



Organizer's Report on the 24th Leading Seminar

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| Name / Grade | Lesa Thompson / DC4 |
| Date / Place | Friday 19 th January 2018 / Lecture Hall |
| Number of attendees | Seminar: 56 students, 9 others (total 65) * <i>Symposium on 23rd:</i> 34 students, 8 others (total 42); <i>workshop:</i> 21 students (18 DC, 3 others), 6 facilitators/others (total 27). |



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| Lecture title | Conservation medicine within the One Health paradigm |
| Lecturer | Dr Steve Unwin |
| Affiliation of Lecturer | Chester Zoo, UK Lecturer at Liverpool University & Royal Veterinary College, London |

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| Background of invitation | <p>Whilst working in the UK, I met Dr Unwin at zoo veterinary conferences. Also, I lectured at two courses in Indonesia in the summer of 2017 which he organised. Besides his clinical role at Chester Zoo, Dr Unwin is also a lecturer at both Liverpool University and the Royal Veterinary College, London. He is a member of the IUCN Wildlife Health Specialist Group. I have always been very impressed by Dr Unwin's passion for conservation medicine, and found him to be an enthusiastic and motivational speaker. He has vast experience in the field of evaluating conservation impact, capacity development, and conservation advocacy – thus I thought he would make an excellent speaker for the Leading Seminar series at Hokkaido University.</p>  |
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| Seminar contents, questions and answers | <p>Seminar content: Dr Unwin has conservation medicine experience in many countries. He shared some of these experiences to illustrate how a veterinarian may help make a positive impact on conservation, particularly in a One Health situation. He described weaknesses in some programs and how we can work together in an integrative manner to approach these. Chester Zoo is involved in many projects around the world, with links to wildlife and zoological institutions in many countries. Examples of especial interest were the Orangutan Veterinary Advisory Group (OVAG) and the Pan African Sanctuary Alliance (PASA) Veterinary Programme, which Dr Unwin has worked with over many years.</p>  <p>Question & answer session: After a short tea break, interested students returned for a short presentation on the OVAG work and a discussion session. Four students asked questions during this time (others spoke with Dr Unwin during the tea break). The topics were varied, with the first asking Dr Unwin's opinion on a recent widely-publicised zoo event where a child fell into a gorilla exhibit. The second was about communication and education at zoos, particularly with members of the public. The third question focused on avian mortality. The final question was regarding different countries' attitudes to wildlife and conservation medicine.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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I am very grateful for the opportunity given by the Leading Program for us to invite a special speaker to give a Leading Seminar. In my opinion this is a difficult task, as the audience has a wide range of interests. I think Dr Unwin's approachable character and passion for his work made him an interesting speaker even for those without a specific interest in conservation medicine. He gave some great examples of One Health and how we can work together from many disciplines.

The Leading Office and Leading Seminar committee were very helpful with organisation of the seminar, providing a check list to follow during preparation. Organisation of the symposium took a lot more time and effort. I had to communicate frequently with Dr Unwin, including checking materials such as proceedings and group work scenario information. I met several times with Mike and Maki San to discuss logistics. We also arranged a pre-symposium meeting with facilitators to brief them on the event. The symposium was open to any interested students (including undergraduates) or staff, and the Leading Program decided to ask DC1 students specifically to attend for the workshop experience. I was very happy that so many students attended in the morning and decided to stay for the afternoon workshop, and those who took part said they enjoyed the event and learned a lot. This was a good opportunity for students to practice their communication skills between stakeholder groups and the media.



I would like to express my deep thanks to Maki San and the rest of the Leading office for their assistance with logistics – Dr Unwin was also very thankful for their organisation of his stay. Also, I extend my gratitude to Professors Horiuchi, Ishizuka and Tsubota, the facilitators and other helpers, and all participants who supported the symposium which I co-organised with Mike and Maki San.