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## NEWSLETTER Fall 2007

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### News

#### ACVM Board Meeting in Washington, DC

On July 15, 2007, the ACVM Board met in conjunction with the annual American Veterinary Medical Association meeting. Chris Hayhow, ACVM Secretary-Treasurer, reported that we currently have \$30,531.20 in our checking account and \$15,326.09 in our CD's for a total of \$45,857.29. The ACVM Board approved Drs. James Andreasen, Robert Dellers, Glynn Frank and Thomas Walton for Emeritus status. Congratulations to each of these members! Dr. Brenda Love, Chair of the ACVM Examinations Committee, reported that we had 29 applicants for certification and 27 were approved to sit for our examinations. We also have 37 applicants from past years that can sit for our examinations. We continue to have record numbers of candidates applying to sit for our examinations. I encourage everyone to keep up the good work in our recruitment efforts! Drs. Chris C. L. Chase and D. Scott McVey, Co-Chairs of the Continuing Education and Program Committee have lined up an excellent symposium for CRWAD. The title of the symposium is "Nutrition and Immunology." If you are interested in serving on the ACVM Board please contact Dr. Dan Keil as soon as possible. Dr. Gordon R. Carter is the recipient of the 2007 ACVM Distinguished Veterinary Microbiologist Award. Dr.

M.M. Chengappa will give the keynote address for Dr. Carter during the CRWAD meeting in Chicago, Illinois in December 2007. Finally, if you have not already done so please visit our ACVM website and read the wonderful 40 year history report prepared by Dr. Richard Ross.

### Elections

This year we elected three new members to the ACVM Board. These new members are C.A. (Sandy) Baldwin, H.W. Dickerson, and D.K. Meyerholz. Welcome aboard! Rotating off the ACVM Board and completing their terms of service were Brenda C. Love, David L. Suarez and John F. Timoney. Thank you for your wonderful service to ACVM!

Dr. Glenn Songer was approved as an ACVM Honorary Diplomat for 2007.

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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

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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 inquires 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.

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.acvm.us/>

Contact information for Dr. Roth:

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**New Directions**

Currently the Board of Governors is considering changes that will affect continuing education and the

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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.

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### **ACVM on the Internet**

Please note the new ACVM website address is <http://www.acvm.us/>. 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.

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### **2007 CRWAD Meeting in Chicago, Illinois**

Please plan on attending the ACVM Annual and Board of Governors' Meeting, which is scheduled for Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 at the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. It will be held at 9:00 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 2, 2007. The ACVM banquet will be Monday December 3, 2007 at Carsons. Additional information concerning the banquet will be provided in the future. We hope to see you there!

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### **Dues Status**

Dues are now \$80 per year. 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 2007 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. Please note that beginning with dues for 2007, the

fee will increase from \$30 to \$80 per year. All diplomates paid in advance are requested to pay an extra fee to assist the college in achieving our ambitious goals.

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### **Suggestions and Corrections**

For additional information or to provide suggestions, please contact:

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### **CRWAD Symposium**

On Sunday December 2, 2007 from 1:30 to 5:00 PM the joint AAVI/ACVM Symposium will be presented. Further details will be provided as the agenda is finalized. Please plan to attend.

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**INVOICE**

**Dues** for 2007 (\$80.00) (Dues are due by July 1, 2007)  
(Dues for past years not paid are \$80.00 per year)

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**ACVM Banquet at Carson's Restaurant, Chicago, Illinois**

The annual ACVM banquet will be held at Carson's Restaurant in Chicago, Illinois, which is within a very short walk from the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile Hotel, 540 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois. The banquet will be held on Monday December 3, 2007 starting at 6:00 PM with a social hour. The fee is only \$50.00 per person. You may choose from several salads, deserts, as well as salmon, chicken, or Carson's famous ribs. Soft drinks and brewed drinks are included. We will also have red and white wine available during dinner with a two glass limit. Other drinks will be at your own expense. The total for this fun evening is only \$50.00 per person. We hope to see all of you for this festive evening. To ensure we have an accurate count of attendees please submit your reservation to the attention of Chris Hayhow as soon as possible. I have provided a form to assist you. If you have not paid your dues, now would be a great time to catch up!

Dinner reservation: Number of persons @ \$50.00 each  
(You can choose your entrée the night of the banquet.)

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**\*\* WE MUST PROVIDE AN ACCURATE COUNT 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE DINNER.**

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make remittances payable to ACVM by check drawn on a US bank or by international money order and mail directly to Chris Hayhow, 30705 West 84<sup>th</sup> Circle, DeSoto, Kansas 66018.