College of Veterinary Medicine Associate Professor Miguel D. Saggese, Director at Large for the Raptor Research Foundation (an international scientific society whose primary goal is the accumulation and dissemination of scientific information about raptors) was the main organizer and one of the three conference co-chairs of the 1 Worldwide Raptor Conference. This was the first joint meeting between the most important worldwide raptor research and conservation organizations, such as Raptor Research Foundation, the Neotropical Raptor Network / The Peregrine Fund and the World Working Group on Birds of Prey and Owls. This international meeting was held 21-24 October 2013 in the heart of Nahuel Huapi National Park, Bariloche City, Rio Negro province, Argentina, South America. More than 200 delegates from 30 countries and five continents attended this meeting. For more information please visit http://www.raptorresearchfoundation.org/conferences/current-conference

During the meeting, Dr. Saggese presented four different papers (three posters and one oral presentation) some of them as result of collaborative work conducted with researchers from USA, Canada, and Argentina. Two of these papers resulted from Dr. Saggese research mentoring of two current (Natalie Nguyen and Shelley Taylor) and one former (Dr. Joseph Debrota) Western U DVM students.

**Oral presentation:**

**Breeding Biology of Southern Crested Caracaras (*Caracara plancus*) in Santa Cruz Province, Southern Patagonia, Argentina**

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**Posters:**

**Lead Toxicosis in California Condors (*Gymnogyps californianus*) Admitted for Rehabilitation at the Los Angeles Zoo: a Retrospective Case Series Study (1995-2012)**

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Solitary Crowned Eagles’ (*Harpyhalieatus coronatus*) Plasma Neutralizes Pit Viper (*Bothrops alternatus*) Venom In Vitro

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Are Infectious Diseases and Environmental Toxins Decreasing Raptor Populations in Southern California?

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In addition, during the conference, Dr. Saggese and his co-Chairs presented a candid talk entitled “Everything you wanted to know about Patagonian raptors, but were afraid to ask!”

Finally, on October 28, after the conference concluded, Dr. Saggese was invited to present a seminar about “Medical Aspects in the Rehabilitation of Patagonian Raptors” to veterinarians from Bariloche city and surrounding areas of Northern Patagonia. The venue for this seminar was Universidad FASTA, San Carlos de Bariloche, Rio Negro province, Argentina.