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News and Views from the ACVPM Communications Committee

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President's Commentary



Hello fellow Diplomates,

What a great honor, and honestly the highlight of my professional career, to serve as the President of the ACVPM. I have a remarkable legacy of past presidents to follow, most recently Dr. Ash and Dr. Brooks.

But as is true of most positions like this, it is the work of the committee volunteers, councilors and Executive VP that makes us successful.

We welcomed 74 new Diplomates into our College at our annual meeting in July and we look forward to their contributions to the College and to the practice of veterinary preventive medicine. Our growth rate of new Diplomates over the past few years has been incredible. I believe this is evidence of both the value board certification in our college provides but also the importance of preventive medicine to veterinary practice.

The College has contracted with a company to develop a new website, a much needed more capable and robust website. Dues payments, re-certifications, and many other features are to be included. To get the most from the development of the new site you will soon be seeing a blitz of requests to update your personal information so we have an accurate data set of ACVPM members. Please be on the lookout for those requests and respond accordingly.

Again, thanks for the great opportunity to help lead the College for a couple of years!

Best regards,

Brian J. McCluskey, DVM, MS, PhD, Dipl. ACVPM

Noteworthy News Item of the Month: FDA to advance antimicrobial stewardship efforts in veterinary medicine



The United States Food and Drug Administration announced on July 31, 2018, that the agency intends to release a five-year action plan to further address antimicrobial stewardship and resistance.

The plan will focus on three tenants: Aligning antimicrobial drug product use with the principles of

antimicrobial stewardship; supporting efforts to foster better stewardship of antimicrobials in veterinary settings; and enhancing the monitoring of antimicrobial resistance and antimicrobial drug use in animals.

In a statement regarding the upcoming plan, Commissioner Scott Gottlieb, MD, said “At FDA, we believe that the concept of antimicrobial stewardship encompasses several important principles of judicious use. These are critical to slowing the rate at which bacteria develop resistance to antimicrobial drugs. In simple terms, we believe medically important antimicrobial drugs should only be used when necessary to treat, control or prevent disease. In addition, when such use is necessary, these antimicrobials should be used in an optimal manner. They should only be used under the oversight of a licensed veterinarian.” His statement can be found at:

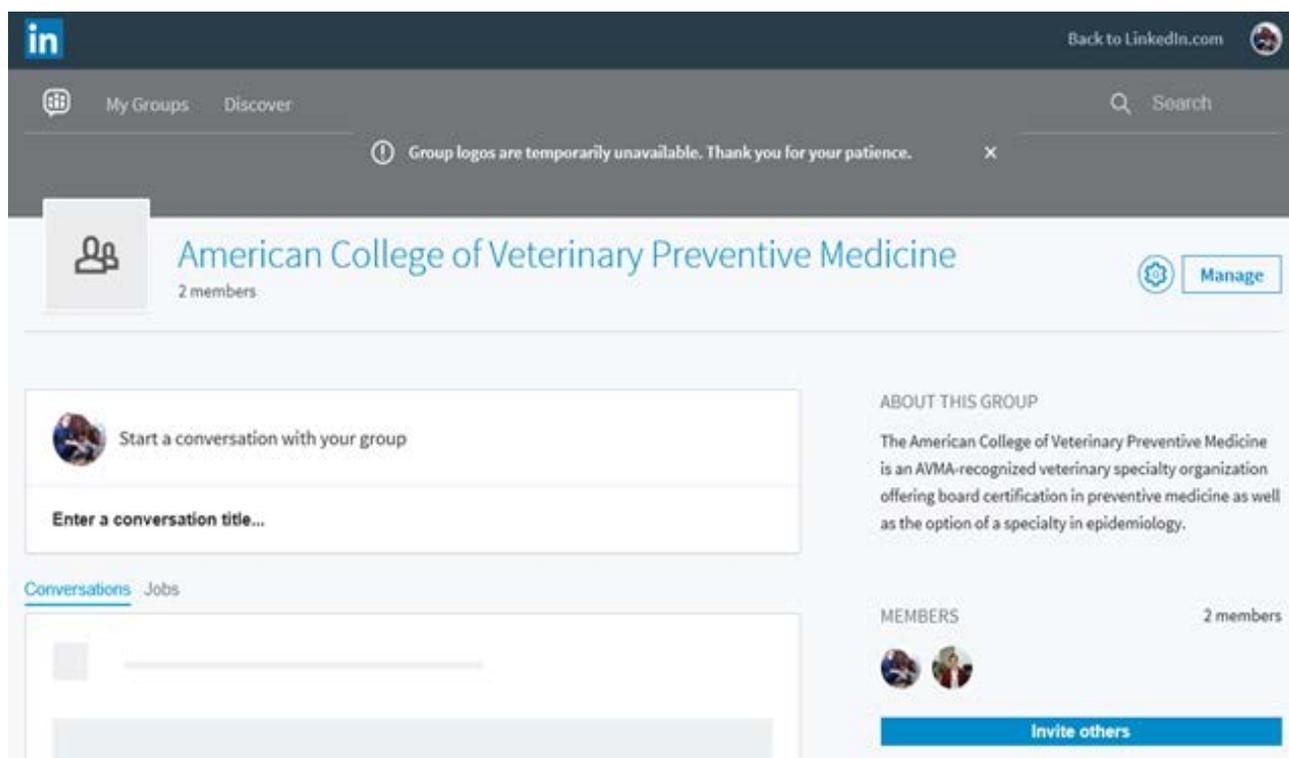
<https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm615245.htm>

Committee Updates

Communications Committee:

The ACVPM Communications Committee has created a LinkedIn group in order to provide a location for members to network, share relevant news, share job postings, etc. Please look us up by searching for "American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine" under the "Groups" tab. Alternatively, send me a note at ross.a.free@gmail.com, and I will send you a LinkedIn invite to the group.

Dr. Ross Free
Communications Committee Chair, 2018-2019



Examinations Committee:

The 2018 ACVPM Exam was administered June 6 and 7, 2018 at The Ohio State University (OSU) in Columbus, OH. The Chair (Dr. Rick Hill), Vice Chair (Dr. Lisa Conti) and four Proctors attended this year's exam. Other support for administrating the exam will come from OSU staff, including Dr. Greg Habing, Epidemiology and Biostatistics SME who is on OSU staff.

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A total of 122 candidates sat the exam in 2018:

- 98 candidates took the essay portion of the exam.
- 116 candidates took the multiple-choice portion of the exam.
- 83 candidates were first time examinees.
- 39 candidates were repeating one or both sections of the exam.
- Five candidates took the exam remotely under the supervision of a proctor (Alaska, Germany, Japan, and Virginia). Three of these were considered Reasonable Accommodations.
- Eight Reasonable Accommodations were provided for candidates in Columbus (private rooms, additional testing time, delayed start time).

A post-exam survey probed for Exam Candidates' reactions to exam preparatory and administration processes. This year, Exam Candidates were also surveyed for interest in taking the exam on an iPad, and the Membership and Outreach Committee included survey questions on the mentoring process.

On July 12, 2018, the Examinations Committee met in Denver, Colorado, to finalize this year's exam scores. Overall, 74 of 122 (60.7%) candidates sitting for either or both parts of the exam received passing scores. A total of 72 of 116 (62.1%) and 81 of 98 (82.7%) passed the multiple choice and essay exams, respectively. Of the 83 first time test takers, 55 (66.3%) passed the exam. There were 39 candidates who repeated one or more sections of the exam with 19 receiving passing scores (48.7%).

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Conti, Examinations Committee Chair

Membership and Outreach Committee:

Membership and Outreach would like to congratulate the newest Diplomates. Welcome to the College.

Dr. Julie Lench has finished her term as chair. We appreciate all her hard work for the committee during her time with us and her year as chair. Dr. Kristen Voehl will serve as chair for the upcoming year.

We welcome our newest committee member, Dr. Jan Raines, who will be serving the 2018-2023 term.

The ACVPM booth at the AVMA convention in Denver saw lots of activity with many people interested in and asking about becoming a Diplomat. Thank you to all members who helped at the booth.

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The M&O Committee continues outreach activities with the American College of Preventive Medicine and we had representatives attend their annual meeting May 26-28 in Chicago, IL. We are also working on efforts for outreach at the 2018 American Public Health Association annual meeting.

The mentoring program was a great success again this year. Thank you for your participation and desire to make the College stronger! We continue to look for ways to improve the mentoring program. We will be looking for new mentors for the upcoming exam candidates so if you are interested, please email membership@acvpm.org. Our newest Diplomates are encouraged to participate as mentors! If interested, please include your area(s) of expertise so we can get good matches for our mentees.

I am looking forward to serving as the Chair for Membership and Outreach.

Kristen Voehl,
Chair, Membership & Outreach Committee

Continuing Education Committee:

The CE Committee is busy planning for AVMA 2019 and in the process of restoring our webinar programming.

AVMA One Health Program: The AVMA 2018 One Health program was a great success. Thank you to those who attended and supported our speakers. We would love to hear your feedback (e.g., content, speakers, panel discussions)! Please contact us at CE@acvpm.org.

We are well underway in preparing the program for 2019. Next year's program areas will include: Canine Genetic Testing; Global Health and Security; and Public Health Risk Communication. Join us in Washington, DC at AVMA 2019 for excellent CE opportunities.

ACVPM Webinars: Upcoming webinars will be announced once dates are confirmed. Thank you for your continued patience as we explore expanding our hosting capabilities directly through the College. Ideas and nominations for speakers or topics are accepted, and may be submitted to the CE Committee at CE@acvpm.org.

Past webinars can be viewed through the ACVPM website at:

<https://www.acvpm.org/continuing-education/past-webinars.html>

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Additionally, webinars may be viewed by visiting www.youtube.com and searching for ACVPM. Please don't forget to subscribe to our channel while you're there! Have a question or comment for our Committee? We want to hear from you! We can be reached at CE@acvpm.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Hehr
CE Committee, Chair

Diplomates in the News

Thomas Doker, DVM, MPH, Dipl. ACVPM (Epi) was one of two veterinarians to receive the 2018 James H. Steele Veterinary Public Health Award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

This award sponsored by CDC veterinarians in partnership with the CDC Foundation and recognizes a current EIS officer or alumnus who has made outstanding contributions in the field of veterinary public health or One Health disciplines, which involves a collaborative effort of multiple disciplines working to attain optimal health for people, animals, and the environment.

More information can be found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/eis/conference/awards/james-steele.html>

Guyan Weerasinghe, BVSc (hons), BScA (hons), MVPH, Dipl. AVCPM received the 2018 World Small Animal Veterinary Association/Hill's Next Generation Award.

The award acknowledges the work of a veterinarian who graduated within the past ten years and has contributed to the betterment of companion animals, the veterinary profession, and society at large.

More information can be found here: <https://www.wsava.org/WSAVA/media/Arpita-and-Emma-editorial/Australian-Veterinarian-to-Receive-2018-WSAVA-Hill-s-Next-Generation-Veterinary-Award-final.pdf>

Get to Know a Diplomate: Dr. Renée Funk



Tell us about your educational background and how you came to be a diplomate of the ACVPM?

DVM 2001, Iowa State University
MPH&TM 2002, Tulane University

My Dad was a veterinarian who did embryo transfer in cattle. I never thought I wanted to follow in his footsteps but went to vet school because I didn't really know what I wanted to do and hoped that I would figure it out while I was in school. Once I took my first public health class my second year of vet school, the lightbulb went on, and I decided that's what I wanted to do. So I started doing internships in public health, including at CDC, and exploring careers in public health. So I went to Tulane for public health school and then applied to Epidemic Intelligence

Service at CDC. I got in and that was the beginning of my career in public health. Following EIS, I did the Preventive Medicine Fellowship at CDC and that helped prepare me for the ACVPM exam, which I took in 2006. I felt it was important to become board certified in my chosen specialty.

What is your current job and what are your roles and responsibilities?

I am the Associate Director for Emergency Management within the National Center for Environmental Health at CDC. We lead all the non-infectious scenarios at CDC, chemical, radiological, and natural disasters. I have been in this job for 2 ½ years and led the CDC team in Flint, MI for the water crisis and was the Incident Manager this past fall for the 2017 hurricanes response for CDC and am still very active with that response.

How do you see One Health concepts being applied in your workplace?

I believe the third leg of the stool, environment, doesn't get enough attention. There are a lot of intersections between environment and disease for us to work on. And in disasters, many issues are One Health issues.

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