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NEWSLETTER **Spring 2010**

News from the Secretary-Treasurer

On February 26 and 27, 2010, I attended the American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS) annual meeting in Schaumburg, Illinois. During the meeting our ACVM annual reports were reviewed and approved by the ABVS. We also discussed the petition from the parasitology group requesting approval to be a specialty within ACVM. Following a review of the petition and a question and answer period, the ABVS Board voted to recommend the petition move ahead and a period of public comment would be initiated. What that means is that the ABVS Board was in preliminary agreement with the proposal and now we must seek comments from the AVMA membership concerning the proposal. In the meantime the petition has several items that must be clarified. This is great news as the process is moving ahead and we hope to reap the fruits of our efforts soon.

News from the Vice President

A lot of interesting things have occurred this winter with regard to global animal and human health as seen by the summary below from recent news articles from JAVMA. The Influenza pandemic has consistently been in the public consciousness due to the threat it poses to human health. However, recent reports in both JAVMA and ProMed Digest

have highlighted the importance of identification of the H1N1 influenza virus in animals. Two cases of H1N1 in cats were diagnosed at The Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine. ACVM board member Dr. Kyoung-Jin Yoon was involved in making the laboratory diagnoses of these infections. An additional case of H1N1 in a pet ferret was also reported this year. These reports highlight the importance of veterinarians and veterinary diagnostics in identifying pandemic H1N1 influenza in domestic animals. In this regard, the Morris Animal Foundation will fund a research project on canine influenza over the next 3 years which will be coordinated by Dr. Gabriele A. Landolt of Colorado State University. The aim of the study is to help animal shelters develop the means to test for and control influenza virus in canines. Furthermore, the University of Wisconsin - Madison received close to \$10 million in research funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to study surveillance for influenza virus. The goal of the research is to identify new mutations in influenza proteins that could be indicative of viruses with pandemic potential. The United States Agency for International Development has also awarded grants totaling \$75 million this year to create global early warning programs that can predict potential influenza pandemics.

The recently formed One Health Commission met in November 2009 with members of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) and the National Research Council.

The IOM announced at the meeting that it would initiate a study to examine the interdependencies of human, animal and ecosystem health and how global health can be improved by collaborative efforts. The study findings will be used to direct the development of strategies for the one health approach. Two major institutions have taken the one health approach to heart and are creating new research centers to advance the concept. University of California, Davis has started the Global Health Institute which will utilize expertise in global health issues from all 10 campuses of the University of California system. As part of this effort, UC San Francisco's Global Health Sciences will oversee a \$3.99 million grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to make preparations for the institute, including the planning for education, research, etc. The Institute will consist of centers of expertise from multiple campuses and scientific disciplines. The second institution to embrace the one health approach is the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). CDC recently announced the merger of several divisions to create the new "National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases". The goal of the newly formed institution is to improve the allocation of resources, and improve scientific collaborations and partnerships in approaching emerging and zoonotic diseases. An additional change at CDC is the merger of several other divisions to create the new "Center for Global Health".

These recent occurrences confirm that the One Health approach to integrating human and animal health is becoming more widely accepted in scientific and medical circles. Hopefully, the advances being made now will present opportunities for ACVM members to become involved in this enterprise.

James R. Fahey

News

The recipient of the ACVM Distinguished Veterinary Microbiologist award for 2010 is Dr. Fred Murphy. He is a world renowned scientist and has made numerous contributions to our understanding of viruses. Through the years he has made tremendous contributions in veterinary medicine. Dr. Murphy has worked with the U.S. Army, CDC and several prestigious universities. He was also dean of the

veterinary school at the University of California, Davis. Dr. Murphy is currently at the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas, where he is the James W. McLaughlin Professor.

Elections

Included with this newsletter is information on candidates for the ACVM Board of Governors'. There are two (2) candidates for President. There are also seven (7) candidates for the three (3) positions available on the board. In addition, information is provided on the candidate for ACVM Honorary Diplomate for 2010, Dr. Roy J. Curtiss III. Please provide your response to the ballot to me via email at Buckeyeone@kc.rr.com or mail the ballot to Chris Hayhow at the address listed on the ballot. The deadline for returning your ballot is April 15, 2010.

Candidates for ACVM President for 2010

James R. Fahey

I received both a M.S. degree (Seton Hall University) and Ph.D (Rutgers University) in the fields of Immunology and Parasitology. During this period I also worked at Schering Plough (Bloomfield, NJ) in the Parasitology drug development group. After graduate school I spent 5 years as a postdoctoral fellow and research associate at Trudeau Institute, Saranac Lake, New York. Trudeau is a research institution whose faculty specializes in the study of the immune response to infectious diseases and cancer. At Trudeau I focused on cell-mediated immunity to malaria and on T-cell mediated immunity to cancer under the direction of Dr. Robert North. I left Trudeau Institute to work as an immunologist in the development of human viral vaccines at Lederle Laboratories (now Wyeth) and later on animal viral vaccines at Intervet America. I decided to enter veterinary school while working at Intervet. I graduated from Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1995 and practiced for 3 years in small and exotic animal medicine. It was during this period that I decided to take the board exams for ACVM and I was awarded diplomate status in 1996. While in veterinary practice I was contacted by the Jackson Laboratory and became the director of their diagnostic laboratory. The Jackson Laboratory is a private research institute

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devoted to the study of mammalian genetics using inbred mice as the principle animal model. In addition, The Jackson Laboratory is a repository for inbred and genetically engineered mice that sends mice all over the world to research institutions. In my position as director of the diagnostic laboratory, I am responsible for development of new diagnostic tests for detection of murine pathogens and for modeling diseases caused by these organisms. In this regard, I have been studying Murine Norovirus for the past 4 years. Interestingly, during this period Noroviruses have now been found in cattle, pigs, sheep and dogs.

ACVM Vision Statement

My vision for ACVM President is the same as I recently expressed several months ago when running for a Board of Governors position. I want to provide continuity in the resolution of some of the issues that are before us that will require a sustained effort to resolve. Among these issues is the need to finalize the steps necessary to incorporate the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists into the ACVM and to encourage members of our college to support ACVM by paying current and past dues. If time permits I would like to find the means to address the poor test scores that a number of our applicants have received in recent years on the general and specialty exams, and also, find alternative means of financially supporting ACVM symposia since we are competing with many others for the same dollars from pharmaceutical companies (as per Scott McVey and Chris Chase 12/06/08 ACVM Board Meeting). Under the current direction of Dr. M.M. Chengappa and recent direction of past president, Dr. Jim Roth, we have seen an increase in the number of applicants to sit the ACVM examinations, a thorough re-evaluation and rewriting of our board exams and a stabilization of the financial status of ACVM. These are great achievements that required a lot of effort on the part of a number of our colleagues, and sustained leadership by Drs. Chengappa and Roth. Finally, I hope my colleagues agree that we must continue to work to establish our college as a significant resource for government, private and overseas initiatives requiring expertise in infectious diseases of animals. With regard to the last item, I understand that some of our colleagues get involved in these affairs as part of their job and because of their individual reputations as great scientists. However, I would like to see the full measure of our

collective knowledge and expertise seen by outside agencies as an asset upon which they can draw for solutions to global animal health problems. I humbly ask for your consideration in allowing me to act on your behalf as ACVM president to support our efforts to sustain our vital and important veterinary specialty college.

David Scott McVey

David Scott McVey received the DVM degree from the University of Tennessee in 1980. He spent three years in a dairy practice in East Tennessee. He earned the PhD degree in Veterinary Microbiology from Texas A&M University in 1986. Dr. McVey joined the faculty at Kansas State University in 1986 as an Assistant Professor of Immunology. He was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor in 1992. Dr. McVey was awarded the SmithKline Beecham Award for Research Excellence in 1992. In late 1995, Dr. McVey joined Rhone Merieux as a Production Animal Scientist working in developmental research in veterinary biological products and diagnostics. In January of 1998, he joined Pfizer Bioprocess Research as a Senior Research Investigator and his most recent position there was Director of Laboratory Sciences, Biologicals Development of Pfizer Animal Health in Lincoln, NE (through April 2006). Dr. McVey is now at the University of Nebraska, where he is Professor of Clinical Microbiology and Director of the Veterinary Diagnostic Center and supervises diagnostic bacteriology and teaches bacteriology in the University of Nebraska-Iowa State University joint program for veterinary medicine. Dr. McVey was recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine in 2007. He also is a past President of the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists and has also served on the Blue Ribbon Panel for Counter Measures for Terrorist Threats to Agriculture for the President of the United States (2003-2004).

ACVM Vision and Challenges

We have taken some new steps forward and continued along successful paths. However, I am concerned that the level of engagement of most diplomats is less than it should be. I still see this as the greatest challenge for our college.

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I have always been very proud of my certification as a diplomat in the ACVM. I believe that the members of this College have been a key resource for all of veterinary medicine. I believe that the ACVM still has much to contribute to all of veterinary medicine. In order to do this, the ACVM must find new methods to attain sustained growth and new methods to engage our diplomats in activities with real and measurable impact in the veterinary profession.

There are no simple solutions to the problems associated with recruiting new diplomats and engaging old diplomats. The College should very carefully consider some revisions to the certification process so that we are aligned with the current practices in graduate and residency programs. A very significant part of this effort should be an active recruitment of veterinarians engaged in post-DVM training programs with any degree of focus on infectious diseases or clinical immunology.

In addition, the ACVM (as a body and through individual diplomats) should be very active as members of local, state and national organizations to promote the mission of the College. The biotechnology revolution will continue to have tremendous impact on laboratory diagnostics, vaccines, therapeutics as well as clinical management of infectious diseases. New (and old) questions of safety, effectiveness, duration of immunity, standardization, quality control, regulations, ethics and humanity are and will be debated in very public forums. The diplomats of the ACVM represent a tremendous resource of scientists, educators and administrators that can contribute collective and individual expertise and experience to finding solutions. We must actively seek points of engagement.

It is an honor to be nominated to stand for election as President and I look forward to continued service to the College.

Candidates for ACVM Board of Governors' for 2010

Yunjeong Kim

I obtained my veterinary degree from Seoul National University, South Korea and Doctor's degree in the fields of virology and immunology from the Ohio State University. My Ph.D. research was focused on

the development of recombinant rotavirus vaccines for cows. After graduate school, I worked on the replication of human leukemia virus-1 at HIV drug resistance program, National Institutes of Health for two years as a postdoctoral visiting fellow. Afterwards, I practiced at small animal clinics in Kansas State, before I began my work at the diagnostic laboratory of bovine viral diarrhea at Kansas State University. In 2007, I became an ACVM diplomat in immunology. Currently I am a research assistant professor in the department of Diagnostic Medicine/Pathobiology at College of Veterinary.

Vision Statement

My major goal for ACVM is to support the ongoing efforts to broaden the membership base and the professional recognition in veterinary fields. With increasing demand for diagnostic services and research activities on newly emerging diseases, I believe that the active role of ACVM in these areas and resources that it offers will promote the public health and animal welfare. Collaboration with other veterinary organizations in various endeavors such as offering continuing education programs at veterinary colleges and conferences is not only important for providing timely information to professionals in other fields but also for increasing the awareness of our College's expertise. The other area of focus is on encouragement of membership participation of new eligible graduates and provision of support through their professional career, since their professional growth in veterinary microbiology fields are pivotal to our college's recognition in veterinary fields. If elected to the ACVM board of governors, I will work to address these issues to promote the ACVM.

Jeff LeJeune

I completed a B. Sc (Biochemistry) from the Université de Moncton in NB, Canada. My DVM is from the University of Prince Edward Island ('93), also in Canada. I worked in the Division of Meat Hygiene, Canadian Food Inspection Agency for 2 years prior to returning to graduate school at Washington State University. In 2000 I completed my PhD and Residency training in Veterinary Microbiology. I became an ACVM diplomate (Bact & Mycol) in 2002. Since 2001 I have been on the faculty of The Ohio State University, at the Food Animal Health Research Program, in Wooster, OH. I

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am currently an associate professor. My research focus is on the epidemiology and ecology of zoonotic bacteria, notably Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* in cattle and the environment.

Vision Statement

The sustainability, success, and recognition of our College depends on the perceived value we have to offer our membership, our peers, our profession and society. Many of our stated objectives are focused on training and certification of veterinary microbiologists. Agreed, certification and new membership is important and laudable, but it is equally important to examine the reasons for participation (or lack of) among individuals listed on our roster. In light of the fact that we are all pulled by numerous priorities competing for our professional and personal time, I wonder if as an organization we need to brainstorm about activities or services to make engagement with the ACVM more beneficial for more individuals. I believe our annual involvement at the CRWAD meeting benefits our membership, students and others. But are there other things we could or should be doing?

Introspectively, it may be of value to systematically poll ACVM diplomates and learn what they currently value from membership, other things that might be of interest. It might also be of interest to explore what activities or services that other specialty boards do which brings them recognition. If privileged to serve on the Board of Governors, I am willing to explore these aforementioned issues and any others that are brought to my attention to advance the stature of our organization and our profession.

J. Lindsay Oaks

My educational background includes a BS (Biological Sciences, 1982, Colorado State University), a DVM (1986, Colorado State University) and a PhD (Virology, 1997, Washington State University). My clinical experience includes approximately five years of equine and exotic animal practice in the United Arab Emirates and California. Subsequently, I was the inaugural resident in Washington State University's diagnostic and clinical microbiology training program, which I completed in 1997 and the same year was ACVM certified in Bacteriology/Mycology and Virology. I am currently an Associate Professor at Washington State University in the department of Veterinary Microbiology and Pathology, the section head for

diagnostic Bacteriology/Mycology in the Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (WADDL), and the program coordinator for the diagnostic and clinical microbiology training program. My primary research interests are the pathogenesis, host cell-virus interactions, and mechanisms of persistence of viral infections, including the equine infectious anemia lentivirus and ovine herpesvirus 2 gammaherpesvirus (malignant catarrhal fever). I also have an interest in infectious diseases of exotic birds and other wildlife. I serve as a consulting veterinarian and microbiologist for a number of wildlife conservation organizations and research projects. I am particularly interested in applying molecular methods to diagnosis and discovery of new pathogens. Other activities include being the co-chair for the AAVLD Bacteriology/Mycology steering committee, and I am in my second term on the editorial board for the Journal of Veterinary Diagnostic Investigation.

Vision Statement

What is my vision for the ACVM and our discipline if I am given the opportunity and privilege to serve on the board of governors? First, I believe that a primary role for a Board member is, of course, to work toward the betterment of the organization – but it is important to not lose sight that “betterment” is defined by the constituency. So effective communication with and listening to the membership would be essential. I anticipate that a number of long standing issues will remain with work to be done, including maintaining an exam that is challenging and relevant, increasing visibility of the ACVM and the value of ACVM certification, and the role of new disciplines in the ACVM such as Parasitology and Infectious Diseases.

But in my opinion, one of the leading issues facing our discipline is the recruiting and training of clinical and diagnostic microbiologists for the future. Diagnostic veterinary microbiologists provide essential service and leadership to our veterinary, agricultural, companion animal and public health stakeholders. But when I go to meetings and look around the room, I do not see near as many new faces as I would like (though I would have to say that this been slowly improving in recent years). Institutions remain challenged to fill diagnostic positions with people that have clinical as well as laboratory expertise. Although there are a number of institutions that now offer diagnostic microbiology training programs, I think we need more of these.

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Yet at the same time, many of these institutions, including my own, are continually challenged to fill these available positions with the right people. I believe that the ACVM should be actively involved in attracting veterinary students and veterinary graduates to careers in microbiology by providing promotional material to veterinary schools, supporting microbiology clubs, and enhancing awareness of the role that we have in veterinary medicine, public health and research. I also believe that ACVM certification should be recognized as the gold standard benchmark for infectious disease expertise and leadership in veterinary diagnostics.

David Lee Suarez

Dr. David Lee Suarez obtained a degree in Veterinary Medicine in 1988 from Auburn University, and a Ph.D. in Veterinary Microbiology from Iowa State University in 1995. He became board certified in the American College of Veterinary Microbiology in both Virology (96) and Immunology (98). From 1988 to 1991, he worked as an Associate veterinarian at Quintard Veterinary Hospital in Anniston. He remains a licensed veterinarian in the state of Iowa. Dr. Suarez was a Post-doctoral Research Associate at the Plum Island Animal Disease Center, New York in 1995. He joined the Southeast Poultry Research Laboratory, Agriculture Research Service, USDA in 1995 as a Veterinary Medical Officer in 1995. In 2005, he became Research Leader of the Exotic and Emerging Avian Viral Disease Research Unit with the same institution. His primary research interests are avian influenza virus (AIV) and Newcastle disease virus (NDV). Since 1996, he has held the position of Adjunct Instructor in the Department of Infectious Diseases, University of Georgia, and was major professor for 2 Master's and 3 Ph.D. students. Dr. Suarez also has numerous other international collaborative projects.

Vision Statement

ACVM remains one of the smaller Veterinary Specialty Colleges, and as the membership ages, renewed efforts to increase membership, without reducing standards, is needed. We need to strive to increase our numbers! The inclusion of the Veterinary Parasitologists under the ACVM umbrella, I believe will aid both groups to meet our larger goals of positively impacting the field Veterinary Medicine. The number of board eligible candidates

continues to increase (approved applicants to the College), but the number of certified candidates has not appreciably increased. I feel I can continue to contribute to the college by continuing my efforts working with or on the examinations committee. I have previously served where 6 years on this committee to prepare, revise, and administer the exams to prospective candidates. The examinations committee works hard every year to maintain the standards of the test, which is a never ending process. I would also like to serve to improve communications with prospective candidates to encourage them to apply for membership. I feel the College has a lot to offer its members and the veterinary community and I want to continue to contribute to its success.

Matthew J. Sylte

I began my college education as a pre-veterinary student at Kansas State University, and worked part-time in pathology and microbiology laboratories. These experiences greatly affected my interest to pursue a career researching infectious diseases. I graduated with a bachelor of arts in microbiology from Kansas State University, and then entered veterinary school. During my veterinary training, I participated in several microbiology and immunology research projects, and graduated from Kansas State University with a doctorate in veterinary medicine. Afterwards, I entered graduate school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and graduated with a Ph.D. in veterinary immunology. During my graduate training, I annually attended the Conference for Research Workers in Animal Diseases, where I became aware of and piqued my interest in becoming an ACVM diplomate. I had post-doctoral training at Penn State and Michigan State University, and became an ACVM diplomate (certified in immunology) during this period. Afterwards, I worked as a microbiologist at the Southeast Poultry Research Laboratory (USDA ARS) on testing avian influenza vaccine efficacy in chickens. Currently, I am employed in the department of infectious diseases in the college of veterinary medicine at the University of Georgia as a research assistant scientist. My research interests include host-pathogen interaction, comparative immunology, innate immunity and vaccine development.

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I am honored to be considered as a candidate for the ACVM board of governors, and I look forward to serving the organization and addressing of vital issues such as growth and recruitment of new diplomates. Two issues that the ACVM needs to address are recruitment of new members and growth. Only a small percent of veterinarians pursue post-graduate education, and of those, even fewer are trained in infectious diseases or immunology. Candidates generally become interested in the ACVM once their careers have begun, and many don't have the time to study for the exams. Techniques to increase membership and growth could focus on younger scientists finishing their graduate degrees or in post-doctoral training fellowships. I feel it is the duty of ACVM diplomates to seek out veterinarians early in their graduate education, and discuss the ACVM mission and examination process. This may be the most effective tool we have to recruit young scientists. Likewise, the proper use of technology may benefit our outreach to candidates. For example, most potential diplomats will search online for information about the ACVM, but our website's appearance is dated and doesn't attract interest to applicants. A well designed website is vital for recruitment of graduate students; why not use the same philosophy for new diplomates? I feel the ACVM website needs to be redesigned with a new look (e.g., focusing on infectious disease and immunology) and updated content for applicants. Likewise, information about hot topic diseases such as H1N1 swine influenza and others should be made available to the diplomates, infectious researchers and veterinarians. This will help create an informative website that is visited by a greater number of people, and well help attract applicants. Modeling our website after other veterinary colleges (e.g., ACVP, ACVS, ACVIM and others) that are aesthetically pleasing easy to navigate and informative is an option. If given the opportunity, I look forward to aggressively pursuing methods, such as those described above, to grow the number of new ACVM diplomates.

Hana Van Campen

I received my B.S. in Genetics in 1975 and M.S. in Animal Science in 1978 from the University of California, Davis and D.V.M. degree from Purdue University in 1984. Following a year of mixed practice in rural Hawaii, I began graduate studies at the University of Wisconsin - Madison under the

supervision of Dr. Virginia Hinshaw and completed my Ph.D. in 1989. I became a diplomate of the ACVM in 1992. Currently, I am an associate professor in the Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology at Colorado State University and section head for the virology, virology-serology and molecular diagnostic labs within CSU's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in Fort Collins. My diagnostic duties include answering veterinarians' questions regarding testing strategies, test selection and interpretation of test results and participating in field investigations of disease in species ranging from cats to cattle. I am actively involved with the food animal section of the continuing education committee of the CVMA and serve on the editorial board of JVDI. My research interests include the epidemiology, pathogenesis, diagnosis and control of BVDV in cattle. I enjoy teaching medical and molecular virology to undergraduate students majoring in microbiology as well as participating in graduate virology courses, necropsy rotation and the virology course for veterinary students.

Vision Statement

I envision the role of the ACVM not just as the gatekeepers of microbiology, immunology and parasitology for the profession, but as actively applying science to all aspects of veterinary medicine. ACVM diplomates are uniquely qualified to determine practice standards and national animal health policies with respect to the prevention and control of infectious diseases. But, to be effective we need more of us. Prior BOG candidates have recognized the importance of promoting and expanding post-graduate veterinary microbiology educational opportunities. Limitations include the lack of reliable and sustained funding sources to support microbiology residencies in conjunction with post-DVM graduate studies including stipend and research support. I don't claim to know where new resources can be found especially during a budgetary "drought". However, if elected to the Board of Governors, I am willing to harass traditional and seek non-traditional sources for these funds and plead the cause.

David White

I grew up in Colorado and attended Colorado State University, where I received a B.S. in Environmental Health, and then entered a combined DVM/PhD

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program in conjunction with the Arthropod-borne Infectious Diseases Laboratory. I received my DVM and PhD in 2000, and went on to work as a Veterinary Medical Officer for the USDA-Agricultural Research Service, where my research focused on molecular epidemiology and immunopathogenesis of bluetongue virus. In 2004, I was presented with the opportunity to work for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-Special Pathogens Branch, where I study the early immunopathogenic events in the viral-host interactions of hemorrhagic fever viruses, specifically Lassa fever virus. In addition to examining immunodeficient animals as possible models of infection and collaborations on novel antibiotic/antiviral constructs, I have been examining the early responses of target cells (primary human dendritic cells, macrophages, and endothelial cells) to VHF infection, and examining the effect of those responses in whole peripheral blood mononuclear cell culture. I became a diplomate of the ACVM in 2008.

Vision Statement

I would bet that I'm one of the beneficiaries of the recent movement within ACVM to expand the organization by updating its focus, purview, and testing practices. Early in my career, I was encouraged to sit for the ACVM board examination by a professor, but was entirely discouraged not only by the test I took, but also by other academic veterinary researchers who did not perceive the ACVM as an organization that desired to include them and/or did not fit with their professional goals. More recent statements by the ACVM leadership as well as the greatly updated and modernized test questions have convinced me that the ACVM can be a good fit for academically-minded veterinary researchers while still maintaining its credibility and value as a professional organization for veterinary microbiology service providers (practitioners, diagnostic laboratorians, and industrial veterinarians).

While being an early beneficiary of change has both positive and negative aspects, I can see that I'm in good company after reading the vision statements of other Board of Governors nominees. In both my personal and professional lives I have tended toward inclusivity over exclusivity, and I believe that the expansion of ACVM membership will only continue if the organization reaches out to partner with other veterinary organizations that embrace like-minded

goals. Several logical partners exist, especially in the realm of public health. The recent focus on "One Health" issues by the AVMA and the CDC is an excellent example of an issue where our organization could bring the talents and experience of our membership to bear as a leader instead of a follower. Many other examples exist, either in emergency preparedness, recognition of emergent or re-emergent disease, or in the simple act of formalizing the common but under-recognized role of veterinarians as public health infrastructure. From the discovery of the role of ticks in Texas fever by Cooper Curtice et al. to the recognition of emergent West Nile virus in North America by Tracey McNamara et al. to the current focus on the pandemic H1N1 influenza virus, the fact that the rest of the health community is remembering or rediscovering the importance of veterinary medical practitioners in all health is an opportunity for us to lead and shape the present and coming wave of public health education, awareness, and preparedness.

Candidate for ACVM Honorary Diplomate for 2010 Dr. Roy J. Curtiss III

Dr. Curtiss received his B.Sc. from Cornell University and his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. He began his professional career teaching at Cornell and moved to the University of Tennessee where he was a professor of microbiology. Next, he worked at the University of Alabama followed by Washington University where he had an endowed chair. Dr. Curtiss is currently Director, Center for Infectious Diseases and Vaccinology at Arizona State University. He served on a multitude of private sector, university, national and international committees. In 2001, he was elected to the National Academy of Sciences. He has a long list of honorary titles, a highly impressive list of publications, and patents.

His research interests are in the area of infectious diseases with emphasis on pathogenesis, control, and prevention. His work has touched on issues of importance to animal and human health. Dr. Curtiss has contributed a remarkable body of work in these areas and his contributions are highly acknowledged. Roy is a master teacher and his former students are distinguished researchers. Young researchers flock to learn and consult with Roy and he is very generous with his time

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discussing research issues with them.

News

2010 Board Meeting in conjunction with the AVMA meeting in Atlanta, Georgia

Please plan on attending the ACVM Annual and Board of Governors' Meeting, which is scheduled for Sunday, August 1, 2010 in Conjunction with the annual AVMA meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. The meeting 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. We hope to see you there!

New Direction

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 ACVM website address is 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.

Dues Status

Dues are \$80 per year. They are due by July each year. If you have not paid your dues for 2010 or for any past year(s) please submit payment to my attention as soon as possible. Please make remittance payable to ACVM by check drawn on a U.S. 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 dues are \$80 per year. Beginning July 1, 2010, dues for 2011 are due. At the ACVM Board meeting in December 2009, the Board voted to increase dues to \$100.00 per year, which is effective for dues for 2011.

Send Suggestions To Improve ACVM

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David Scott McVey _____

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Yunjeong Kim _____
Jeff LeJeune _____
J. Lindsay Oaks _____
David Lee Suarez _____
Matthew J. Sylte _____
Hana Van Campen _____
David White _____

**Candidate for ACVM
Honorary Diplomat for
2010, Dr. Roy Curtiss III**

I approve Dr. Roy J. Curtiss III

I disapprove Dr. Roy J.
Curtiss III _____

Dues Owed for 2009

Ali, Akbar
Allen, Gary K.
Angulo, Arthur B.
Archambault, Marie
Baldwin, Charles A.
Bowersock, Terry L.
Brodie, Scott J.
Brown, David W.
Bruyninckx, Walter J.C.
Bulgin, Marie S.
Carlson, Jack H.
Castro, Anthony E.
Cho, Yung
Collins, Michael T.
Cooper, George L.
Corapi, Wayne V.
Cote, Isabelle
Daignault, Danielle
Dee, Scott A.
Eleraky, Nasser
Ellis, John A.
Ellsworth, Steven R.
Eriks, Inge S.
Fenwick, Brad W.
Fisch, Harvey
Garmendia, Antonio E.
Gaskin, Jack Michael
Griffith, Ronald W.
Guy, James S.
Hodgson, Jennifer
Hong, Chou C.
Isaacson, Jeffrey A.
Issel, Charles J.
Jarboe, Daniel L.
Jones, Robert L.
Kleiboeker, Steven B.
Kowalski, Joseph J.
Labrecque, Olivia
Lalonde, Guy
LeJeune, Jeffrey T.
Lester, Thomas L.
Loan, Raymond W.
Naqi, Syed A.
Newbound, Garret C.
Nusbaum, Kenneth E.
Panigrahy, Brundaban
Pearson, Leonard D.
Phipps, Andrew Jay
Plavsic, Z. Mark
Pugh Jr., George W.

Reddy, Chilekampalli A.
Reddy, P. Gopal
Reggiardo, Carlos
Rice, Robert M.
Robinson, David M.
Schlafer, Donald H.
Simmons, Donald G.
Simpson, Russell B.
Srinivasan, Viswanathan
Stephenson, Edward H.
Stevenson, Timothy H.
Swinford (White), Amy K.
Thompson, James P.
Toth, Thomas E.
Tresnan, Dina Barbis
Tudoriu, Constantin D.
Uhland, F. Carl
Velayudhan, Binu T.
Wooley, Richard E.

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Kowalski, Joseph J.
Lalonde, Guy
Lester, Thomas L.
Loan, Raymond W.
Naqi, Syed A.
Tudoriu, Constantin D.
Wooley, Richard E.

Dues Owed for 2003

Ali, Akbar
Angulo, Arthur B.
Carlson, Jack H.
Eleraky, Nasser
Eriks, Inge S.
Fisch, Harvey
Garmendia, Antonio E.
Issel, Charles J.
Kowalski, Joseph J.
Lester, Thomas L.

Dues Owed for 2002

Ali, Akbar
Carlson, Jack H.
Eleraky, Nasser

Eriks, Inge S.
Issel, Charles J.
Kowalski, Joseph J.
Lester, Thomas L.

Dues Not Paid

Kowalski, Joseph J.
Last paid 6/94

Issel, Charles
Last paid 6/97

Carlson, Jack H.
Last paid 6/98

Lester, Thomas L.
Last paid 6/98