Progress Report – June 2013 – Promoting Collaborations

Strategy: Promoting Collaboration with other schools and programs at UC Davis (7.2)

Date: Spring Quarter 2012

Summary of Activities

(1) The collaboration in teaching 2nd year Vet students and 3rd year medical students "One Health" during the Infectious Diseases and Immunology block (VM413). This was a team teaching doctoring case-based learning activity that involved about 15 faculty from the vet school and an equal contribution from the medical school.

(2) The study linking autism risk and abnormal placental development - a collaboration between Dr. Isaac Pessah and a team from SOM Department of Gynecology.

(3) ViVita Technologies, a team led by Dr. Leigh Griffin and his collaborators at Department of Biomedical Engineering won the 13th annual Big Bang! – an award for a business plan to work out heart valve replacements. The award is sponsored by UCD School of Management.

(4) The (advisory) search committees for Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education and for Director of the Center for Comparative Medicine consist of faculty from SVM and SOM. The input from SOM is highly valuable for recommending the most qualified/suitable persons for the positions.

(5) T32 graduate training grant in Pharmacology and Toxicology. P.I.: Pam Lein. Mentors: faculty from SVM, SOM, College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences.

(6) Seminar series: CCM seminar; Cancer Center seminar with remote online link; Center for Comparative Respiratory Biology and Medicine Seminar Series.

(7) BGI@UCDavis: seminar series and upcoming symposium.

Future opportunities/Initiatives

New initiatives are likely to be further developed between SVM-SOM and SVM-other campus units once new Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education, new CCM Director, and new SOM Dean are on board.