

News & Views



The Father of Veterinary Public Health ACVPM Diplomate, Dr. James Harlan Steele

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Dr. James Law, America's first university-based veterinary professor and an early advocate of the one-health concept, envisaged a "new style of practitioner" who was "more comprehensively educated [and] more thoroughly acquainted with the diagnosis and treatment of maladies of man and beast". Dr. James Harlan Steele, who became known as the father of veterinary public health, certainly embodied Dr. Law's vision.

Dr. Steele arrived at veterinary medicine almost by accident. As a young man considering his career path, he was cautioned by friends that he would be better off painting houses. With the encouragement of his first wife, Aina, Dr. Steele persisted and earned his DVM degree from Michigan State University in 1941.

Since that time, he has dedicated his life and career to advancing understanding of the connections between human and animal health. Dr. Michael Cates, former chief of the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps and a student of Dr. Steele's at the University of Texas, told JAVMA News, "I think his greatest ac-

complishment has been his extraordinary leadership regarding the inextricable linkages between animal and human health, resulting in a fantastic expansion of interest and expertise throughout our world which will continue for generations to come.

"I don't think any other person has had such a global impact on veterinary public health as Dr. Jim Steele." Working in uncharted territory during the 1940s and '50s, Dr. Steele pioneered the field of veterinary public health, earning countless achievements along the way. It would be difficult to find a veterinarian more highly regarded by his peers or who has done more to elevate the status of the veterinary profession in the eyes of government and the public alike.

For more on Dr. Steele's beginnings, one health aspirations, Veterinary Medical Officer establishment, other achievements, and legacy of success, please see entire JAVMA article in the 1 April, 2013, Volume 242, Number 7 issue at the following link: <http://avmajournals.avma.org/loi/javma>

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President's Commentary...

Dr. Mo Salman

Dear Diplomates:

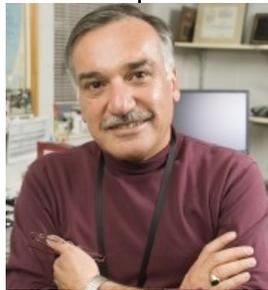
I want to share some news and accomplishments from our College. The Executive Board for the last few months has participated in several activities and exercises and continues its regular monthly conference meetings. (FYI: chairpersons of the standing committees are also invited to participate in these meetings every other month.) I find that these monthly meetings are a great way to remind all of us about the College and its needs in order to make progress.

A couple of months ago, the American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS) approved both the annual and five year progress reports. It was an excellent exercise for our Executive Board members and the Internal Affairs Committee to work together to provide the required information for both of these reports.

The Executive Board members are finalizing the agenda items for a half-day workshop on strategic planning for the College. This workshop will be held in conjunction with the AVMA annual convention. We hope to have an outcome that can provide a reliable working plan of the College within its mission and direction. I am optimistic about the future of our College and its role in building a better future for the profession of veterinary medicine.

The Credentials Committee reviewed and approved applications and the Examinations Committee is preparing for the coming exam for those who were approved as candidates. Once again, the examination will be administered in Columbus, OH on June 12-13, 2013.

The re-certification procedure, as required by the ABVS, was approved by the College members and a new standing recertification committee was appointed. Included in this committee are new Diplomates from the various employer sectors of the Col-



lege. This committee was charged with developing the Standards of Operation as the first step in starting the re-certification pathway.

The Executive Board will have only a half-day for a face-to-face meeting instead of the traditional full day during the 2013 AVMA convention. The frequent participation of the standing committee chairs with the Executive Board members has reduced the need for a full day meeting. We are attempting to decrease the cost of the College operation given the limited available financial resources.

The Communications Committee has assessed the College website and recommended a major remodel of the site to make it more appealing to the users and to update it with the current available technology. The Executive Board has worked with this committee during the tenure of Scott Brooks, President-Elect. Our hope is that the new website will be ready for the users by the end of this year. The Communications Committee is doing a great job with our newsletter. I hope we keep this momentum going.

The Continuing Education Committee has been engaged in the development of education presentations through the AVMA annual convention process. The committee has already developed the agenda with speakers for the AVMA 2014 annual convention.

The Membership and Outreach Committee maintained College booth space at the annual AVMA convention and is exploring options to get better College presentations through possible involvement of other relevant organizations.

The College, with the hard work of David Goolsby,

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Dr. James A. Thompson, DVM, DVSc, DACT, DACVPM cited in 1 May 2013 JAVMA article titled *Risk factors associated with nasopharyngeal cicatrix syndrome in horses.*

Conclusions and Clinical Relevance— The risk factors for nasopharyngeal cicatrix syndrome (NCS) identified in this study may support chronic environmental exposure to an irritant or infectious agent as the cause of NCS. Information gained from this study should be useful for investigating the cause of NCS.

President's Commentary...

Dr. Mo Salman

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has been involved in a training program through the Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) with volunteer participation of Diplomates. This program is a great link to public health as a demonstration of the One Health Concept.

The above is a short summary of activities for the last few months. I applaud the contributions of numerous College members to the professional wellbeing of the ACVPM. Several Diplomates have contributed to these activities with their hard work and many

Your participation in the College's activities is encouraged and appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact me (m.d.salman@colostate.edu) to share your ideas about the direction of the College and your vision for improving our image. I believe that we are faced with several challenges in our veterinary medicine profession and our College has the best opportunity to be in the lead for future progress in the profession.

Mo Salman
President

With Great Sadness...

George W. Meyerholz

Dr. Meyerholz (ISU '54), 84, Estero, Fla., died Nov. 30, 2012. A diplomate of the **American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine**, he retired in 1990 from the Department of Agriculture's Extension Service. Prior to joining the USDA in 1981 as program leader of veterinary medicine, Dr. Meyerholz was extension veterinarian and coordinator of veterinary medical extension at the University of Florida, where he also served as a professor.

Early in his career, he was an extension veterinarian in Freeport, Ill., and served in the same capacity at the University of Illinois. Dr. Meyerholz was a past president of the American Association of Extension Veterinarians and a member of the Illinois State VMA. In 1981, he was named Extension Veterinarian of the Year. Dr. Meyerholz was a veteran of the Navy. He is survived by his wife, Linda; two sons; and a daughter. His cousin, Dr. David Meyerholz (ISU '94), is a veterinarian in Williamsburg, Iowa.

William O. May Jr.

Dr. May (GA '63), 74, Moultrie, Ga., died Jan. 6, 2013. He joined the Air Force after graduation, retiring in 1993 as chairman of the Department of Military Public Health and Occupational Medicine at the Brooks AFB School of Aerospace Medicine in San Antonio. During his military service, Dr. May earned a master's in public

health from the University of Missouri (1970) and served on the Norton AFB Inspector General Hospital Team, providing guidance and assistance to Air Force facilities worldwide. He attained the rank of colonel.

Dr. May was a diplomate of the **American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine**. His wife, Rosemary; a son; and a daughter survive him.

Epidemiology Specialty News

Dr. Bruce Burnham

Please join me in welcoming Mark Starr, who will begin his term as Epidemiology Specialty President this July. Mark Starr has been the Deputy Director for Environmental Health in the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) since 2012, following earlier CDPH service in 1995-2007. He previously served as the Director of Community Health, Clinics and Animal Services for Placer County and as Chief Epidemiologist for Sacramento County.

Dr. Starr earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) and Master of Preventive Veterinary Medicine (MPVM) degrees from the University of California, Davis and spent four years in private veterinary practice. He became board certified by ACVPM in 1991 and by the Epidemiology Specialty in 1994. He has also served in many leadership roles on committees, task forces, and boards for organizations in public health, veterinary medicine, and others at national, state and local levels.

As I write this, we are compiling the results of our survey regarding the direction of our specialty in the

future. As you know our total membership has plateaued and the number of active members is slightly in decline, so this survey will provide us important information for moving forward. This will be one of the important discussions we will have at our annual meeting in Chicago, so I hope you will attend both the Epidemiology Specialty and the General Meeting of the ACVPM. Both meetings will be held on July 21st at 1-3pm and 3-5pm, respectively. The Chicago Regency Hotel is the AVMA headquarters hotel and will be the location for all of our meetings.

We all know that the demands of life seem to be increasingly heavy in our fast paced world and getting involvement and participation are more difficult. With that in mind, let me leave you with a quote to consider: *When you stop giving and offering something to the rest of the world, it's time to turn out the lights.* –George Burns

Bruce Burnham

President

More Citations...

Dr. Danielle M. Tack, DVM, MPVM, **DACVPM** cited in 1 May 2013 JAVMA article titled *Evaluation of knowledge, attitudes, and practices of deer owners following identification of a cluster of captive deer with rabies in Pennsylvania in July 2010*.

Conclusions and Clinical Relevance—Findings suggested that deer owners in Pennsylvania have a basic knowledge of rabies; however, knowledge, attitudes, and practices regarding prevention of rabies transmission could be improved considerably. Rabies educational materials for deer owners should focus on post-exposure procedures, disease severity, recognition of rabies in deer, and changes in management practices such as vaccination to prevent rabies.

Dr. Phillip H. Kass, DVM, PhD, **DACVPM** cited in 15 March 2013 JAVMA article titled *Incidence, management, and outcome of complications of castration in equids: 324 cases (1998–2008)*.

Conclusions and Clinical Relevance—Incidence of complications was low, and most evaluated variables were not significantly associated with development of complications following castration in equids. However, findings suggested that the choice of surgical technique (closed vs semiclosed) is an important factor in this regard. Future studies should investigate whether duration of surgery is associated with complications following castration in equids.

Only through curiosity can we discover opportunities, and only by gambling can we take advantage of them.

– Clarence Birdseye, American inventor, entrepreneur and naturalist



Dr. Phillip H. Kass, DVM, PhD, DACVPM cited in 15 May 2013 JAVMA article titled *Perioperative outcome in dogs with hemoperitoneum: 83 cases (2005–2010).*

Conclusions and Clinical Relevance—In the present study, factors associated with death and failure to be discharged from the hospital included tachycardia, a requirement for massive transfusion with blood products, and the development of respiratory disease secondary to suspected pulmonary thromboembolism or acute respiratory distress syndrome.

More Citations...



Dr. Jennifer B. Walker, DVM, PhD, DACVPM, **Dr. Wondwossen A. Gebreyes,** DVM, PhD, DACVPM, and **Dr. Paivi J. Rajala-Schultz,** DVM, PhD, DACVPM cited in 15 May 2013 JAVMA article titled *Staphylococcus aureus shedding pattern throughout lactation in dairy cows with naturally occurring intramammary infection.*

Conclusions and Clinical Relevance—*S. aureus* was shed consistently in cows with naturally occurring intramammary infection in cows, and regardless of



the pulsotype, variations in the amount of *S. aureus* shedding had no significant effect on the ability to detect *S. aureus* with a 0.1-mL inoculum.



Job Opportunity

Professor and Head Department of Pathobiology: The College of Veterinary Medicine, Auburn University, invites applications and nominations for the position of Professor and Head of the Department of Pathobiology. The Department of Pathobiology is seeking a dedicated, enthusiastic Department Head to lead a diverse and progressive faculty of over 45 tenure-track, clinical/research track, adjunct and affiliate members in the development of its scholarly programs devoted to

excellence in research, teaching, and diagnostic service. Review of applications will begin August 1, 2013, and continue until the position is filled. For a complete description of the position, please see website (<http://www.vetmed.auburn.edu/pathobiology>).

Auburn University is an Affirmative Action Equal Employment Opportunity employer and educational institution. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Interview with **ACVPM** Diplomate, Dr. **Michele Jay-Russell** featured in podcast of "The Uncommon Veterinarian" Use following link to access: http://www.elliottgarber.com/public-health-and-food-safety-veterinarian-dr-michele-jay-russell/?goback=%2Egde_1807297_member_238187249



Executive Vice President Update

Dr. Candace McCall

Believe it or not it is time to think about the ACVPM booth at this year's AVMA Convention! If you will be attending the AVMA Convention in Chicago in July ACVPM Diplomates are needed to staff the ACVPM booth between 9:00 am and 6:00pm on Saturday July 20, between 9:30am and 6:00pm Sunday July 21, and between 9:30am and 4:00pm on Monday July 22. Available time slots are primarily for one hour.

The ACVPM has the following meetings during AVMA Convention at the Hyatt Regency Chicago:

- * Epidemiology Specialty Exam, 7/19, 8-2pm
- * Epidemiology Specialty Membership Meeting, 7/21, 1-3pm
- * Exam Committee Meeting, 7/18, 8-5pm
- * Executive Board Meeting, 7/19, 8-5pm
- * The ACVPM Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for Sunday July 21 from 3-6pm at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago.

Please contact Heather Case, Chair, ACVPM Membership and Outreach Committee, at hcase@avma.org if you are interested and available in volunteering to staff the ACVPM booth at AVMA Convention.

Thanks,
Dr. Candace McCall
Executive Vice President

