Visiting lecturer and visitorship program enable the WCVM community to hear and interact with prestigious scientists from around the world. These visitors enhance the undergraduate and graduate teaching programs, research, and clinical and diagnostic services. On occasion, they support continuing education programs for western veterinary associations.

**D.L.T. SMITH LECTURE** is one of the most prestigious events of the academic year delivered annually in honour of the founding Dean of the Western College of Veterinary Medicine. The nominee shall have an outstanding reputation related to veterinary medicine, very broadly defined. The topic of the D.L.T. Smith lecture is expected to be suitable for a diverse audience including students, faculty, clinical associates, support staff and private practitioners.

**D.L.T. SMITH VISITORSHIP PROGRAM** provides support for visiting scientists and professors to facilitate short- and long-term working visits to the WCVM. The funding will help assist WCVM faculty in attracting esteemed researchers and/or professors with the ultimate goal of enriching WCVM’s scholarly, academic, clinical and service programs.

i. **D.L.T. SMITH SHORT TERM VISITORSHIP** (up to four per year) normally spend two to ten days at the College and are expected to become closely involved in the teaching, research and/or service programs.

ii. **D.L.T. SMITH LONG TERM VISITORSHIP** (up to two per year) normally spend two months or more at the WCVM and are targeted at visiting professors on sabbatical leave from their home institution facilitating work with a research group or WCVM faculty. Although a maximum funding limit per visitor is not enforced, the D.L.T. Smith fund is not sufficient to support the entire stay of a long-term visitorship. As such, requesting a monthly honorarium to help cover expenses is more appropriate.

**THE ROBERT AND VIRGINIA RAUSCH VISITING PROFESSORSHIP** facilitates visits by distinguished scientists in the areas of parasitology, zoonotic diseases or wildlife diseases. Dr. Rausch, a world-renowned parasitologist and mammalogist, was formerly Professor of Veterinary Microbiology at the WCVM. The professorships were established by Dr. Rausch and his wife. Visits are normally two to three days.

**THE MICHAEL MOXON KAYE MEMORIAL LECTURE** is held biennially to commemorate Dr. Kaye, the College's first radiologist. Traditionally, the visiting lecturer has some association with veterinary medical imaging but individuals with a broader interest in veterinary medicine can be supported. Visits are normally two to three days.

**THE JOHN GUNION RUTHERFORD MEMORIAL LECTURE** held biennially, commemorates the life of Canada's first Veterinary Director General. Nominees should be distinguished people in any discipline associated with animals or veterinary medicine. Visits are normally two to three days.

**J.G. O'DONOGHUE MEMORIAL LECTURE** was established in 1981 honoring the late Dr. O'Donoghue, former Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Government of Alberta, to support lectures at the University of Alberta and the WCVM by outstanding veterinarians or scientists in related fields. Nominations are alternated between WCVM and University of Alberta every other year. Visits are normally one to two days at UofA and one to two days at UofS.