



## Where Veterinary Medicine Can Take You

Date: April 30, 2009

Time/Place: 4:00 p.m., Overton Auditorium

## New Perspectives for an Old Hormone:

Relaxin at the Cutting Edge of Research

Date: May 1, 2009

Time/Place: 11:00 a.m., Room 230 Greene Hall

**Alastair J. S. Summerlee** became the 7th President of the University of Guelph on July 15, 2003. His career as a scholar, professor, researcher and administrator spans nearly 30 years. He joined the University of Guelph faculty in 1988 as a professor in the Department of Biomedical Sciences. He was named an associate dean of the Ontario Veterinary College in 1992, dean of graduate studies in 1995, associate vice-president (academic) in 1999, and provost and vice-president (academic) in 2000.

President Summerlee has continued teaching while holding administrative positions and was awarded a prestigious 3M Teaching Fellowship in 2003 for outstanding leadership in teaching, education and academic program development. In 2006, Dr. Summerlee was named as the chair of the board of directors of World University Service of Canada (WUSC), one of Canada's leading international development agencies. WUSC teams with students, faculty and institutions to internationalize Canada's universities, increase knowledge of global issues and foster human development through education and training.

His research in biomedical sciences focuses not only on the hormone relaxin and its biological importance, but on the (1) hormonal and neural control of pregnancy, birth and lactation, (2) cardiovascular control and water balance during pregnancy, (3) testicular descent, and (4) viral gene therapy. He holds a B.Sc., B.V.Sc. and Ph.D. from the University of Bristol in the United Kingdom and is a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. In 2004, he also received the Doctor of Laws (Honoris causa) from the University of Bristol.

**Dr. Summerlee will be visiting on April 30 and May 1. Individuals and groups who desire to meet with him may contact Michelle Flurry at 4-3700 or [flurrmf@auburn.edu](mailto:flurrmf@auburn.edu)**