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ACVM Biosecurity Task Force

The **mission** of the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists (ACVM) Biosecurity Task Force is to assist local, state, and federal officials in prevention of, response to, and recovery from infectious diseases, which threaten food security or public health. The accidental or intentional introduction of these diseases has the potential to devastate food security and/or public health in the U.S. The ACVM Biosecurity Task Force is a group of ACVM Diplomates and Honorary Diplomates who:

- Are experts in microbiology and infectious diseases;
- Have received training in the Incident Command System; and
- Have educational resources related to bioterrorism, agroterrorism, zoonotic diseases, and foreign animal diseases.

The Task Force members are volunteers who will strive to be available when contacted by local, state, or federal officials to lend their expertise to assist in preventing, responding to, or recovering from an infectious disease emergency.

ACVM Biosecurity Task Force members could share their expertise in the following ways:

- Present awareness education seminars for health professionals or the public on bioterrorism, agroterrorism, zoonotic diseases, or exotic animal diseases.
- Advise on infectious agent detection and control prior to, during, and after a public health or animal health emergency.
- Consult with and advise emergency response safety officers before and during an infectious disease emergency.
- Assist in responding to media inquiries and in education of the public regarding an infectious disease event.

Officials in the USDA, the CDC and the DHS will be told about the ACVM Biosecurity Task Force and the willingness of its members to assist with prevention of, preparation for, response to and recovery from infectious disease emergencies. State Veterinarians, Public Health officials, and Homeland Security officials will also be notified of the existence of the ACVM Biosecurity Task Force.

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The Center for Food Security and Public Health (CFSPH) at Iowa State University will provide task force members with resource materials through the CFSPH website (<http://www.cfsph.iastate.edu/>) which include:

- Power point presentations and fact sheets on all bioterrorism agents and high consequence livestock pathogens.
- Handouts for use with various audiences
- Public Speaking handbook

All ACVM Diplomates and Honorary Diplomates are eligible to serve on the ACVM Biosecurity Task Force. To become a Task Force member, ACVM Diplomates must:

- Complete level 100 and 200 training in the Incident Command System through a self-study course on CD-ROM prepared by the USDA.
- Be willing to have their name and contact information on a publicly available database, and strive to be available when contacted by local, state, or federal officials to lend their expertise to assist in preventing, responding to, or recovering from an infectious disease emergency.
- Become familiar with the training materials available for their use.

ACVM Diplomates who are willing to become ACVM Biosecurity Task Force members should contact James Roth, President, ACVM Board of Governors. A CD with the USDA level 100 and 200 Incident Command System training will be mailed to you. After completion of the training, mail or fax a copy of the certificates you will receive to Dr. Roth. You should sign the certificate, but it does not need to be signed by a supervisor. Your entry from the ACVM Membership Directory will be added to the list of members of the ACVM Biosecurity Task Force. You can check your information in the membership directory on the ACVM website:

<http://www.vetmed.iastate.edu/ACVM/>

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ACVM Election

Congratulations to Mary DeBey, Melissa Libal and Andrew Phipps on their election to the ACVM Board of Governors. During the ACVM Board meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, these three Diplomates will succeed Chris Hayhow, Steve Kleiboeker and Amelia Woolums on the ACVM Board. In addition, the ACVM membership approved T.G. Nagaraja as the newest ACVM Honorary Diplomate. Congratulations to each of you!

New Directions

Currently the Board of Governors is considering changes that will affect continuing education and the professional recognition of ACVM. If any diplomates have any suggestions or comments please contact one of the ACVM Board of Governors members or one of the ACVM officers.

ACVM on the Internet

Please note the new ACVM website address is www.vetmed.iastate.edu/acvm. The site contains meeting minutes, the history, goals, directory, Constitution, By-laws, instructions for potential candidates and an application form. All members should review the updated website. Any suggestions for changes are welcome.

2005 AVMA Meeting in Minneapolis

Please plan on attending the ACVM Board of Governors' meeting, which is scheduled for Monday, July 18th, 2005. It will be held at 9:00 AM in the "Lake of the Isles room," which is a meeting room in the Lake Suite Conference Center on the 5th level of the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The agenda of the meeting is posted on the ACVM web site. Everyone

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is invited to attend since the meeting is open to all diplomates. Remember, the ACVM does not sponsor a symposium at the AVMA meeting.

ACVM Vice President for 2005-2006

The ACVM Nominating Committee has recommended M.M. Chengappa be reappointed as ACVM Vice President. His name will be proposed at the ACVM Board Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota on July 18, 2005 for approval. Additional nominations can be made from the floor.

2005 CRWAD Meeting in St. Louis

Please plan on attending the ACVM Annual and Board of Directors' Meeting, which is scheduled for Sunday, December 4th, 2005. It will be held at 10:00 AM. The agenda and location of the meeting will be placed on the ACVM web site as soon as it is confirmed and available. Remember to support the ACVM symposium, which will be held on the afternoon of Sunday December 4, 2005. The ACVM Banquet will be Monday December 5, 2005 at Patrick's Restaurant. The restaurant is within easy walking distance of the motel. Additional information will be provided in the near future concerning the banquet. We hope to see you there!

CRWAD Symposium

On Sunday December 4, 2005 from 1:30 to 5:00 PM the joint AAVI/ACVM Symposium will be presented. Following is the tentative agenda:

"Bordetella Research in the Post-genomic Era: Theory versus Practice" by Andrew Preston, University of Guelph

"The Mycobacterium avium subsp. paratuberculosis genome and its initial research applications" by John Bannantine, USDA, ARS, NADC

"Microarray analysis of host-pathogen interactions: listening to the noise" by Philip Griebel, VIDO

"Immunogenomics of the stress-immune axis in cattle: a tale of hormones, host susceptibility, and heritability" by Jeanne L. Burton, Michigan State University

Dues Status

Dues are \$30. They are due by July each year. Due to the transition to a new Secretary-Treasurer we are currently reviewing the dues status of all ACVM members. If you have not paid your dues for 2005 or for any past year(s) please submit payment to my attention as soon as possible. Please make remittances payable to ACVM by check drawn on a US bank or by international money order and mail directly to me. *Emeritus or honorary diplomates do not need to pay dues* (donations are always welcome). Emeritus diplomates can vote, but not honorary diplomates.

Suggestions and Corrections

For additional information or to provide suggestions, please contact:

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