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, LaJolla, CA. Dr. Reuter graduated from the University of California, Davis with a B.S. in Veterinary Science. He then attended the University of California, Davis School of Veterinary Medicine and earned his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine and a Master’s in Preventative Veterinary Medicine. After veterinary school, he entered a Postdoctoral Residency Program in Laboratory Animal Science at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor achieving board certification as a Diplomate of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine. During the residency, his research interests were in the field of infectious disease with focus on nanomolecular countermeasures to potential bio-warfare agents such as anthrax and influenza. Early in his career, Dr. Reuter was recruited to Yale University Medical School, Section of Comparative Medicine where he led a successful infectious disease research laboratory and supported the Yale Animal Resources Center and IACUC. Dr. Reuter joined the ICR Governing board last year as the delegate of the University of Colorado President. His role in overseeing controlled drug use, hemp and CBD research at CU Boulder helps support faculty research efforts and bring timely updates to the ever changing regulatory environment and research opportunities.

Funding Opportunity Update: Upcoming Request for Applications for ICR Research Funding for Fiscal Year 2022

The first statewide cannabis research funding competition supported by the ICR will be released later this fall. With assistance from a subcommittee of the ICR Governing Board, the ICR staff has developed a Request for Funding Announcement (RFA) and applications will be submitted through an electronic application submission portal with award amounts to be determined by the ICR’s Fiscal Year 2022 state appropriated budget. Information about the RFA, including the application timeline, will be posted on the ICR’s website in the coming weeks. Please visit www.csupueblo.edu/icr for additional details and RFA updates

ICR Webinar Series

Dr. Stephanie McGrath and Dr. David Shurtleff

ICR to Launch Webinar Series in 2020

by John Williamson

The ICR is pleased to announce a new monthly webinar series starting October 8, 2020. Please plan to join us on the second Thursday of each month at 1:00 mountain time. Each webinar will highlight a topic focusing on cannabis research. The inaugural webinar will feature Dr. Stephanie McGrath, Associate Professor, Neurology/Neurosurgery in College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. Dr. McGrath’s seminar will emphasis her research with CBD in dogs entitled “Cannabis Use in Pets - Clinical Trials at Colorado State University.” The November seminar will feature Dr. David Shurtleff, Deputy Director of NCCIH, at the National Institutes of Health, addressing NIH’s interest in cannabis research and funding opportunities. The webinars are free and open to all and information on how to access these webinars will be posted on the ICR website. Questions concerning the webinars can be addressed to research@csupueblo.edu

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2020 ICR Conference

by Chad Kinney

The Institute of Cannabis Research (ICR) Conference 2020 was recently held in a virtual format August 11 & 12. The conference consisted of about 100 presentations and was attended by more than 250 registrants. Two keynote presentations were delivered by Dr. Roger Pertwee (University of Aberdeen), who gave the annual Mechoulam Lecture, and Dr. Jeffrey Steiner (Global Hemp Innovation Center at Oregon State University) delivered the Opening Plenary Address. The majority of presentations are available to attendees to view on the virtual conference website until the middle of October.

The ICR Staff and CSU-Pueblo (host institution for the ICR) volunteers had to pivot from an in-person conference scheduled in the spring to a virtual conference in the summer. Such transitions have become the norm for organizations hosting conferences and meetings since the COVID-19 pandemic has gained global reach. The ICR is grateful for the presenters and attendees for transitioning to the virtual format with us. While not without its challenges, the virtual approach was successful with largely positive feedback from attendees. The ICR was also fortunate to have sponsors and exhibitors that were supportive and willing to transition to a virtual format. Sponsors and exhibitors included:

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It is not too early to begin looking ahead to next year’s conference. Beginning in 2021 the ICR will be partnering with the Global Hemp Innovation Center (GHIC) at Oregon State University in hosting the newly branded “Cannabis Research Conference” (CRC). The CRC 2021 will be held August 3-5, 2021 and will hopefully be held as an in-person conference on the CSU-Pueblo campus with a virtual component for those that wish to participate remotely. A call for session proposals will be going out later this fall. Mark your calendars for CRC 2021.