

The Roy C. Anderson Memorial Lecture In Parasitology

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“H5N1 Avian Influenza Virus: A Real Threat to Animal and Human Health”

Monday, October 30th 2006
at 12.10 pm
Room 1714, OVC Learning Centre, University of Guelph

Professor Osterhaus is a world-renowned virologist, and his research team was the first to identify the avian influenza strain H5N1 in humans (1997). The virus was discovered in a three-year old boy who had died from the ‘flu’ in Hong Kong. He was also the first scientist to show that H5N1 can be transferred to humans. His other major contributions in virology include the identification of a new morbilivirus that caused the massive die-off of seals in North-Western Europe (1998), and the discovery in Hong Kong that the causative agent (a coronavirus) of SARS resides in civet cats (2003).

All are invited to an informal reception for Dr. Osterhaus at 11.45 am on October 30th in the foyer, OVC Learning Centre.

This annual lecture is open to students, faculty, staff and the general public. It is co-sponsored by the College of Biological Science, Mrs. P. Anderson, and Roy’s former students and friends. Contributions from the Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology and the Department of Pathobiology are also gratefully acknowledged. More information on Dr. Osterhaus’ visit can be obtained from Professor Patrick T.K. Woo [519 824-4120 ext. 53581; pwoo@uoguelph.ca].