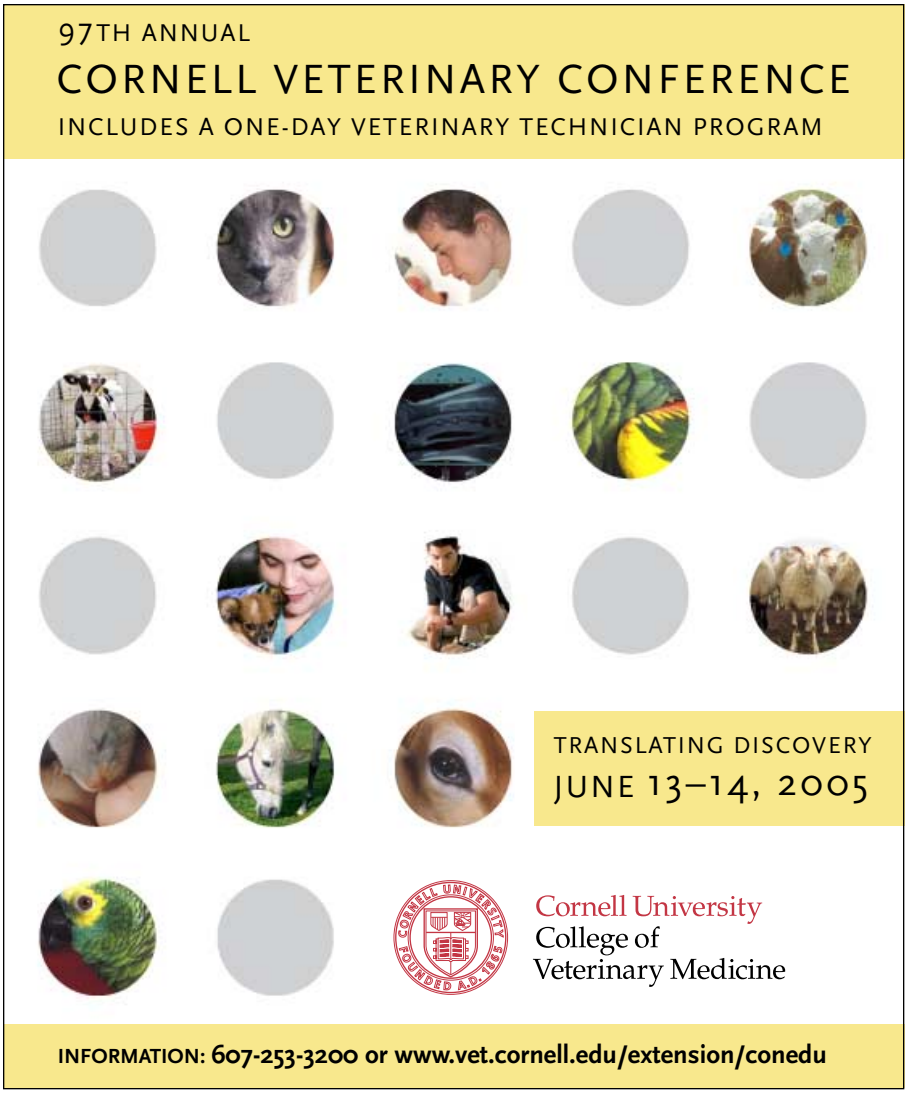

Bronx Zoo Expert to Speak at Annual Conference

The 97th annual Cornell Veterinary Conference will be held on the Monday and Tuesday following Cornell's reunion weekend—this year's dates are June 13 and 14. The keynote speaker for Monday evening's dinner is Dr. Robert Cook of the Bronx Zoo in New York City. Cook is the chief veterinarian of wildlife health sciences at the zoo and vice president of the Wildlife Conservation Society, headquartered at the zoo. The title of his presentation, "One World—One Health," emphasizes the stunning relationships that exist among animal species worldwide and the ecological environments in which they live and reproduce. Drawing on his extensive international field experience and intimate knowledge of the extraordinary collection at the Bronz Zoo, Cook will highlight the interface of domestic animals and human populations within the environment that we share.

"The June date allows us to take full advantage of our college facilities and the natural beauty of Ithaca and the surrounding area. It also facilitates the participation of faculty and students in the program," says Katherine Edmondson, assistant dean for learning and instruction. "We also have events to please the whole family." Events include a Finger Lakes dinner cruise on Cayuga Lake aboard the *MV Manhattan*, a wine tour of Seneca Lake vineyards, and a tour of the Museum of the Earth, hosted by Professor Emeritus Howard Evans.

Monday and Tuesday workshops will present the latest scientific findings and clinical practice. Topics include small-animal pain relief, critical-care techniques in pet birds, common errors in dermatological case referral, rethinking approaches to radiation therapy, and new drugs for management of heart disease.

In acknowledgement of the critical role that veterinary technicians play in animal care, a full day of scientific programming has been designed just for them. Topics in both small-animal and equine medicine include: common exotic pets, case presentations of small-animal anesthesia patients, diagnosis and management of secondary bleeding, and equine neonatology.