

## WCABP Research Fund

Up until 2005 the WCABP had not been actively involved in promoting research. Hence it was decided to establish a small research fund, providing \$3,000/annum to researchers from accredited educational institutions who were engaged in beef and/or dairy cattle research. Unfortunately, the uptake on this program has been rather poor, probably because the amount of grant money being offered is rather low. In fact, no researchers applied for funding in WCABP's 2008-2009 fiscal year; therefore, these unused funds (\$3,000) were accrued into the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

The Board passed a motion to terminate the Research Fund and establish a Student Research Fund to a maximum of \$10,000 every two years.

The objective of this fund is to provide financial support to research projects that are dedicated to investigating diseases and management practices that are relevant to beef and dairy cattle production in Western Canada.

This fund is available to researchers from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM), the University of Calgary, Veterinary Medicine (UCVM), and all WCABP members who are interested in conducting bona fide research. Preference will be given to WCABP members who are collaborating with researchers at WCVM and/or UCVM. Ideally, the WCABP Board would like to see WCABP members employ a veterinary summer student (preferably a WCABP Student Member) who, over the course of the summer, will be engaged in a bona fide research program. The grant, however, cannot be used to pay the student's wages rather the funds are to support the cost of the research (i.e. laboratory testing, travel, supplies, etc.).

A total of \$10,000 will be granted every 2 years. This amount, however, may be decreased by order of the Board but cannot be increased without ratification by the membership at a regularly scheduled AGM.

To date, the following individuals have been the recipients of the \$3,000 Research Fund:

2010 – **Dr. Amy Warren**, Department of Veterinary Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences (UCVM) - "Bovine Viral Diarrhea Virus (BVDV) Induced Vasculitis in Transient BVDV Infection"

2009 – **Dr. Cheryl Waldner**, Large Animal Clinical Sciences (WCVM) – "Neonatal Disease in Beef Herds – What do today's producers need from their veterinarians"

2008 – No applications received

2007 – **Dr. Nathan Erickson**, Large Animal Clinical Sciences (WCVM) – "Mycoplasma bovis"

2006 – **Dr. Colin Palmer**, Large Animal Clinical Sciences (WCVM) – "Evaluation of the Use of Benzathine Cephapirin in Both Clinically Normal and Endometritis-Positive Postpartum Dairy Cows Examined Using Ultrasonography and the Endometrial Cytobrush"