

2012 Awards: Comparative & Experimental Medicine and Public Health Research Symposium

Graduate Student Category

First place (\$1,000 travel award): **Dr. Ricardo Videla**, Comparative and Experimental Medicine (21. Effects of Intravenously-Administered Esomeprazole Sodium on Gastric Juice pH in Adult Female Horses)

Second place (\$750 travel award): **Tingting Xu**, Microbiology (37. Improving Bacterial Bioluminescence in Human Cells for Novel Imaging Applications)

Third place (\$500 travel award): **Eman Anis**, Comparative and Experimental Medicine (79. Effectiveness of Small Interfering RNA (siRNA) to Inhibit Feline Coronavirus Replication)

Phi Zeta Excellence in Animal Health Research Award

\$250 award: **Pelagie Favi**, Materials Science and Engineering (42. Bacterial Cellulose and Equine-Derived Bone Marrow Mesenchymal Stem Cells as a Potential Biomaterial Construct for Tissue Engineering of Cartilage and Bone)

Intern/Resident Category Award of Excellence

\$1,000 travel award: **Dr. Rebecca Hodshon**, Small Animal Clinical Sciences (17. Incisional Wound Healing in Ball Pythons (*Python regius*): A Comparison of Carbon Dioxide Laser, 4.0 MHz Radiosurgery, and Scalpel)

Research Associate Category Award of Excellence

\$1,000 travel award: **Douglas Luther**, Animal Science (24. Pursuit of in silico Discovery of Novel Gene Features Associated with Virulence/Pathogenic Interactions from *Streptococcus uberis* Genomic Data)

Gamma Sigma Delta Excellence in Agricultural and Related Research Award

\$250 award: **Dr. Tamara Veiga-Parga**, Comparative and Experimental Medicine (75. Regulatory T Cells Control the Clinical Expression of Viral Immunopathology during the Clinical Phase of Herpetic Stromal Keratitis)

Research Assistant Professor Category Award of Excellence

\$1,000 travel award: **Dr. Maria Cekanova**, Small Animal Clinical Sciences (22. Evaluation of Fluorocoxib A, a Novel COX-2-Targeted Optical Imaging Agent)