

News & Views



EVP Message by Russ Currier

This is the 'off season' for the college but with no let up on activity. We welcome member's support of sponsoring colleagues to sit for next year's exams. They will be held again at Ohio State University, College of Veterinary Medicine on Thursday-Friday, 18-19 June 2009. The application deadline remains January 15 for next year. The earlier date assures adequate time for preparation after Credentials Committee review of applications and any appeals. Fees remain unchanged and are \$500 for first time sitters and \$300 for anyone retaking the examination.

We are a dues driven organization and welcome dues payments from anyone not paying for the previous or current year. Dues remain at \$125 for ACVPM members and \$155 for those in the Epidemiology Specialty. We do have some problems reaching everyone owing to change of residence and so forth so we strongly encourage members to update their addresses in the membership listing of the website. If you have a problem accessing the website, please contact Joe Adam at jadam@acvpm.org.

This 2008 examination – a most challenging one this year - was a great success with a pass rate of 76% overall and speaks well for the candidate's effort in preparation. One major component of this effort was the Auburn University-US Army program to offer reviews of the five domains covered by the test. I offer my sincere appreciation for this program headed up by Dr James Wright at Auburn and Colonel Marc Mattix, US Army with assistance from Major Kim Lawler. Thanks for all your efforts to assist exam candidates.

Also a big change in administration looms ahead for anyone interested in the EVP position. Details will be published separately but it is not too soon to start thinking of notifying potential candidates about this opportunity. Chair of the search committee is Dr Mo Salman.

In the meantime if I can be of assistance to any members and committees of ACVPM please don't hesitate to contact me. My mantra is 'at your service, all the time'.

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AVMA One Health Task Force Promoting World Health through Collaboration

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State Public Health Veterinarian
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I am pleased to share a Special Edition of the Florida One Health Newsletter highlighting the work of the AVMA One Health Initiative Taskforce. For those of you not familiar with this Taskforce, it received the following charge from the AVMA Executive Board:

1. Articulate a vision of One Health that will enhance the integration of animal, human, and environmental health for the mutual benefit of all
2. Identify areas where such integration exists and where it is needed
3. Identify potential barriers or challenges to such integration
4. Identify potential solutions to overcoming barriers or meeting challenges
5. Prepare a comprehensive written report for the Executive Board detailing its findings and recommendations

The full report can be found on AVMA's website www.AVMA.org

Included are also articles and interviews with some of the many national One Health leaders and advocates. Please feel free to distribute it to your medical and environmental health colleagues as you see fit.

Please contact Dr. Mary Echols (copied), Editor, with any comments and suggestions you might have on the One Health Newsletter. We are also looking for One Health related articles for future issues.

Please contact Rebecca Shultz (copied) if you want to be added to (or removed from) the One Health email list.

http://www.doh.state.fl.us/Environment/community/One_Health/OneHealth.html

FDA to Let Producers Irradiate Spinach, Iceberg Lettuce

By Michael Doyle, McClatchy Newspapers
Miami Herald August 21, 2008

WASHINGTON -- Federal food-safety regulators now will allow producers to irradiate spinach and iceberg lettuce to protect consumers from disease.

The Food and Drug Administration is set to give the green light Friday to a practice that officials have concluded is safe. The long-awaited decision comes in the wake of high-profile bacterial outbreaks involving tainted greens.

"FDA concludes that irradiation of iceberg lettuce and spinach conducted in accordance with good

manufacturing practices will reduce or eliminate bacterial populations," the agency says.

"I hope we will see a reduction in the number of food-borne illnesses,"

Dr. Robert Brackett, chief scientist with the Grocery Manufacturers

Association, said Thursday. "It gives the industry another tool to increase food safety."

The FDA's decision is spelled out in a 25-page document that will be published Friday in the Federal Register* and that emphasizes the safety of food irradiation. "There is no reason to suspect a toxicological hazard due to consumption of an irradiated food," the FDA says.

World Rabies Day 2008: Awareness is the Best Defense against Rabies

The world is again joining together on September 28th to raise awareness and understanding about the importance of rabies prevention. Rabies is the oldest and deadliest disease known to mankind and ACVPM is supporting this initiative.

Led by the Alliance for Rabies Control and supported by numerous human and animal health organizations worldwide, World Rabies Day is a unique campaign that brings together hundreds of thousands of people across the world to reinforce the message that rabies is a preventable disease, yet kills 55,000 people needlessly each year, half of which are children under the age of 151.

“Rabies is primarily a disease of children, who are particularly at risk from this terrible disease, due to their close contact with dogs, the major global source”, said Dr. Debbie Briggs, Executive Director of the Alliance for Rabies Control. “Children are more likely to suffer multiple bites and scratches to the face and head, both of which carry a higher risk of contracting rabies. Children are often unaware of the danger that dogs transmit rabies and may not tell their parents when a bite, lick, or scratch has occurred from an infected animal”, says Briggs.

Rabies is a viral disease that can be transmitted to animals and humans. The disease is transmitted mainly by bite, but exposure may also occur through contamination of broken skin or mucous membranes with saliva from an infected animal. Once neurological symptoms of the disease develop, rabies is fatal to both animals and humans. The good news is that rabies is easily preventable. “Vaccination prior to possible exposure is a crucial part of health management of domestic animals, and is the single most important factor in rabies prevention”, said Peter Costa, Global Communications Coordinator for the Alliance for Rabies Control.

Rabies prevention starts with the animal owner. Protect yourself, your pet and your community by taking animals to be vaccinated. Avoid stray animals and wildlife. If you are bitten, wash bite wounds with soap and water and seek medical attention immediately. If your pet is bitten, consult your veterinarian immediately. Prompt and appropriate treatment after being bitten and before the disease develops can stop rabies infection and/or prevent the disease in humans and animals.

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Epidemiology Specialty News

The Epidemiology Specialty held its annual meeting on July 20, 2008 in New Orleans. Minutes from the meeting were distributed through the Epidemiology Specialty listserv.

The Specialty's outgoing Committee Chairs, Drs. Eric Ebel (Credentials), Mark Starr (Nominating), Terry Lehenbauer (Continuing Education), and Sue Trock (Examination), were recognized for their work for the Specialty and certificates of appreciation were presented. Certificates were also presented to Dr. George Moore for his service as Secretary and Dr. David Smith for his continued support of the Specialty.

On July 18, 2008, the Epidemiology Specialty exam was administered by Dr. Sue Trock to one candidate who successfully passed the exam. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Aaron Scott to the Epidemiology Specialty! The Epidemiology Specialty now has 72 members, including 60 active members and 12 emeritus members.

The 2008 AVMA Convention included two “sold-out” epidemiology computer workshops that were taught by Epidemiology Specialty members and ACVPM Diplomates. Drs. Eric Ebel, Lee Hannah, Wayne Schlosser, David Smith, and Bob Wills taught one basic and one intermediate “EXCELLent Epidemiology” computer workshop. In addition, the Continuing Education Committee organized a five-hour Epidemiology Hot Topics

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Officers & Committees

Carter, Margaret (Peggy) – President (08-10)
Krogwold, Roger – President Elect (08-10)
Jacobs, Candace – Secretary/Treasurer (06-09)
Herbold, John – Past President – (08-10)
Grayson, Kevin - Councilor (07-10)
Wagstrom, Elizabeth (Liz) - Councilor (06-09)
Salman, Mo – Councilor (08-11)
Currier, Russell – Executive Vice President (ex-officio)
Karp, Beth – President, Epidemiology Specialty (ex-officio)

Internal Affairs Committee

Dwyer, Roberta (Chair 05-09)
Buntain, Bonnie (06-10)
DuVernoy, Tracy (07-11)
Kim, Brian (08-12)
Grayson, Kevin - Councilor
Sanders, John – ABVS Representative (ex-officio)
Krogwold, Roger – President Elect (ex-officio)

Membership & Outreach Committee

Schultz, Loren (Chair 05-09)
Courtney, William (Bill) (06-10)
Ash, Marianne (06-11)
Brown, Deanna (07-12)
Scharko, Patty (08-13)
Wagstrom, Liz - Councilor

Nominations and Awards Committee

Herbold, John (Chair 04-10)
Carter, Peggy (06-12)
Krogwold, Roger (08-14)
Grayson, Kevin – Councilor

Continuing Education Committee

Bright, Patricia (Patti) (Chair 04-09)
Fogelman, Vicky (05-10)
Donham, Kelley (06-11)
Miller, Susan (06-12)
Cornwell, Scott (08-13)
Wagstrom, Liz - Councilor

Communications Committee

Qual, Deidre (Chair 05-09)
Jay-Russell, Michele (06-10)
Hannah, Lee (07-11)
Vacant (08-12)
Grayson, Kevin - Councilor
Currier, Russell —Executive Vice President (ex officio)

Credentials Committee

Frampton, Wyatt (05-09)
Roberts, Malcolm (06-10)
Myers, Lee (06-11)
Lavan, Bob (07-12)
Bender, Jeff (08-13)
Salman, Mo - Councilor

Examinations Committee

Goolsby, David W. (Chair 03-09)
Brooks, Scott (Food Safety, 04-10)
Moore, Dale A. (Epidemiology & Biostatistics, 05-11)
McCluskey, Brian (Infectious and Parasitic Diseases, 06-12)
Funk, Renee (Environmental Health & Toxicology 07-13)
Feldman, Kathryn (Public Administration & Health Education, 08-14)
Councilor- Mo Salman
Currier, Russell —Executive Vice President (ex officio)

Strategic Planning Committee

Inactive at this time

ACVPM Representative to the American Board of Veterinary Specialties

John Sanders (07-09)
Alternate: Scott Severin

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World Rabies Day Continued...

The World Rabies Day initiative also raises money towards local rabies prevention and control programs, with five projects funded in 2008. “Through the World Rabies Day campaign we continue to engage all the major stakeholders associated with rabies to take action”, says Costa. “We invite everyone to join the team that is Making Rabies History!”

More information on World Rabies Day can be found at the official web site, www.worldrabiesday.org.

References:

1 WHO. Human and Animal Rabies, Rabies: A neglected zoonotic disease. Available at: <http://www.who.int/rabies/en/>. Accessed on July 23, 2008.

Congratulations to 2008 cohort American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine Diplomates, 31 July 2008

Dr Stacey A. Anderson
CDC – EIS
Cheyenne WY

Dr Brigid L. Elchos
Miss Board of Animal Hlth
Hattiesburg MS

Dr Susan L. McClanahan
Univ of Minnesota CVM
St Paul MN

Dr Dwayne C. Bechtol
U.S. Army Vet Corps
Philadelphia TN

Dr G. Gale Galland
CDC
Atlanta GA

Dr Wendy E.H. Mey
U.S. Army Vet Corps
Lackland AFB TX

Dr. Kristin S. Bloink
Novartis Animal Health
Larchmont IA

Dr Mark E. Gants
Animal Emergency Central
Kansas City MO

Dr Stephanie L. Mont
U.S. Army Vet Corps
Tripler AMC HI

Dr Annette K. Bredthauer
Nebraska Dept of Health
Lincoln NE

Dr Diane K. Gross
CDC
Atlanta GA

Dr Julio C. Montero
U.S. Army Vet Corps
Ft Sam Houston TX

Dr Robin L. Burke
U.S. Army, USAMRID
Ft Detrick MD

Dr Luke C. Heider
Ohio State University
Columbus OH

Dr Pivi J. Rajala-Schultz
Ohio State University
Columbus OH

Dr Sherry L. Burrer
CDC – EIS
Merrimack NH

Dr Paul J. Hollier
U.S. Army Corps
Ft Bragg NC

Dr Emi K. Saito
USDA APHIS VS
Ft Collins CO

Dr Heather C. Case
AVMA
Schaumburg IL

Dr Lisa M. Hull
U.S. Army Corps
Aberdeen Prvg Grnd MD

Dr Timothy L. Settle
U.S. Army Vet Corps
Washington DC

Dr Mark G. Chappell
U.S. Army Vet Corps
Ft Detrick MD

Dr Thomas a. Kohler
U.S. Army
APO AP

Dr Lynn M. Shinaberry
U.S. Air Force
Spangdehlem AB,
Germany

Dr Nicole A. Chevalier
US Army Vet Corps
Germany

Dr Julie M. Krygier
U.S. Air Force
Frederick MD

Dr Max L. Teehee
U.S. Army Vet Corps
Ft Detrick MD

Dr David L. Day
Buffalo Trace Health Dept
Maysville KY

Dr Shannon H. Lacy
U.S. Army Vet Corps
Washington DC

Dr. Chad A. Weddell
U.S. Army Vet Corps
Philadelphia PA

Dr Jill M. Duel
USDA-APHIS-VS
Urbana OH

Dr Adam J. Langer
CDC
Atlanta GA

Dr Matthew D. Wegner
U.S. Army Vet Corps
Ft Wainwright AK

Dr Deborah L. Dufficy
USDA
Washington DC

Dr Laura K. Lester
U.S. Army Vet Corps
Luke AFB AZ

Dr Deborah L. Whitmer
U.S. Army Vet Corps
Floresville TX

Dr Matthew A. Levine
U.S. Army Vet Corps
San Diego CA

Award Presentations at Annual Meeting

Brigadier General Michael B Cates

Distinguished Diplomat

Brigadier General Michael B. Cates served in a distinguished military career spanning more than 27 years with a wealth of unique, global contributions to public health and preventive medicine. His dedication to duty, commitment to Soldiers, and expert knowledge of public health have led the way for advancing the capabilities and quality of the Army Medical Department and support to the Department of Defense (DOD).

General Cates' federal service began in 1980, after his graduation, with his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree, from the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine. At Fort Bragg he was Chief of Animal Medicine with responsibilities in veterinary public health, to include food safety and one of only two combat ration assembly plants in the world. He continued as the first Army veterinarian to the Navy's Marine Mammal Program in Hawaii designing and implementing the first-ever nutrition monitoring system, as part of the preventive medicine program, improving the quality and safety of the food supply and weight management. He contributed significantly to the scientific understanding of marine mammal care through multiple publications and presentations and assisted in the development of a Marine Mammal Stranding Network of Hawaii serving as a veterinary consultant.

General Cates focused on veterinary public health and was competitively selected for the Army's Long-Term Health Education and Training program completing a Master of Public Health degree at the University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston. His additional credentials in public health include board certification in Veterinary Preventive Medicine, the Army Surgeon General's "A" Proficiency Designator in Veterinary Preventive Medicine, and honorary diploma from the American Epidemiology Society .

In 2004, General Cates was named by the President to be the Chief of the Veterinary Corps, the first veterinarian with a rank of Brigadier General in the past fourteen years. As the senior veterinarian in the military, he has direct influence over all aspects of veterinary support for nine million customers around the globe.

General Cates is an outspoken proponent for improved military public health and veterinary medicine, providing Congressional testimony on both, promoting the first ever editions of the AMEDD Journal, focused on Public Health/ Preventive Medicine and then on Veterinary Medicine.

General Cates is a true role-model in military veterinary and public health, a tireless advocate of the philosophy of "One Medicine-One Health". As a long-standing public servant, General Cates has and continues to exemplify tremendous leadership for enhanced veterinary and preventive medicine efforts. Throughout a diverse career, his significant contributions, progressing to regional, national and now global spectra, have shown him to be one of the best advocates for enhancements in all aspects of public health. He is eminently deserving of this award.

HELWIG-JENNINGS AWARD (Est 1980)

This award, established in 1980, recognized the significant and lasting contributions of Drs. John H. Helwig and William E. Jennings to the totality of veterinary preventive medicine. The award may be presented in the future to other in good standing who have rendered outstanding and prolonged service to the College.

Nomination of Dr. John P. Sanders for 2008 Helwig-Jennings Award

--by-- Dr Russ Currier, July 2008

At this time of nomination, Dr John Sanders, past-president of ACVPM in 2006, has served with distinction as a distinguished member of the ACVPM Internal Affairs Committee, completing chairmanship during this past year and serving for two years as ACVPM representative to the American Board of Veterinary Specialties. Both of these assignments are demanding and call for extensive experience and 'seasoning' as a leader in the fields of public health and preventive medicine.

More recently in 2007, Dr Sanders has distinguished himself with the arduous task of preparing the college's annual report and five-year report for the American Board of Veterinary

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Specialties. Both were accepted by ABVS and assured the college's good standing by this oversight body. During the same year, John, as special task force member, has assisted with launching the psychometric 'job analysis' study contracted to the National Board of Medical Examiners. This was the first such study ever conducted by the ACVPM.

Dr Sanders has also served complimentary organizations in important leadership positions that have included the US Animal Health Organization as Vice Chair for Public Health and Rabies 2001-2002, and Chair of the same committee from 2003-2008. Other organizations with this shared mission include National Association of Federal Veterinarians [Board of Directors, 2004-2008], American Association of Food Hygiene Veterinarians [current alternate representative to AVMA food safety committee], and National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians liaison to the USAHA. John is also a very active member of the American Public Health Association, supporting efforts to reestablish the veterinary special interest group.

While actively supporting organized public health, Dr John Sanders has also pursued a distinguished career with several federal agencies leveraging his education and experience into increasingly more influential positions of responsibility and leadership. This career began with USDA-FSIS at a large poultry plant in Enterprise, Alabama, then to USDA-APHIS Veterinary Services, US Food and Drug Administration and now at Department of Homeland Security. His career has embraced a variety of programs dealing with foodborne disease, salmonellosis control, including issues of the 'farm to fork' continuum through surveillance and risk analysis, and now to bio-preparedness as it affects national security.

As a public executive, Dr John Sanders has established teaching and mentoring programs for federal employees, state government personnel and international venues dealing with zoonotic disease control, food hygiene, and disaster exercises to 'train the trainers.' Collectively these varied experiences confer unique status, prompting a host of government officials and industry leaders to consult with him on agency functions and how to improve achieving their missions. Needless to say, there are few individuals in this field that have such an authoritative perspective in so many facets of public health and preventive medicine.

This track record, coupled with Dr Sanders past and continuing support of so many organizations associated with public health -- especially the ACVPM -- speak to his legacy as the consummate government leader of distinction by his peers and prompting nomination for the 2008 Helwig-Jennings Award.

Award conferred with his appreciative colleagues and fellow diplomates in attendance, AVMA Convention, New Orleans, 20 July 2008.

Frank Todd President's Award

Dr Russ Currier was recognized with the President's Award for his sustained efforts to administer the day-to-day activities of the college. He has overseen preparation of the annual and five year reports to the ABVS that were deemed acceptable and assured continued sound operation of the college. All exam candidate's applications were processed correctly and forwarded to the Credentials Committee for timely review and the examination process from registration to actual sitting was without incident. The college fiscal affairs were greatly improved this past year, and assures effective continuing operations. President John Herbold expressed his appreciation for Russ's support and offered that he was the 'face of the college' to all parties and was terrific to work with

AVMA Public Service Award

Dr. Daniel Lafontaine honored with 2008 AVMA Public Service Award

Dr. Daniel Lafontaine, assistant director of the Clemson Livestock and Poultry Health Division (LPH), recently was honored with the 2008 American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Public Service Award.

Lafontaine is director of South Carolina Meat and Poultry Inspection unit of LPH, which protects consumers by assuring that meat and poultry products are safe, wholesome and accurately labeled. The division by state law regulates and oversees the meat and poultry industries in South Carolina.

"Dr. Lafontaine's service to South Carolina has been exemplary," said Dr. John A. Caver, LPH director and state veterinarian. "His devotion to food safety, training

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and incident management has put the state among the leaders in protecting the public from food-borne illness. We are very fortunate to have him at Clemson."

extensive work he has done to improve the quality of life for the citizens of South Carolina through his work in public health, food safety and regulatory veterinary medicine.

The South Carolina Association of Veterinarians (SCAV) and the American Association of Food Hygiene Veterinarians co-nominated Lafontaine for the prestigious award because of the

Fiscal 2009 ACVPM Budget

ACVPM Income

2009 Proposed

| Activity | <u>2005 Actual</u> | <u>2006 Actual</u> | <u>2007 Actual</u> | <u>2008 Actual</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Dues | 66,839 | 74,983 | 66,890 | 69,395 |
| Interest & misc. | 113 | 3,150 | 4,576 | 31 |
| Exam fees | 18,075 | 18,450 | 26,584 | 27,200 |
| Transfer from CD | | | 20,000 | |
| One Medicine | | | | 2,500 |
| ACVIM | | | | 15,000 |
| USDA grant | | | | 10,000 |
| CDC grant | | | | 10,000 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$85,027 | \$96,583 | \$118,050 | \$124,126 |
| Income | 85,027 | 96,530 | 118,050 | 124,126 |
| Expenses | 67,037 | 94,770 | 118,720 | 99,243 |
| INCOME OVER EXPENSES | \$17,990 | \$1,813 | -\$670 | \$24,883 |

| | <u>July 1, 2005</u> | <u>July 1, 2006</u> | <u>July 1, 2007</u> | <u>July 1, 2008</u> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Bank Balance | \$57,358 | \$47,185 | \$44,115 | \$99,340 |
| Certificate of Deposit | \$60,720 | \$83,800 | \$66,557 | |
| Net Worth July 1, 2005 | \$118,087 | \$130,985 | \$110,672 | |
| Difference from previous year | \$22,586 | \$12,907 | (\$20,313) | |

*2006 Actual not-audited



**President John Herbold presents
2008 Distinguished Diplomat to
Brig General Michael Cates**



**President John Herbold presents
2008 Helwig Jennings Award to
Dr. John Sanders**

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Epidemiology Specialty News Continued...

session that was well received and attended. Due to the success of the computer workshops, both will be offered again at the 2009 AVMA Convention in Seattle. The Specialty's Continuing Education Committee is also planning another afternoon epidemiology session for the 2009 AVMA Convention.

The committees of the Specialty have new Chairs and several new committee members. The current members of the committees are:

- Credentials Committee—Drs. Tom Kasari (Chair), Roger Gibson, and Tim Stevenson
- Examinations Committee—Drs. Mike Sanderson (Chair), George Moore, and Rosalie Trevejo
- Nominations Committee—Drs. Bruce Burnham (Chair), Sean Altekruise, and Marty Stebbins
- Continuing Education Committee—Drs. Kimberly Orr (Chair), David Smith, and Bob Wills

In addition, Dr. Dale Moore, Director of Veterinary Medicine Extension at Washington State University, began her two-year term as Secretary of the Specialty in July.

The next Epidemiology Specialty examination will be held on July 10, 2009 in Seattle.

The application deadline is November 15, 2008. Updated application materials and procedures, exam information, and study references will be posted on the Epidemiology Specialty website by September 15, 2008. Please reach out to your colleagues in veterinary epidemiology and encourage them to pursue certification in the Specialty.

Beth E. Karp, DVM, MPH
President, ACVPM Epidemiology Specialty

Epidemiology Specialty Examination Application Deadline Moved

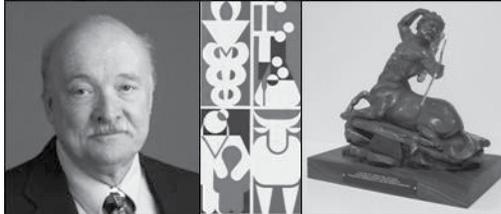
Application deadline for Epidemiology Specialty Examination has been moved
The application deadline for Epidemiology Specialty Examination has been moved up to November 15, 2008. This examination will be held Friday, July 10, 2009, in Seattle, Washington just prior to the AVMA Convention. The application and detailed information about certification can be found on the Epidemiology Specialty website: <http://www.acvpm.org/epidemiology.asp>

This examination is administered only to ACVPM diplomates who are encouraged to consider this opportunity for career enhancement. Epidemiology Specialty diplomates will be pleased to support and mentor interested individuals.

Russell Currier, EVP

Calvin W. Schwabe Award Lifetime Achievement Recipient

On behalf of the Association for Veterinary Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine (AVEPM), I am pleased to announce that Dr. David W. Hird, Professor Emeritus from the University of California at Davis, has been selected as the 2008 recipient of the Calvin W. Schwabe Award for Lifetime Achievement in Veterinary Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine. Dr. Hird is a 1979 diplomate of the ACVPM.



This award is presented annually by the AVEPM, and previous recipients include Drs. Calvin W. Schwabe, Robert K. Anderson, James H. Steele, S. Wayne Martin, and Clive C. Gay. This award will be presented on December 7, 2008 at the Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases (CRWAD) at a special symposium featuring a keynote address delivered by Dr. Hird in addition to presentations from colleagues and protégés. Please see the attachment for a description of the program for this Symposium.

Please plan to attend this special event which will be held from 12:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, Dec 7, 2008, at the Chicago Marriott, Downtown Magnificent Mile, Chicago, Illinois.

Please note that a call for nominations for the 2009 Schwabe Award will be issued very shortly. We encourage you to consider mentors that have been important to your careers, and to nominate them for this prestigious award.

For more information about AVEPM, the Schwabe Symposium or CRWAD, please visit the following web pages:

<http://www.cvm.uiuc.edu/avepm/>

<http://www.cvmb.colostate.edu/mip/crwad/>

Opening for the Executive Vice President

Position opening for the Executive Vice President of the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine (ACVPM)

The Executive Board (Board) of the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine (College) is conducting a national search to fill an anticipated vacancy of the Executive Vice President (EVP) position with a starting date of May 1, 2009. The College seeks a motivated and highly organized leader to manage the daily operations of the organization including, but not limited to the following duties:

- Organize the Board's virtual and face to face meetings;
- Maintain and follow up on recommendations and activities that derive from the Board meetings;
- Communicate with the College members and other professional organizations on behalf of the College after consultations with the Board and the President;
- Assist various College Committees including staff support to the Examination and Credentials committees of the College and the Epidemiology Specialty;
- Work with a computer support person (webmaster) to coordinate and facilitate effective communications using the College's website and listserv;
- Manage the College's accounts including receipt and disbursement of funds and coordinating such responsibility with the College's designated Treasurer;
- Maintain College information and assisting the Internal Affairs Committee with the Annual and Five year reports to the AVMA;
- Assist the "News and Views" editor with four newsletters per year

The EVP will report to the Board on a regular basis either virtually or face to face as per the required tasks. The EVP must be willing to commit at least 15-20 hours per week to the duties of the EVP, though additional time will be required during the dues billing period, preparation for the EB and membership meetings during the AVMA annual meeting, application and examination periods, and drafting annual reports.

The required qualifications for this position are sound computer knowledge including management of electronic databases and electronic retrieval of information; at least five years of experience in organizational administration and/or business management to include supervision of professional activities; and prior experience with professional organizations (particularly personal participation as a volunteer). Candidates who are Diplomates in the ACVPM or hold a veterinary degree will be given a priority in the selection process.

Salary and compensation is \$25,000 annually, reimbursement of all travel and per diem expenses resulting from ACVPM responsibilities approved by the Board, and the satisfaction of contributing to the professional goals of the College while enjoying the fellowship and esteem of the members of the College.

Interested individuals should apply electronically with: a short (200 words or less) statement of intent; list of qualifications that make them an outstanding candidate for the position; and names of three persons who can be contacted as references (with at least one previous or current employer) listing their e-mail and surface mail addresses and telephone numbers. Reply to Dr. Mo Salman at <m.d.salman@colostate.edu> by November 1, 2008.