

## TWO CVMBS GRADUATE STUDENTS RECEIVE AWARDS

Doctoral students Audrey Ruple and Heidi Pecoraro received research report awards at the 2011 Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases (CRWAD), which was held December 4 – 6 in Chicago. Audrey Ruple won an award in the Bioscurity and Biosafety section for her presentation, "Isolation of Salmonella organisms from the environment in a large animal hospital using electrostatic (Swiffer) and sterile sponge collection devices", and Heidi Pecoraro won an award in the Epidemiology section for her presentation, "Comparison of virus isolation, one-step real-time reverse transcriptase-PCR assay, and two rapid influenza diagnostic tests for detecting canine influenza virus (H3N8) shedding in dogs." Student advisers are Drs. Paul Morley and Gabriele Landolt, respectively.

Founded in 1920, CRWAD is a non-profit organization with the sole purpose of providing a forum to discuss and disseminate the most current research advances in animal diseases. Graduate students, industry, and academic professionals present and discuss the most recent advances on subjects of interest to the CRWAD and of importance to the global livestock and companion animal industries. Reports of current research in 10 categories are invited for the annual conference. These sections include: Bacterial Pathogenesis, Biosafety and Biosecurity, Companion Animal Epidemiology, Epidemiology and Animal Health Economics, Food and Environmental Safety, Gastroenteric Diseases, Immunology, Respiratory Diseases, Vector-Borne and Parasitic Diseases, and Viral Pathogenesis.

Dr. Robert P. Ellis from Colorado State University, Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology is the Executive Director. Additional information concerning the Conference is available at <http://www.cvmbs.colostate.edu/mip/crwad>.