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President's Corner

Greetings from sunny Iowa in February! Much has happened since the last distribution of *News & Views*. At the head of that list is the discovery of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy in the U.S. If you haven't had the opportunity to follow the press conferences, media, and agriculture industry updates, you have missed an excellent example of professionalism, issue transparency, cooperation, and communication. The USDA and FDA people involved in this effort deserve congratulations on each of these points. The issues raised underscore the importance of expertise in food safety and epidemiology that are among the certified knowledge base of our Diplomates.

I also believe that it provides an additional opportunity to review our profession's preparedness for the next foreign animal disease that we will face. That's one reason why it is important for veterinarians in multiple sectors of our profession—military, administration, private practice, etc—to understand and take advantage of their opportunity for board certification in our College.

The message is starting to get through—at least to those veterinarians that I regularly communicate with. Once they are aware of the College's objectives, it's not uncommon to hear the opinion that, "Board certification makes some sense because those are the things we are doing every day on the farms with our clients."

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The American Association of Swine Veterinarians annual meeting is in early March and they have allowed me time for a formal presentation about the College and how board certification can fit with the AASV members' professional practice development. It's going to be a great opportunity to increase awareness about the College with a group that is serious about increasing their professional ability and service to their clients.

There are many organizations that we each belong to and to which we have opportunities to provide input. I can't encourage each of you enough to consider how you can present information about the College to these organizations. Spreading the word will not only stimulate personal thought in your audience about board certification, but it will also interject the College into the minds of veterinary medical and other decision makers. Talk about your board certification and your College so that others will talk about it too.

We've had a very good response to the opportunity to pay College membership fees via credit card on the College web site. Please let us know if you have other needs or ideas that we can act upon.

Planning is underway for the annual College meeting in Philadelphia this year and also for a very visible, sponsored continuing education opportunity in Minneapolis in 2005. Topical or content ideas for either are very welcome. The "Contact Us" tab on the web site is an easy and quick way to give feedback, new ideas, and to meet other needs. The more input that we have, the better your College can grow and respond.

—Paul Sundberg



Diplomates Receive Awards & Recognition

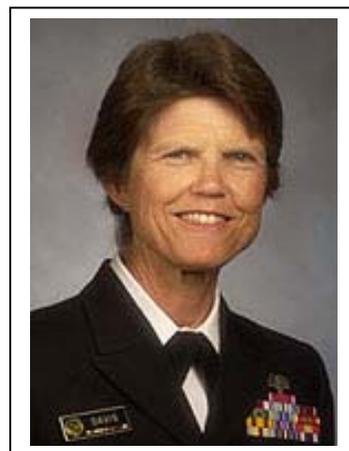
—A short list of ACVPM diplomates recognized this year for achievements in their veterinary careers.

Dr. Paul Sundberg has accepted the position of Vice President of Science and Technology for the National Pork Producers, where he will be responsible for coordinating all work on science and technology issues within the National Pork Board. He will work to represent the industry's concerns to researchers, industry and government officials for pork safety, pork quality, swine health, animal care and human nutrition programs including PRV eradication, animal health and welfare policy development, food safety, HACCP, PRRS research, emergency preparedness, etc.

Congratulations to the following ACVPM Diplomates who are members of the US Air Force and who were recently selected for promotion to O-6 (Colonel) this year:

- William Courtney; Associate Chief, Biomedical Sciences Corps for Public Health; Military Consultant to the Surgeon General [USAF] for Public Health; Bolling Air Force Base (AFB), D.C.
- Danny Glover; Commander, 82 AMDS; Sheppard AFB, TX.
- Roger Gibson; Program Director, Military Public Health Senior Policy Analysis & Epidemiology; Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs); Falls Church, VA.

Capt. Judith A. Davis, director of the NINDS-NIDCD animal care program, recently received the Public Health Service (PHS) Commissioned Corps Veterinarian of the Year Award for sustained excellence in leadership, mentorship and commitment to duty. During her 7 years as director, she has transformed the program into one of the most respected animal care programs at NIH, setting trends in daily animal monitoring and care. The program also has received special recognition by the Association for Assessment and Accreditation for Laboratory Animal Care International for rodent enrichment. In addition, Davis created an animal care program for the new Vaccine Research Center in 2000. According to Capt. Shelley Hoogstraten-Miller, NHGRI, and retired Capt. Lee Chedester, NIAAA — who wrote letters of support for the award nomination —



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Davis maintains a high commitment to the Commissioned Corps and provides mentorship to numerous new officers who contact her for advice. She also continues to publish timely articles in the field of laboratory animal medicine. Since her arrival at NIH in 1996, she has authored 14 publications — many co-authored with her animal care staff and other PHS officers as part of her effort to mentor and educate them. The award was presented at the annual veterinary category all-hands meeting held at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda.

Dr. Roger Krogwold has replaced Dr. Leon Russell as the College representative to the American Board of Veterinary Specialties. Dr. Russell has been appointed to the Internal Affairs Committee.

Honored at the recent International Convention of Partners of the Americas (POA) in Quito, Ecuador last November, Dr. Stan and Darlene Diesch together received the prestigious volunteer's "Lifetime Achievement Award." Partners is one of the largest volunteer organizations working to promote social, economic and cultural development in the Western Hemisphere. It became the people-to-people outcome of the Alliance for Progress from the early '60's. Minnesota and Uruguay are one of 60 Partnerships. Dr. Diesch has served on the Board of Directors of the Minnesota-Uruguay Partnership for more than twenty years, having served in positions of leadership during these years, as committee chair, president, chair of the board and other positions as well as advising POA in Washington, DC on other international programs. Diesch's program in veterinary medicine, agriculture and public health technical exchanges has received other awards from Partners of the Americas. He established the University Linkage program between the University of Minnesota and the University of the Republic of Uruguay. He was recognized by the president of the country in 1990 for his contributions to the country of Uruguay when he was appointed Honorary Consul to Uruguay in Minnesota, in which he served for six years. He remains a member of the Minnesota Consular Corps.

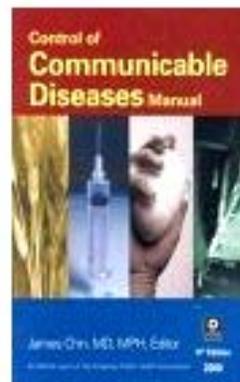
Editor of “Benenson’s” Dies

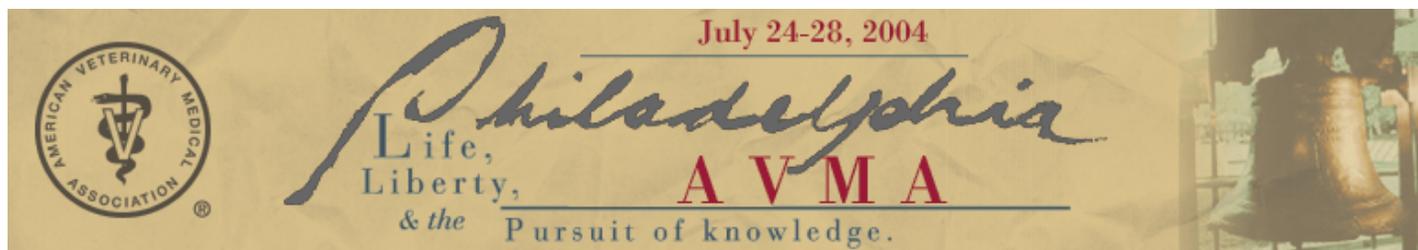
Abram Salmon Benenson, MD, died Monday, 15 Dec 2003, at the age of 89. Bud, as he had been known since childhood, spent his life dedicated to his 2 passions—his family and his medical career. He was born in Napanoch, New York, on 22 Jan 1914 and died in Lenox, MA.

In the interim, he traveled the world, first with the U.S. Army and later in several medical teaching and civilian government positions. After graduation from Cornell Medical School in 1937 and completion of an internship, he worked in various settings, fighting such disparate communicable diseases as smallpox, cholera, and AIDS. From 1970 to 1995, Bud was the Editor of 6 editions of Control of Communicable Diseases in Man (CCDM), his "little handbook" that had been published by the American Public Health Association since 1915. He was most proud of the pirated editions of the book that found their way back to him—written in Chinese or Arabic; they showed him that the world valued his contribution and desperately needed the information he worked so diligently to provide.

At various stages in his career, he was the commanding officer of the Tropical Research Medical Laboratory in San Juan, Puerto Rico; Director of Experimental Medicine at Camp Detrick, Maryland; the director of the Division of Communicable Diseases and Immunology at WRAIR; and the director of both the Pakistan-SEATO Cholera Research Laboratory in Dacca and of the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory in Panama. In addition, Dr. Benenson held numerous faculty positions, including those at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia; the Department of Community Medicine at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine in Lexington; and the Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the Graduate School of Public Health at San Diego State University.

To honor him, donations may be made to the Graduate School of Public Health, San Diego State University, San Diego CA 92182-4162, for the Abram S. Benenson Endowed Chair in Epidemiology.





AVMA Sessions of Potential Interest

Date	Time	Section	Topic
Saturday, July 24 th	All Day	Advances in Veterinary Medicine	Cloning: Progress, Problems, Potential, and Ethics
Saturday, July 24 th	Morning	Food Safety	Antimicrobial Resistance: A Laboratory Perspective
Saturday, July 24 th	Afternoon	Food Safety	Education Efforts in Appropriate Use of Antimicrobials
Saturday, July 24 th	All Day	Public Health Medicine	Emerging Infectious Diseases
Sunday, July 25 th	All Day	Advances in Veterinary Medicine	Enabling Effective Careers in Ecosystem Health and Conservation Medicine
Sunday, July 25 th	Morning	Food Safety	Preharvest Food Safety and Security
Sunday, July 25 th	Afternoon	Food Safety	Food Safety Education Initiatives
Sunday, July 25 th	Morning	Public Health Medicine	Emerging Infectious Diseases: West Nile Virus
Sunday, July 25 th	Afternoon	Public Health Medicine	Emerging Threats and Biological Risk Management
Monday, July 26 th	All Day	Advances in Veterinary Medicine	Lessons Learned in Distance Education
Monday, July 26 th	All Day	Food Safety	Antimicrobial Resistance
Monday, July 26 th	Morning	Public Health Medicine	Veterinarians in Public Health: Now and in the Future
Monday, July 26 th	Afternoon	Public Health Medicine	Education and Training Opportunities in Public Health for Veterinarians
Tuesday, July 27 th	All Day	Advances in Veterinary Medicine	Advances in Disease Surveillance
Tuesday, July 27 th	Morning	Food Safety	The Public Health Significance of Pathogens in Animal Feeds
Tuesday, July 27 th	All Day	Public Health Medicine	Health Security—Local to Global
Wednesday, July 28 th	Morning	Public Health Medicine	Emerging Infectious Diseases

Annual ACVPM Meetings

Note: All meetings will be held at the Lowe's Philadelphia Hotel.
Meeting locations will be announced in the next issue of *News & Views*.

DATE		MEETING
Tuesday	July 20th	Examinations
Wednesday	July 21st	Examinations
Wednesday	July 21st	Examinations Committee
Thursday	July 22nd	Examinations Committee
Friday	July 23rd	Examinations Committee
Saturday	July 24th	Executive Board
Monday	July 26th	Epidemiology Specialty
Monday	July 26th	Credentials Committee
Monday	July 26th	General Membership

Help Wanted

Volunteers are needed to represent the ACVPM in the College information booth at the annual AVMA meeting in Philadelphia this summer.

Please contact Dr. Dave Dreesen, EVP, to select a time, or stop by the booth to sign up for a time when you arrive at the convention.

Legislative News of Interest

Recent USDA/APHIS, HHS/CDC Notices, Proposed Rules and other events.

Definition of "Bird" Amended in AWA

To make all definitions of the animals excluded (rats, mice and birds) from the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) consistent, this notice announces that USDA/APHIS will amend the definition of "bird" so that the exclusion only applies to birds bred for use in research. As the definition stands now, all birds are excluded from coverage under the AWA. This amendment should be finalized by the end of April, 2004.

Final Rule for Vet Diagnostic User Fees Scheduled for February, 2004

USDA/APHIS published its Advanced Notice for Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) regarding vet diagnostic user fees on July 24, 2003 (NABR UPDATE , Vol. XXIV, No. 16). USDA/APHIS is proposing the action to recover the full costs of APHIS veterinary services. Once the final rule appears in the Federal Register, there will be a period of 30 days before the fees will be assessed. Go to:

http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2003_register&
for the full text of the proposed rule as published in the Federal Register.

Transportation of Animals on International Carriers

Following up on the Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA/APHIS) proposed rule in October of 2003, USDA/APHIS has now published its intent to apply the standards in the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) regulations for the humane transportation of animals in commerce to international carriers operating within the United States (NABR UPDATE , Vol. XXIV, No. 22; NABR Member E-Mai I, Oct. 10, 2003). "Following the publication of the proposed rule in the Federal Register on October 10, 2003, there was a Board meeting of the Live Animal and Perishables Board of the International Air Transport Association (IATA). In that meeting, it was agreed that USDA already has the statutory authority to impose such oversight; that many international carriers already comply with those same regulations; and any animal cargo on U.S. cargo is subject to international regulations while in transit."

USDA/APHIS has indicated its intention to implement this rule effective April 7, 2004, with final action scheduled for May, 2004. Go to: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2003_register&docid=fr10oc03-1.pdf for the original proposed rule as published in the Federal Register .

"Final Rule Stage" on Inspection, Licensing and Procurement of Animals

USDA/APHIS published its "Final Rule Stage" in the Federal Register on December 22, 2003 regarding animal welfare and the inspection, licensing and procurement of animals. The proposed rule was first published in October of 2000 (NABR UPDATE, Vol. XXI, No. 19) and would amend the Animal Welfare Act regulations to revise and clarify the exemptions from the licensing requirements, procedures for license applications and renewals, as well as restrictions upon the acquisitions of dogs and

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cats and other animals. The final rule is scheduled to be published in May, 2004. Go to: <http://www.ucop.edu/ucophome/busfin/regref/animalwel.pdf> to see the proposed rule as published in the Federal Register .

Proposed Rule on Marine Mammals to be Published in June, 2004

USDA/APHIS has announced that its proposed rulemaking will be published in June of 2004 (NABR UPDATE , Vol. XXIII, No. 11). The purpose of the proposed rule is to develop amendments to the marine mammal standards on which consensus was not reached during the negotiated rulemaking conducted between September 1995 and July 1996. The amendments would address indoor and outdoor facilities, space requirements, water quality, and swim-with-the-dolphin programs.

CDC Bans Imports of all Civet Cats

Due to the connection between the Sudden Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) virus and civet cats (Family: Viverridae), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is banning the importation of civet cats into, and distribution within, the United States. This embargo went into effect on January 13, 2004 and will remain in effect until further notice. To see the full text of the notice in the Federal Register , go to: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/pdf/04-1401.pdf>.

Food Safety Guide Published

The Department of Agriculture released a new publication, Food Safety and Food Security: What Consumers Need to Know, to help educate consumers regarding food safety. The 15-page brochure, developed by USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service, will be available in both English and Spanish. It provides useful tips for safe food preparation and for keeping foods safe from contamination. The brochure also provides practical information about safe food handling practices, foodborne illness, product recalls, keeping foods safe during an emergency and reporting suspected instances of food tampering.

For additional information about food safety and security in English and Spanish, consumers can call the toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-674-6854. Additional information can be found at <http://www.usda.gov>.

From the Desk of the EVP

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Greetings. Several new items have come up since our last issue of the *News & Views* that need your attention. Also a few old issues need reviewing. I sincerely ask that you note these items. They will benefit all of us.

First: The 2004 dues are now due and payable by March 1. After that date there is a 50% penalty fee. We now have the ability to receive your dues payment via credit card. However, to do such, you must go to the ACVPM web site www.acvpm.org and open the Members Only page. There you will find the On-line Store and be able to pay your dues through PayPal. If you have a problem using this feature, or any problem accessing the Members Only page, contact our Webmaster, Joe Adam, at webmaster@acvpm.org. The On-line store will offer various ACVPM items in the near future.

Second: The By-law changes recently voted on passed overwhelmingly. We thank those of you who voted and remind you that voting on line is simple through the Members Only page.

Third: A great deal of information on emerging diseases comes across our respective desks. I'm trying, with the help of several Diplomates, to weed through all of this and place the most pertinent news items on the Publications page of the web site. I urge you to send me information that should go out to all members via this means, and to periodically review this page. There is a great deal of information there that hopefully is of value. Also, visit the Links page from time to time—you might find it interesting.

Fourth: Through the Members Only page you can now access your ACVPM personal information record as we currently have it, and edit and up-date it as frequently as necessary. This is of great help to us when we mail out material, either electronically or via the US Mail. Far too many dues billings and ballots were returned due to address problems. This costs us money and time, so please help us by keeping your contact information up-to-date. Also, on this same page, you can locate any Diplomat through our new locator function and also see the information on any Diplomat as we have it in the directory database. The Members Only page has a great deal to offer!! For those without computers, please mail to me any changes to your personal information that we have on file.

Fifth: The annual ACVPM General Membership meeting will be in Philadelphia on July 26th at 2:00 PM. Tentatively, it is planned for the Lowe's Hotel, but that is not confirmed as of this date. Please see the Calendar function on the web site for current information as we receive it.

Sixth: I need, and I emphasize need, pictures of Diplomates "in action" for our convention display board. The higher the resolution, the better. If possible, use a jpg or a jpeg format and send them to me as a file attachment. The sooner the better.

Seventh: Also, for the convention display board and for publication on the web site, I need (that word again) information on any significant awards that you have received since May 2003. Don't be bashful—let others know what you have accomplished.

Eighth – and last (for now): Contact me and give me your feedback as to how we can better and more efficiently serve you. I know that those of you without electronic mail may seem somewhat left out. What can we do for you, within reason and cost? I need to hear from you—and I'll respond, believe me.

All the best. Dave

White paper advises partnership to reverse veterinarian shortages

A white paper on meeting the critical needs for veterinarians in population health and public practice has been prepared for publication. Project investigators and co-authors, Drs. Kent H. Hoblet of The Ohio State University and Andrew T. Maccabe and Lawrence E. Heider of the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges, prepared the white paper.

The Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service, and the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Veterinary Medicine provided support for the project. The AAVMC will post the paper on its Web site, www.aavmc.org.

As corresponding author, Dr. Hoblet presented a draft of the executive summary July 21 during an AAVMC assembly meeting of deans, chairs, and directors of AAVMC member institutions at the AVMA Annual Convention in Denver. At that time, the document was still a work in progress.

From the beginning, the mission of our institutions has been to address needs in animal health and public health, he said. Over the past half century, society has changed, and veterinary medicine and veterinary medical education have reflected those changes. At the same time, critical needs continue to exist in public health, food safety, food security, animal health, and comparative medicine.

About 5,000 veterinarians are employed in various federal agencies, state government, industry, and academia (includes only those in public health, preventive medicine, and extension), and another 10,600 in food animal medicine, based on AVMA records, Dr. Hoblet noted. He said this represents 20 percent of (practicing) veterinarians.

"To maintain our current footprint," Dr. Hoblet continued, "we need 500 new entries into population health and public practice per year," or approximately 20 percent of new graduates each year, he said.

Three issues must be addressed, Dr. Hoblet said—recruitment and retention, education and training programs, and the investment needed.

Relative to recruitment and retention, he said the colleges are getting highly qualified students but questioned the diversity of professional interests. One person he interviewed suggested that instead of asking applicants why they are interested in becoming a veterinarian, admissions staff should ask how they plan to use their veterinary degree.

Because public funds are used, the general and long-term needs of society must be considered, Dr. Hoblet said. "The distribution of veterinarians across the breadth of societal needs is affected by complex factors. Adjustments should be made in the admissions process, as required for the benefit of the entire public, and it's up to the colleges to assume the leadership in this task."

The second issue is the professional veterinary curriculum. Public health and preventive medicine training ranges from 30 to 120 contact hours among the

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28 U.S. veterinary colleges, Dr. Hoblet said. At least one core course in epidemiology and public health is needed. "The clinical year is a very significant part of the professional program, and we generally do a good job of it. Clinical population health and public practice also need (to provide) a learning experience." He acknowledged the difficulties associated with that and the need to find innovative ways to present public health and preventive medicine clinical experiences.

Practitioner specialty training includes the master's of public health, non-thesis master's degree, and residencies in laboratory animal medicine, among others. "There's a crying need for laboratory animal veterinarians," Dr. Hoblet said, adding that there are 38 existing programs that students should be informed about.

Dr. Hoblet noted a critical need for infrastructure to support research and graduate education, and an extreme shortage of DVM/PhD scientists in epidemiology, pathology, and infectious diseases. "Failure to educate DVM/PhD scientists will adversely affect food security and public health," he said.

The third underlying issue is the investment needed. "National issues require national solutions," Dr. Hoblet said. For that reason, the white paper calls for shared responsibility and accountability on this issue via a partnership between colleges and departments and state and federal governments. National efforts should be optimized to meet challenges in public health, food security, animal health, and comparative medicine for the benefit of all Americans.

Following presentation of the executive summary, there was some discussion about selective admissions. Dr. Hoblet said that intuitively, he has been opposed to trying to identify students likely to pursue these areas of shortage, but the needs are too great to ignore, and he is changing his mind. "We do a great job of (teaching) basic food animal medicine in our colleges, but we don't always expose our students to the more exciting things like we do in companion animal medicine."

Dr. Donald C. Blenden, of Columbia, MO, died January 12, 2004 at age 74. Blenden received a BS in Agriculture in 1951, an MS in Medical Microbiology 1953, and DVM degree in 1956. He was a Diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Public Health. Dr. Blenden had a long and distinguished career at the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine, starting as an instructor in 1958 and retiring as a Professor Emeritus in 1990. He was a pioneer and a world-renowned expert on rabies, leptospirosis and listeriosis research, authoring numerous scientific articles. His expertise in all the zoonoses paved the way for the creation of a Post-Doctoral graduate program for the training of Public Health Veterinarians. These individuals and those mentored by them, today serve as vanguards against the bio-terrorism the world now faces. Dr. Blenden was a teacher and leader in disaster preparedness and an active amateur radio operator. He was a member of the Missouri Veterinary Medical Association, the AVMA, and was board certified by the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine and a charter member of the Epidemiology Specialty. Dr. Blenden was dedicated public health worker and served as President to the Missouri Public Health Association. His wife Patricia, a son, and a daughter survive him. Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Cancer Society, 33 E. Broadway, Suite 1000, Columbia, MO., 65203.

Epidemiology Specialty Report

Epidemiology Specialty, President's Report, Winter, 2004

The Epidemiology Specialty has a short report this quarter, with Specialty members so busy in their regular jobs with disease control or responding to questions about BSE, bird flu, SARS, and animal disease surveillance for bioterrorism. The Credentials and Examinations Committees are preparing for anticipated new candidates for the Specialty examination (applications were due Feb. 15), and the Nominations Committee will be soliciting candidates to run for election next summer for the two-year Specialty Secretary position.

Dr. David Smith has done an excellent job as Secretary for the past two years, but his term expires in the summer of 2004. Due to staggered terms for the Specialty officers, there will be a subsequent election for President in the summer of 2005. Nominated individuals for the Secretary position must be active members in good standing. Members may nominate other members, or nominate themselves for the position. Nominations should be sent to Dr. James Riddle at:

email: FalconJRR@earthlink.net

or by mail to:

5013 Pylers Mill Court
Fairfax, VA 22032.

Nominations will close March 1st, 2004. The election will be held electronically on the ACVPM members-only website.

Specialty members will be reviewing the Specialty bylaws to determine any need for updates to synchronize with ACVPM bylaws and to meet any other requirements. The Specialty is also soliciting additional member participation in the Specialty Committees to bring them each up to a full staff of three members as required by the bylaws. Those members with interest in participating on Specialty committees should contact Dr. Eidson at mxe04@health.state.ny.us.

—Millicent Eidson

AAPHV NEWSLETTER

COMMENTS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Colleagues,

It is hard to believe that it is time for another newsletter. Yet time seems to pass quickly as we deal with BSE, avian influenza, SARS, and other emerging diseases as well as concentrate on the threats of agroterrorism and bioterrorism. Although these times are exciting for epidemiology and public health, they also point to deficiencies. Numerous articles have pointed to the fact that we lack proper funding and infrastructure for emerging diseases and for health events related to bioterrorism. In parallel, we also need more highly trained professionals in public health, epidemiology, microbiology, and in other specialized fields. The number of calls that I receive are proof that both veterinary students and practicing veterinarians are interested, yet we have failed to provide them resources for information and training. Several new educational opportunities have arisen from veterinary schools (e.g. North Carolina State, University of Minnesota, and Iowa State) to provide enhanced training for veterinary students and the opportunity to get advanced degrees in public health. What about practicing veterinarians? At the 2004 AVMA meeting this year, there will be a half-day session that will highlight some of the leading public health veterinarians in positions at the local, state, and federal level. The other half of the day will highlight various educational programs available in the U.S. Perhaps these sessions will provide a broad perspective and needed information about veterinarians in public health. But the AAPHV needs to have a stronger voice, especially when interest and focus in public health are so evident. I'm not sure where to find it. We have finally revised our web pages and are in the process of having them linked to ACVPM website. We have also revised our membership brochures and they are available for dissemination. We are also re-instituting the student award that will given at the AVMA meeting. We still need to revise our position statement booklet. We also need to find a way to communicate among our members more frequently. Maybe a list server? Finally, this year at the AVMA meeting, the annual AAPHV meeting will be on Tuesday morning at 7 am and will include a continental breakfast. We are hoping that this will encourage more participation! If you have any further ideas, please let us know—otherwise, see you in July!

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NEW AAPHV SECRETARY

AAPHV is pleased to announce that Dr. Katherine Feldman is our new Secretary, filling the position vacated by Dr. Sarah Lister. Katherine is a senior epidemiologist with the California Emerging Infections Program in Oakland, CA and is a Diplomate of the ACVPM. Welcome, Katherine!

—AAPHV Newsletter, cont.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ahhh, the power of the postcard.....Dues reminder postcards were sent out in early January, and the dues have just been rolling in. Thanks to all who responded so quickly. To those who haven't (YET), please send your dues. Again, if you have any questions about your dues or membership status, please e-mail me at garrisrd@mail.slh.wisc.edu. Other treasurer's news: as promised a couple of newsletters ago, the treasurer's and membership reports are now reported on a calendar-year basis.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Calendar year 2003

Opening balance:	\$5,941.71
Income	826.75
Dues	815.00
Bonus for opening checking acc't	10.00
Interest	1.75
Debits	-729.62
Checking account expenses	27.25
PO box rental	38.00
Newsletter copying	440.97
Postage	223.40
Balance	\$6,038.84

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Calendar year 2003

Membership on 1/1/03:	90
Members added in CY 03:	6
Members lost in CY 03:	22
4 new ACVPM diplomates	
1 deceased, 3 dropped by request, 14 dropped for non-payment of back dues and no response to follow-up	

Membership on 12/31/03: 74 members

Breakdown by category:

- 1 Associate member
- 3 Honorary members
- 12 Life members
- 58 Regular members

OTHER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

WELCOME to our new members in CY03:

Dr. Alicia Anderson, Atlanta, GA
 Dr. Kathleen MacMahon, Cincinnati, OH
 Dr. Cynthia Thomas, Silver Spring, MD
 Dr. Sara Williams, Columbia Heights, MN
 Dr. Pamela Ward-Demo, Rapid City, SD
 Dr. Manuel Camilo Vargas, Decatur, GA

—AAPHV Newsletter, cont.

Finally, HELP ! If anyone can provide current mail or e-mail addresses for any of the following members, please contact me at garrisrd@mail.slh.wisc.edu. Thanks.

Dr. Alisa Iriye (last known good address: Pensacola, FL)

Dr. Robert Tanaka (last known good address: U.S. Embassy, Seoul, South Korea)

Dr. Todd Thomas (last known good address: San Antonio, TX)

MINUTES FROM THE PHVCC CONFERENCE CALL, DECEMBER 11, 2003

In attendance: Bob Garrison (AAPHV, serving as moderator in place of Mary Torrence, AAPHV President); John Sanders (FDA-CFSAN), Beth Karp (FDA-CVM), Dan Lafontaine (AAFHV), Russ Currier (NASPHV), Heather Bair (CDC), Vrinda Nargund (CDC); Hugh Mainzer (AAPHV president-elect). Minutes taken by Bob Garrison and Russ Currier.

1. AAPHV (Bob Garrison): The web page is nearly finalized; John Sanders is working on this project. Once final changes are reviewed by the officers and AVMA approval is obtained, the web page will be posted on the AVMA home page and maintained by they AVMA. Kris Carter has volunteered to review current AAPHV position statements, identify those that need to be updated, and coordinate with other organizations as needed.
2. FDA-CFSAN (John Sanders): The Center has been busy investigating the involvement of green onions in the recent large hepatitis A outbreak in Pennsylvania. FDA is working with governments of several Central and South American nations to present safe food processing standards, which will include guidelines on good agricultural practices. One set of guidelines will address appropriate use of water and good hygiene, but currently there is no good definition for agricultural use of water vs. water for irrigation, etc.
3. FDA-CVM (Beth Karp): On November 18, 2003, President Bush signed the Animal Drug User Fee Act of 2003 (ADUFA), which authorizes the FDA to collect various fees in support of the review of animal drugs. Similar to the Prescription Drug User fee Act for human drugs, "this legislation will help FDA expedite and improve its review of applications for new animal drugs so that safe and effective new products will be available more quickly." (Quote from the FDA web page at www.fda.gov.) Also, the Veterinary Medical Advisory Committee on animal cloning met on November 5, 2003; details of the meeting can be found on the FDA web page.
4. AAFHV (Dan Lafontaine): On December 6, 2003, President Bush signed the National Veterinary Medical Service Act, which was one of the AVMA's top priorities. New veterinary graduates participating in this program will receive loan repayments for working in certain underserved areas. Veterinary students are already excited about the program and are calling in for details. USDA will implement the program, but no money has been appropriated yet.
5. CDC-NARMS (Heather Bair and Vrinda Nargund): The Zoonoses Working Group met this morning, so the news is very recent. Jennifer Wright is planning a survey of infection control practices in veterinary clinics. Jennifer McQuiston will be working with the Virginia Department of Health to create an emergency response plan for zoonotic diseases. The Dec 12th MMWR will publish the most recent article on reptile-associated salmonellosis in selected states. More stringent recommendations include the statement that households with children under the age of five should not have reptiles or amphibians.

(From Bob Garrison: An excellent, recently published paper related to the topic of zoonotic infections is "Human illness associated with use of veterinary vaccines" by Ruth Berkleman (former EIS officer and now professor at Rollins School of Public Health at Emory), *Clinical Infectious Diseases*, vol. 37, pp. 407-414, 2003. The paper deals with Brucella, oral rabies and live Bordetella vaccines, among others.)

6. CDC general comments (Hugh Mainzer): A number of CDC veterinarians presented papers at the recent AMSUS (Association of Military Surgeons of the United States) meeting. Several highly qualified applicants for upcoming EIS officer positions are veterinarians; Russ Currier mentored one ISU graduate candidate who was just accepted to the class of 2004.

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7. The Center for Environmental Health now officially merged with ATSDR and is headed by Dr. Henry Falk. Because of ATSDR's congressional charter and link to superfund sites it will be some time before the ATSDR moniker disappears.
8. Environmental Health Officers: A nascent movement is underway for veterinarians to move into high-profile positions as environmental health officers. Examples are Dr. Lisa Conti (Florida) and Dr Kevin Riley (California). Veterinarians could/should be EHOs working in areas of food/H₂O safety, vector control, and other "front line" public health activities.
9. NASPHV (Russ Currier): The 2004 rabies compendium is done and will soon be published in JAVMA. The 2004 psittacosis compendium is either done or in final copy-editing phase before publication. The new petting zoo compendium was completed last summer. A meeting to discuss it is scheduled for March 3-5, 2004, immediately after ICEID in Atlanta. NASPHV is very excited about completing this guidance document and the entire committee would welcome suggestions for improvement.
10. Next call: March 11th, 2004, 2:00 -3:30 P.M. EST.

MEETINGS OF INTEREST

1. Fourth International Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases, February 29-March 3, 2004, Atlanta, GA. Information: www.iceid.org.
2. American Society for Microbiology 2004 Biodefense Research Meeting, March 7-10, 2004, Baltimore, MD. Information: www.asmbiodefense.org.
3. International Conference on the Control of Infectious Animal Diseases by Vaccination, Office International des Epizooties, April 13-16, 2004, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Information: www.oie.int.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

1. Clin Inf Dis 37:407-14, 2003. Human illness associated with use of veterinary vaccines.
2. Clin Inf Dis 37:598-601, 2003. Fatal human rabies caused by European bat lyssavirus type 2a infection in Scotland.
3. Clin Inf Dis 37:1490-5, 2003. An outbreak of foodborne botulism associated with food sold at a salvage store in Texas.
4. Clin Inf Dis 37:1585-90, 2003. A multistate outbreak of Salmonella enterica serotype Newport infection linked to mango consumption: impact of water-dip disinfestation technology.
5. J Clin Micro 41:2915-23, 2003. Detection and verification of Mycobacterium avium subsp. paratuberculosis in fresh ileocolonic mucosal biopsy specimens from individuals with and without Crohn's disease.
6. J Clin Micro 41:5321-24, 2003. Capnocytophaga sp. isolated from a cat with chronic sinusitis and rhinitis.
7. Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report 52(42):1017-19, 2003. West Nile virus infection among turkey breeder farm workers—Wisconsin, 2002. Available electronically at <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5242a3.htm>.
8. J Vet Diag Invest 15:324-29, 2003. Serological, reverse transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction and immunohistochemical detection of West Nile virus in a clinically affected dog.
9. J Vet Diag Invest 16:79-83, 2004. Escherichia coli O157:H7 in the gallbladders of experimentally infected calves.
10. Comp Cont Ed Prac Vet 25:846-52, 2003. Brucella canis: potential for zoonotic transmission.

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It is that time of year again to send in your recommendations for the Distinguished Diplomate Award and the Helwig-Jennings Award. Information on these awards can be found in the 2004 Membership Directory, Article XI of the By-laws; page 149. You may email your recommendations to me at rblakely@ln.amedd.army.mil or at nanblakely@cox.net.

Alternatively, hardcopies of recommendations can be faxed to (619) 556-0553 or mailed to me at 867 Hazy Glen Ct, Chula Vista, CA 91910. I will need to receive your recommendations no later than 15 March 2004 to allow the committee to provide our recommendations to the Executive Board by the 15 April 2004 deadline.

We are also short one member on the committee. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Dr. Paul Sundberg, President, ACVPM.

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