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Get Connected at Fall Conference

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Fall Conference happens September 11 and 12 in Urbana. Register today so you don't miss out on these important connections.

Practice Connection: You won't find a better value for your CE dollar than our Fall Conference when it comes to world-class speakers delivering practice-relevant, cutting-edge content. This year tracks feature oncology, ophthalmology, minimally invasive surgery, avian/small mammal surgery, equine ultrasound, production animal welfare, and more. Choose from four wet labs, including clinical pathology and developing an infection control plan.

Recreation Connection: Balance the learning with fun. Link up with friends at the alumni association golf outing on Wednesday afternoon before the conference starts. Whet your appetite for Illini football action with the Coach Ron Zook Show, broadcast live from Vet Med after the Thursday night barbecue, then catch the game against Louisiana-Lafayette on Saturday.

Student Connection: Rekindle your enthusiasm for veterinary medicine when you share a meal and swap perspectives with students at the Wednesday evening tent party, following the golf outing. Conference sessions will provide the latest details of the new private practice rotation and the revolutionary new veterinary curriculum in the works at Illinois.

Mentors, treat your students to the Saturday morning pre-game tent party. Even if you are not a mentor, come out to get to know our students.

Remember, the call for mentor volunteers went out in June, and mentor-student matches will be made during the fall semester. Contact the Office of Academic and Student Affairs to get on the list: asa@vetmed.illinois.edu or 217/265-0380.

Faculty Connection: Have you looked at our clinical roster lately? Over the past few years more than a dozen clinical specialists have joined our faculty. Many will be speaking, and you can take this opportunity to get to know them and what they can do for you.

Alumni Connection: Fall Conference connects you with fellow Illini, from Wednesday's golf outing to Saturday's tent party. In between learn from 14 conference presenters who earned their degree at Illinois and attend the annual College-Alumni Association awards presentation. If this is a reunion year for you, party with classmates at the Friday evening reunion kick-off.

Register online for Fall Conference at www.vetmed.illinois.edu/ope/fallconf. To reach me, send email to dean@vetmed.illinois.edu.

I hope to see you in Urbana in September!