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EDITORS NOTE: New staff bios are included below researcher copy

Harrisvaccines researchers awarded doctorate degrees

AMES, Iowa – January 20, 2012 – Two Harrisvaccines employees have earned their Ph.D.s from Iowa State University.

J. Dustin Loy, DVM, Ph.D.

J. Dustin Loy, DVM, Ph.D., Research Scientist with Harrisvaccines, was awarded a Ph.D. in veterinary microbiology from Iowa State University in December. Loy joined Harrisvaccines in February, 2010, and is responsible for research and development of antivirals for aquaculture and vaccine development for cattle.

Loy completed a concurrent DVM/Ph.D. program at Iowa State University, earning a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree with an emphasis in food animal medicine and a Ph.D. in veterinary microbiology. During this time, he had specific training in large animal medicine and epidemiology. Loy also earned a Bachelor of Science degree in animal science and microbiology from Iowa State University.

He has extensive experience in aquaculture pathology and virology, graduating from the University of Arizona's 2007 Shrimp Histopathology course and completing internships in the shrimp health division of CP Prima in Sumatra and at the Mississippi State University Warmwater Aquaculture Center.

Ryan Vander Veen, Ph.D.

Ryan Vander Veen was awarded a Ph.D. in immunobiology from Iowa State University in December, 2011. In his role as Production Coordinator for Harrisvaccines, Vander Veen is charged with supervising all vaccine production, regulatory documentation and USDA

compliance. In addition, Vander Veen has published industry-leading research into the development of vaccines against pandemic H1N1 influenza and will manage the influenza research program at Harrisvaccines.

Vander Veen completed his undergraduate work at South Dakota State University, majoring in microbiology. He joined Harrisvaccines in 2008.

New Harrisvaccines Staff

Anja Dekkers

Anja Dekkers has been named Harrisvaccines Marketing and Inventory Associate.

Dekkers will assist with marketing activities including advertising, promotional materials, trade shows and website development, as well as to managing and growing Harrisvaccines' social media activities. She is also in charge of implementing and managing a new automated inventory system.

Dekkers earned a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing from Iowa State University with a minor in animal science.

Kara Jimenez

Kara Jimenez has joined Harrisvaccines as an Aquaculture Research Technician. Jimenez will provide technical assistance for the rearing of larval and post-larval marine shrimp, monitor experiments and oversee the implementation and evaluation of new procedures.

Jimenez earned a Bachelor of Science degree in aquatic biology from Texas State University. She also worked as a research assistant at Texas State, responsible for identification of native and invasive freshwater macrophyte and fish species throughout Texas; literature review on endangered and threatened fish of Texas; and sorting, identifying and organizing the collection of macro-invertebrates.

About Harrisvaccines

Headquartered in Ames, Iowa, Harrisvaccines focuses on improving animal health and enhancing productivity in the swine, cattle and farmed shrimp industries. Using state-of-the-art advanced molecular science, Harrisvaccines employs two unique RNA platforms to develop products which aid in the prevention and treatment of infectious animal diseases. For more information, visit www.harrisvaccines.com.