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NEWSLETTER Spring 2012

News from the President

I hope everyone is having a productive and healthy spring season. Now that we have the parasitology specialty as part of the College, we have a need to seek long term solutions for a couple of issues that we face. We need to complete a validation of our certification examinations. We need to evaluate both test content and examination processes to be sure that our examinations are relevant to the broad spectrum of job tasks that we perform. There are multiple ways to do this analysis. Perhaps the first major objective of this effort is to select the method by which we do the analysis and validation. There is a second challenge related to this validation. Our College, as well as all ABVS colleges, needs to develop a method of recertification of diplomates. This should be a process that documents continued professional activity. This could be publications, presentations, continuing education, teaching, diagnostic case work as well as many other activities. Again, the challenge will be defining the process to achieve this goal.

We have a few years to get these tasks completed (2015). I think it will be wise to appoint an ad hoc committee reporting to the Board of Governors to address these issues. While these issues directly involve the Examination Committee's work, the Examination Committee is far too busy with important work to take on these tasks. This ad hoc committee will, however, work very closely with the

Examination Committee.

This is another opportunity for service. If you are interested in working as part of this ad hoc committee, please let me know.

Also, please remember to check out our web pages and please do take time to vote in the elections this year!

Best regards,
Scott McVey

News from the Executive Director

This newsletter is very important as it includes all of the information from our candidates that are running for the ACVM Board of Governors, ACVM President and the 2012 Honorary Diplomate. The first step in the process for the Honorary Diplomate was for your ACVM Board of Governors to vote and approve Dr. Richard Witter as the 2012 Honorary Diplomate, and that step has been completed. Now all that is need is for the membership to vote whether to approve Dr. Witter. His bio and letter of recommendation by Dr. Y.M. Saif is included in this newsletter. Please take a few minutes and read all of the bio's and vision statements and please vote! Many of you have heard that Chris and I have relocated to Athens Georgia. If you are assisting an ACVM applicant in preparing their application for this year they will need

to send their application to our new address at 240 Sedgefield Place, Athens, Georgia 30606. You may all still reach us using the 913-585-1434 phone number. The applicants may also contact me via email at jlhayhow@att.net. I appreciate your patience and support during this time.

Please remember that dues are only \$100.00 and we are currently collecting dues for 2012, and these may be paid via pay pal or a check! You will also notice that the delinquent dues only go back to 2008. If your name appears on the 2008 list you may very well owe dues before that time period. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Johnora Hayhow

News from the Secretary-Treasurer

On February 24 and 25, 2012, I attended the American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS) meeting in Schaumburg, Illinois, where I represented ACVM. Several actions were taken at the meeting. First, the ACVM annual reports were reviewed and approved. The ACVM was granted continuous full recognition as an AVMA recognized Specialty College. Second, the issue of recertification was discussed. I provided a list of some recommended options to address this issue to the ACVM Board and we are currently formulating a plan of action. However, please be aware that there is no requirement for us to retake our examinations. Third, the subject of construction of an examination was discussed. We need to complete a job analysis by December 31, 2016. This may sound ominous, but we can do this independently, with other colleges or by using a consultant.

All the best in 2012,
Chris

News

The recipient of the ACVM Distinguished Veterinary Microbiologist award for 2012 is Dr. Leon N.D. Potgieter. Dr. Potgieter received his veterinary degree from Pretoria University, Onderstepoort, South Africa. He is known as an efficient

administrator, exceptional teacher, practical researcher and a dedicated mentor. He was the head of the department of Comparative Medicine at the University of Tennessee for many years. Dr. Potgieter has done extensive work in virology and bacteriology during his illustrious career. His experience runs the gamut from field work in southern Africa, to molecular laboratory work in the US. His work in bacteriology has included agents of bovine pleuropneumonia and heartwater, *Moraxella bovis*, and *Hemophilus somnus*, to name just a few. These studies involved pathogenesis, epidemiology, diagnosis, and control of the agents, and directly impacted cattle management. Development of a pili-based vaccine for *M. bovis* as well as improved insight into the pathogenesis of various bacterial agents in bovine respiratory disease are just two aspects of his accomplishments in these areas.

Dr Potgieter's work in virology is outstanding, with major contributions in pathogenesis and control of significant pathogens affecting the cattle industry. Work with IBRV, BVDV, and BRSV has led to seminal publications on these important respiratory bovine pathogens. His contributions to the understanding of BVDV have been particularly notable, and led to advances in pathogenesis, epidemiology, improved diagnostics and control measures for this important pathogen. He also contributed significantly to BRSV epidemiology and diagnostics. The investigations directed by Dr Potgieter have involved basic virologic techniques, development of newer molecular technologies, and creation of improved vaccines and diagnostic assays. His work was not confined to food animals as he has also contributed significantly to research in viral pathogens of small animals and exotic species, including herpesvirus in the kestrel, distemper in raccoons, and ophidian paramyxovirus in vipers.

Dr Potgieter has been an icon of diagnostic virology. He established and maintained diagnostic laboratories for the South African Agricultural Department, Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory and Department of Veterinary Parasitology, Microbiology and Public Health at Oklahoma State University, and University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine. Under his direction, various diagnostic assays including HI for OPV, BRSV ELISA and PCR, and PCR for BVDV detection were developed.

In the area of teaching in microbiology and mentoring students, no one does a better job. His former students have gone on to successful careers in academia, government, and private industry. He is an excellent instructor of veterinary students, educating them not only in virology and microbiology, but also foreign diseases of

animals. His expertise in instruction and in guiding professional development, in my opinion, is unparalleled.

He is a dedicated member of ACVM and offered his services in various capacities in the board of Governors, examination committee and as the secretary treasurer for several years.

Congratulations Dr. Potgieter for receiving this prestigious award!

Elections

Included with this newsletter is information on candidates for the ACVM Board of Governors'. There are ten (10) candidates for the three (3) positions available on the board. Information is also provided on the two candidates for ACVM President. In addition, information is provided on the candidate for ACVM Honorary Diplomate for 2012, Dr. Richard L. Witter. Please provide your response to the ballot to me via email at jlhayhow@att.net or mail the ballot to Chris Hayhow at the address listed on the ballot. The deadline for returning your ballot is April 15, 2012.

Candidates for ACVM President For 2012

James R. Fahey

For the past 12.5 years I have held the position of Chief of Diagnostic Services for The Jackson Laboratory, a private research institute best known as a distributor of numerous strains of genetically defined mice. A big benefit of this job is that it requires me to draw on my background in immunology, microbiology, parasitology and virology, to deal with concerns that occur almost daily regarding approaches to both prevention and detection of infectious diseases in animals. In this regard, my diverse training and education are well matched to the daily vicissitudes of my work. The training and education I am referring to include Master's and Doctoral studies in immunology and parasitology as well as postdoctoral training in immunology including studies of immunity to infectious diseases and cancer. I also have extensive experience as a research scientist in industry having worked on commercial human and

veterinary vaccines. I have served as the Vice-President of ACVM for the past 3.5 years and was a member of the Board of Governors prior to becoming the Vice-President. The time I have spent in working with the Board of Governors has been very rewarding to me personally and I hope has been beneficial to the College as well. I have found that the ACVM members are very proud of their College and very supportive of the Board in making decisions that affect us all.

ACVM Vision Statement

The ACVM is currently in excellent condition both financially and in terms of the numbers of new applicants that have become diplomates of the College in the past several years. We are fortunate to be in this position given the difficulties we all face because of the current global economic conditions. It is important to recognize however, that our good fortune is not due to circumstance, or good luck, but rather, the tireless efforts of members of the College. We need to sustain these efforts to remain in good financial condition, to continue recruiting the best and brightest new diplomates and to maintain our status as a viable and productive affiliate of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). My vision for ACVM is to have us all step up and take on the issues that will enable us to grow and thrive as a specialty board in veterinary medicine. First of all, we need to continue working with the members who have joined us recently from the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists to assure that the assimilation of our new colleagues into ACVM and recruitment of new veterinary parasitologists is beneficial to all and strengthens the mission of ACVM. Secondly, we have recently been presented by several challenging requests from the AVMA Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS) that will require thoughtful reflection and debate on the part of our membership. The first of these challenges is to perform a task analysis; that is, define what we as veterinary microbiologists do for work, and explain how our board exams differentiate those with the knowledge, skills and abilities to become qualified veterinary microbiologists from those who lack them. The second ABVS challenge is to define an approach to recertification of ACVM members should ABVS demand this of all veterinary specialty boards in the future. Currently there are several veterinary specialty boards that require recertification, so it is not a novel concept put forth by the ABVS. I feel strongly that we can come up with reasonable

guidelines for recertification and apply them if we are required to in the future. There are other challenges that face us as a veterinary specialty board. However, I know from my experience as a member of the Board of Governors that the ACVM members always come through to face new challenges because we have a strong and responsive membership. I ask for your vote for the Presidency of ACVM so that I can put my experience and knowledge of the ACVM to work in leading our members to take on these new challenges and to continue the legacy that our current president and recent past presidents have set in strengthening the ACVM.

Steven Olsen

I completed my veterinary and graduate training at Kansas State University and have been a diplomate in ACVM since 1994. For 20 years I have conducted research on brucellosis at the National Animal Disease Laboratory in Ames, IA primarily focused on vaccine development for domestic livestock and wildlife and improvement in diagnostics. I have also collaborated on projects in other diseases including: tuberculosis, leptospirosis, and mycoplasma. In addition to my research duties, I currently fill an administrative role as a research leader for four research projects.

ACVM Vision Statement

As a candidate for president, I see a need to continue striving to increase the stature of our college and recognition of the expertise that resides within our membership. I would suggest that we also continue to raise visibility of ACVM within the veterinary community such that we continue to attract students to sit for our exam. This would assist us in maintaining membership numbers at a time when many of our active members are nearing emeritus status. We also need to find a way to increase participation and input on ACVM activities by all of our diplomates; especially those diplomates that have not been highly active since achieving board certification. Lastly, I see the need to complete the vision/commitment regarding the certification in parasitology as a high priority for the ACVM board. I hope to serve as well as the many fine leaders our college has been fortunate to have previously.



Candidates for ACVM Board of Governors' For 2012

Alejandro Banda

My academic experience can be briefly described as follows. In 1992, I graduated from a DVM program at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), in Mexico City. In 1996, I obtained a master degree in Veterinary Sciences with a major in avian medicine at the same institution. In 2002, I obtained a Ph.D. in Medical Microbiology from the University of Georgia. After my graduation, I served as a postdoctoral associate at the same university for one year, doing research on viral immunosuppressive diseases of poultry. In 2004, I obtained the board certification of the American College of Poultry Veterinarians (ACPV), and in 2008, I became a diplomate in virology by the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists (ACVM).

In 1991, I started my professional career working at the National Center for Services on Animal Health, in Tecamac, Mexico, where I was in charge of overseeing the diagnostic section of rabies in animals. From 1995 to 2003, I served as an Associate Professor in avian medicine and microbiology at UNAM in Mexico City. From 2004 to 2008, I served as a Poultry Extension Associate and Laboratory Director at the Cornell University's Duck Research Laboratory. Currently, I am a Clinical Associate Professor of Poultry Microbiology and Virology at the Poultry Research and Diagnostic Laboratory. In this capability, I oversee the diagnostic service in avian virology and serology.

ACVM Vision Statement

I share the opinion of several member of the ACVM, that one of the most important issues to be addressed by our college is increasing the recruitment of new members. In this regard, the ACVM should establish good communication with the coordinators of graduate programs in veterinary microbiology to develop more contact with the students and possible candidates for certification. It would be very beneficial to develop more activities on education, tutoring and those oriented to promote our college among the population of graduate students. I consider very important to reach those students since the beginning of their programs, for them to be aware of the mission and activities of the ACVM and also about the benefits of becoming a

diplomate. I would propose to develop a directory of graduate coordinators in programs related to veterinary microbiology or reviewing and updating the data that our college has currently available.

Our college embraces a number of experts and talented professionals on different areas of veterinary microbiology, therefore, the ACVM should actively participate in partnership with other agencies such as USDA, AVMA, USAHA, CDC, NIH etc., on different issues related to animal and public health, such as rabies, salmonellosis, influenza infections in poultry and other animals, food safety issues etc. Because of the nature of the ACVM, our college can play a role as a consultative agency. Furthermore, the ACVM should promote or facilitate the transmission of the knowledge on infectious diseases, in this regard, it should be considered to publish in our website information such as monographs and manuals on different issues with significance on animal or human health to be accessed by our members and the general public.

Yugendar Bommineni

I received both B.V.Sc. & A.H and M.V.Sc. degrees from the College of Veterinary Medicine, Hyderabad, India. During that time I worked on Bluetongue virus isolation, diagnosis and vaccine development. My clinical experience includes two years of mixed animal practice in India. Afterwards I got my Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University in the area of Microbiology. During my Ph.D. I worked on host defense peptides (antimicrobial peptides) to develop novel antimicrobial agents and immunomodulators especially against antimicrobial resistant infections. After graduate school I worked as a postdoctoral fellow at Tulane University Health Sciences Center (Tulane National Primate Research Center) New Orleans, LA in the area of comparative pathology and primate models of infectious diseases. Currently I am working as a Veterinary Diagnostician and Section head at New Mexico State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, Albuquerque, NM. My primary research interests (apart from diagnostics) are host defense peptides, immunopathology of viral diseases, auto-immunity, hypersensitivity, veterinary biologicals, vaccine development, immunotoxicology and comparative pathology. I serve as a consulting Microbiologist for viral disease diagnosis and vaccine production in India.

ACVM Vision Statement

In recent years our colleagues took some successful steps towards improving the college. I am little concerned that the recruitment of diplomates in various organizations is less than it supposed to be. We all need to work in the right direction to keep our college and value of ACVM certification. ACVM diplomates are specially trained and highly qualified to make national and international animal health practice standards and policies to control of infectious diseases globally. I would like to work with all agencies (public and private) involved in infectious diseases, immunity, diagnosis, public health and biologicals to promote and recruit ACVM diplomates. Achieving this goal automatically increases the value of ACVM certification thereby increasing the number of certified people. ACVM is one of the smaller groups when compared to other Veterinary Specialty Colleges; I would like to work on increasing the number of certified people without reducing standards. Along with the help from other colleagues in college I would like to conduct and organize special seminar series or courses to help candidates in their certification process. This will also generate interest in prospective candidates for getting ACVM eligibility. I would like to work with the examination committee in their continued effort to keep exam sections updated to maintain the ACVM certification standards. Finally I would like to target the most important group, which is veterinary students; we have to encourage these students to organize some form of infectious disease clubs to discuss the career oriented interests in microbiology including research. I would like to work with diplomates in academia especially in Veterinary Colleges to encourage their Veterinary students involved in such activities. Ideally if we have enough financial capabilities we should offer scholarships for these students during CRWAD meeting.

April Johnson

I received my DVM from the University of Illinois, College of Veterinary Medicine in 2002. In 2006, I graduated from a concurrent degree program at the University of Florida with a Ph.D. in Virology from the College of Veterinary Medicine a Masters of Public Health from the College of Health and Health Professions. My Ph.D. focused on the epidemiology of Ranaviruses in chelonians and my MPH emphasis was in epidemiology. Upon completion of the Ph.D. and MPH, I worked at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as an Epidemic Intelligence Service officer in the Influenza Division from 2006-2008. Since completion of that fellowship, I have

been working as an Assistant Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health at Purdue University, College of Veterinary Medicine. My research focuses on the epidemiology of zoonotic diseases and most recently has included Japanese encephalitis virus in the mountain districts of Nepal and Q-fever in small ruminants in Indiana. I also continue to investigate infectious diseases of reptiles and amphibians. I became certified as a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists in 2008 with a specialty in virology. In 2009, I became certified as a diplomate by the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine.

ACVM Vision Statement

Despite great steps in recent years to improve the ACVM such as the inclusion of parasitology as a specialty, improvements in the board examination and increased numbers of persons taking and passing the exam, I feel there is always room for improvement. When I started in my current position, I was the only ACVM board certified faculty member. The ironic part is that I was not hired on as a microbiologist, but rather an epidemiologist and public health veterinarian. While some of the students leaving our microbiology graduate program are seeking to become certified, the more established faculty that I have encountered at various institutions have not sought certification. And these are the faculty that should be leading by example and a population that could be reached out to, both to encourage applications, as well as to determine what the barriers are to becoming certified. Is it because there is no perceived need? Is it because they feel the organization lacks recognition? Is it because they have been disappointed in the past with testing practices or something else? Identifying these reasons can help us address them. Continued encouragement of young microbiologists taking the boards as they come out of degree programs should also be a high priority as these members will be the future of the organization. Establishing a mentor/mentee program where students can seek out an ACVM member as a mentor during their training program could be a great way to educate students about the purpose of the ACVM, while establishing a reference for when the time comes to apply for certification. Similar to what others have said in the past, I also see engagement of current diplomates as an area that could be improved. I admit that I have been less than engaged thus far. One way that I could see this improving is through maximizing use of

technology and the website. Online registration for activities such as the annual banquet could improve attendance. The use of listservs and discussion groups could improve everyday communication between members. Also, having get-togethers at various veterinary conferences might reach a broader membership audience. As a public health veterinarian teaching the concept of "One Health" to veterinary students, I feel we should continue to strive to demonstrate the role our specialty brings in the realms of emergency preparedness, emerging and re-emerging diseases, food safety and environmental health.

Hemant K. Naikare

Dr. Hemant Kashinath Naikare received his Bachelors of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry and Masters in Veterinary Sciences (Microbiology) degrees from the Bombay Veterinary College, India in 1998 and 2000 respectively. Thereafter, Dr. Naikare joined the doctoral program in Molecular Microbiology at Oklahoma State University, (OSU). After completion of Ph.D., he underwent a two-year post-doctoral fellowship in the Biosensors and Molecular Diagnostics laboratory at OSU. In 2007, Dr. Naikare joined the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) in Amarillo, as the Section Head of Bacteriology and Molecular Diagnostics sections. Since then, besides overseeing all of the testing procedures and supervising all the personnel in these sections, Dr. Naikare has been committed in utilizing his diagnostic expertise and capabilities for the development of newer tests that aid in the protection and improvement of the animal industries of Texas and other states in the US. In 2009, Dr. Naikare got board certified by the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists (ACVM). His scientific work has been published and widely cited in several peer reviewed journals. His academic research interests include microbial pathogenesis and development of newer disease diagnostics platforms for rapid and accurate detection of infectious diseases. Dr. Naikare is an ad-hoc reviewer for various journals pertaining to the field of human and veterinary public health. For the past 4 years he has served as an editorial board member for the Journal of Veterinary Diagnostic Investigation (JVDI). Dr. Naikare has also served as an ad-hoc consultant on USDA sponsored projects overseas in the field of Diagnostic Microbiology in Central America and Vietnam. He is currently pursuing a part-time MBA at the West Texas A & M University.

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ACVM Vision Statement

I would like to thank the colleagues who have nominated me to serve as a member of the ACVM Board of Governors. My vision is to work towards increasing the recognition of ACVM board certification by the academia and industry partners such that it gets global recognition. This is very important, since ACVM is a critical organization that deals with safeguarding the animal agriculture, human and veterinary public health worldwide. Utilization of classical and molecular tools for better understanding of microbial pathogenesis and disease detection are critical skills in order to succeed as a Veterinary Microbiologist. Efforts need to be taken to develop several structured clinical Microbiology residency programs catering to these skills, with financial support from academia, state/federal agency and industries. I strongly believe that if all the AAVLD-accredited laboratories and veterinary teaching hospitals work on offering at least one ACVM residency program in three years, it would ensure the supply of trained, competent, board-certified personnel to meet the demand and needs of microbiologists in the various diagnostic and reference laboratories, veterinary schools, government and private sectors. Also, by promoting internships/externships for budding Microbiologists, and through post-doctoral fellowships in the different specialties within microbiology, the pool of trained professionals will be enhanced, and the kind of services these individuals could offer would be phenomenal.

In order to increase the visibility of ACVM, the college needs to team up with other Microbiology-related organizations such as the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) and the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA), and set up exhibits at national, international and state-level meetings/conferences. This would highlight the critical role played by Veterinary Microbiologists in Food safety, animal and human public health. If elected to the board, I would keenly and persistently work on fostering new collaborations between ACVM and industries/academia. I would network with fellow colleagues from our organization and other veterinary specialties. Thus, I would actively contribute in team-work efforts towards the realization of the mission and vision of ACVM.

Amy K. Swinford

Dr. Swinford became a diplomate of the ACVM in 1997. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine and also obtained her M.S. degree there in the Department of Veterinary Pathobiology. Dr. Swinford has enjoyed a diversity of positions in her career as a veterinary microbiologist. She first worked as a diagnostic virologist at the University of Nebraska Veterinary Diagnostic Center in Lincoln, NE. She subsequently worked on vaccine and antimicrobial compound research and development with two veterinary biopharmaceutical companies. During this time, Dr. Swinford also served as a Public Health Officer in the United States Air Force Reserve. In 2005, Dr. Swinford returned to diagnostic veterinary medicine by joining the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory as Section Head of the Diagnostic Bacteriology/Mycology Laboratory. In this capacity she serves as a diagnostician, works on collaborative research projects, and is an adjunct Assistant Professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University, where she lectures in veterinary microbiology and infectious disease courses to first, second, and third-year veterinary students. Dr. Swinford is also active in the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD), serving on the Bacteriology/Mycology Committee, Membership Committee, and the Accreditation Committee.

ACVM Vision Statement

When I reflect on why it was important to me to become a diplomate of the ACVM, it had to do with the desire for recognition of competence in my chosen profession. I can think of no degree or activity that equals board certification in a specialty discipline. The ACVM recognized the need for this and has provided the means to achieve it for over forty years. The foresight of the charter microbiologists that founded this College is rather amazing, given that accreditation standards and demonstration of ongoing competence were ideas that were in their infancy, compared to today. An example of this is the current AAVLD Accreditation Requirements which, in striving to meet internationally-accepted standards for veterinary diagnostic laboratories, have placed great emphasis on qualifications of personnel. Specialty board certification is increasingly valued as a way to demonstrate competence, and not only in diagnostic labs, but also across all types of employers of veterinary microbiologists, such as industry, academia, and the military. Yet workforce shortages

of trained and competent microbiologists are a current reality and are projected to intensify in the coming years.

The ACVM must continue to play a leadership role in addressing the critical need for veterinary microbiologists. If elected to the Board of Governors, I will work with fellow Board members and the membership at large to identify new avenues for recruitment, address the issue of re-certification, and promote the mission of the ACVM to potential candidates as well as other organizations with whom collaborations might prove to be mutually beneficial. ACVM leaders have made great strides in recent years to move the College forward, with ideas such as chartering the new specialty of Parasitology, and opening a dialogue with the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. I would be honored to have the chance to help advance these efforts and other innovations that will enhance our image and educate people about ACVM. We are a tremendous resource of expertise in infectious disease and public health, and the opportunities to share this knowledge have perhaps never been greater.

Matthew J. Sylte

While a pre-veterinary student at Kansas State University, I was a student worker in pathology and microbiology laboratories in the college of veterinary medicine. These experiences greatly affected my interest to pursue the research side of veterinary medicine, and I wanted to become a pathologist. While in veterinary school, I participated in infectious diseases vaccine and immunology projects which changed my research interests towards immunology. I received my doctorate in veterinary medicine from Kansas State University and then pursued graduate education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, focusing on veterinary immunology. During my graduate training, I annually attended the Conference for Research Workers in Animal Diseases, where I became aware of becoming an ACVM diplomate. I received a Ph.D. in veterinary immunology and then had additional post-doctoral training at Penn State/Michigan State University. During this period, I became an ACVM diplomate (certified in immunology). After post-doctoral training, I worked as a microbiologist at the Southeast Poultry Research Laboratory (USDA ARS) and focused on testing vaccine efficacy for highly pathogenic avian influenza virus in chickens. I am currently employed in the department of

Infectious Diseases in the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine as an associate research scientist, with a 70% research and 30% teaching appointment. I coordinate the veterinary virology course and team-instruct the veterinary microbiology course for the professional curriculum. My research interests include host-pathogen interaction, comparative immunology and vaccine development and testing.

ACVM Vision Statement

I am honored to be considered as a candidate for the ACVM board of governors, and look forward to serving the organization and addressing of vital issues such as growth and recruitment of new diplomates. Only a small number of veterinarians pursue post-graduate education, and of those, even fewer are trained in infectious diseases or immunology. These young veterinarians become interested in the ACVM after they enter academia, where there are heavy demands on their time (e.g., teaching, grant writing, writing manuscripts, serving on committees etc.), and have very little free time to study for the exams. To increase membership, we need to target veterinarians early in their careers, when they're finishing their graduate degrees or early in post-doctoral training. ACVM diplomates should actively pursue these candidates, discuss the importance of the ACVM and provide mentorship throughout the examination process. This will be an effective tool to recruit young veterinarians and grow our membership. Likewise, the proper use of technology will benefit our outreach to potential diplomates. Our website's appearance is very dated and doesn't attract interest by potential diplomates. A well designed and informative website is vital for recruitment of graduate students; why not use the same philosophy for new ACVM diplomates? The ACVM website needs to be redesigned with a look that more aesthetically pleasing, but focuses on our achievements (e.g., show pictures of new diplomates and ACVM student awards). Likewise, it should be used to disseminate important ACVM news and hot topic items (e.g., eradication of Rinderpest etc.), and clearly state the requirements for potential diplomates. This will help create an informative website that is visited by a wider group of people, and well help attract potential diplomates. Modeling our website after other veterinary colleges (e.g., ACVP, ACVS, ACVIM and others) is an option. I applaud the recent change to the ACVM website, where diplomates can now pay dues on-line. It's a great first step, and we can do much more work to

be done. If given the opportunity, I look forward to aggressively pursuing methods to grow the number of new ACVM diplomates and to improve our website.

Deepanker Tewari

I obtained Veterinary and Master's degrees from the Haryana Agricultural University, Veterinary College in India. Following this training, I worked for a year investigating diarrheal diseases of cattle as Senior Research Officer before starting graduate work in 1991 at the Cambridge University in the UK on recombinant vaccines. Soon after finishing Ph.D., I joined the National Institutes of Health at Bethesda in 1995 and worked until 1998 on intracellular gene therapy strategies before moving on to work at the Rockefeller University in New York, with joint appointment at the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center. In 1999, I joined the Pennsylvania Animal Diagnostic Laboratory System in Harrisburg. My current job involves dealing with food and animal agriculture infectious disease issues that at times also touch human health issues.

I have had privilege to serve or lead several committees in the AAVLD and USAHA organizations including National Animal Health Laboratory Network-Technical Committee over last 10 years and have come to know many of fellow ACVMers through that association or through the ASM or the AVMA meetings.

ACVM Vision Statement

I feel grateful and honored to be nominated again to be running for the Board of Governors. I have been member since 2005. Recent efforts to recruit new members in the College are already showing promise. I am optimistic this growth is going to continue as veterinarians with infectious disease training besides safeguarding animal health will continue to be engaged in protecting human health. Whether it's preparation for pandemic flu, fighting bioterrorism, or dealing with emerging infections, veterinarians with infectious disease training are helping shape the national and international response. Even with current state of economy, it does appear the market outlook and scope for veterinary microbiologists will continue to be strong in future years tied to university, government and private industry hiring putting the growth of the College on the right track as long as recruitment efforts continue at the current pace.

In my view, besides continuing with the recruitment effort, and enhancing the membership experience for new, and existing members, visibility of the College needs to be increased by working with national and international organizations having animal health focus e.g. AVMA, AAVLD, USAHA, WAVLD, EAVLD etc., even with other AVMA specialties including ABVP, ACVIM, and by participating in development of consensus based expert opinions on important issues (antimicrobial susceptibility, avian flu, MRSA etc) with team of experts from within the College.

We should also focus on the needs of members by conducting surveys and to see if any academic or growth needs can be met through expertise or resources available from within the membership. I am sure you will all agree that we need more active engagement of members. Also, when all other specialties are looking to build a continuing education program, we should give some thought to how any such new requirement will meet the needs of all members in future.

I promise I will try my best to promote the interests of the College and fulfill the needs of our membership. I ask for your vote and support to help me better serve our organization!

Gaylen Uhlich

I received a DVM in 1981 from the University of Minnesota. After nearly eight years of mixed-animal practice in North Dakota, I joined USDA/FSIS as a Supervisory Veterinary Medical Officer stationed at Mandan, ND and later at Sterling, CO. In 1992 I entered a combined pathology residency/Ph.D. program at Kansas State University. After receiving a Ph.D. in 1998, I accepted a postdoctoral fellowship with the USDA's Meat Animal Research Center in Clay Center, NE where I studied molecular aspects of *Escherichia coli* serotype O157:H7. In 2000 I became a postdoctoral research associate at the USDA's Eastern Regional Research Center (ERRC) in Wyndmoor, PA and worked as the USDA/ARS representative on the *Listeria monocytogenes* genome closure team at The Institute for Genomic Research (J. Craig Venter Institute) in Rockville, MD. In 2003 I became a research associate at ERRC in the Microbial Food Safety Unit. My research focus is the molecular characterization of food safety pathogens and their responses to environmental factors. I became ACVM certified in 2006 and am a

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ACVM Vision Statement

I consider it an honor to be nominated to run for the Board of Governors and look forward to the opportunity to become more involved with our organization and to help shape its future. As a member, I am challenged somewhat geographically and contextually. I am located a considerable distance from our flagship meeting (CRWAD): a meeting that is not attended routinely by my major collaborators and stakeholders. Over the years I have found it difficult to feel connected with and provide useful service to our organization. While electronic and modern communication methods provide a suitable means for keeping members informed, the greatest benefits from our organization have derived from the personal interactions and networking opportunities provided by attending meetings, especially the CRWAD meeting. However, as the scope of our organization continues to diversify and our membership expands to more global locations, serving our membership from one central location or meeting may become more difficult. Finding innovative ways to keep all of our members involved in the organization then may need to become a priority. Keeping members active in the organization will reduce membership losses, increase diversity, and provide new ideas for the organization. I hope that I might use a term serving on the Board of Governors to provide a slightly different perspective that could help us establish stronger ties with all members, increase member involvement, and help our organization grow.

Dmitriy V. Volokhov

Dr. Dmitriy V. Volokhov received a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 1996 from Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of Nizhny Novgorod State Agricultural Academy, Nizhny Novgorod, Russia, and a Ph.D. in Virology in 1999 from the National Research Institute for Veterinary Virology and Microbiology of Russia, Pokrov, Vladimir region, Russia. He became board certified in Virology by the American College of Veterinary Microbiology in 2009. From 1999 to 2001, he worked as a molecular virologist in the Laboratory of Molecular Diagnostics and Gene-Engineered Constructs of All-Russia Research Institute of Agricultural Biotechnology, Moscow, Russia. At that time he worked on diagnostics and research of Aleutian

disease in ranch-raised mink, bovine herpesviruses, avian influenza, and production of bispecific monoclonal antibodies for veterinary diagnostics. From 2001 to 2008 he had post-doctoral training at the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition and the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research of the US Food and Drug Administration with research focus on the detection, identification and genotyping of food-borne and gastrointestinal pathogens (*Listeria*, *Campylobacteria*, enterotoxigenic *Staphylococci*, *Clostridia*, and *Bacillus anthracis*). From 2008 to the present, he has been employed as a Staff Fellow (microbiologist) at the Laboratory of Methods Development, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, of the US Food and Drug Administration with his major research focused on mycoplasmas in cell substrates and biologics, taxonomy and systematics of *Mollicutes*, molecular detection of drug-resistant isolates of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, identification and characterization of *Listeria* species. He also performs chemistry, manufacturing and control (CMC) review of some Investigational New Drug (IND) Applications at CBER. In collaboration with the Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito, CA, he does studies on hemoplasma, mycoplasma and ureaplasma flora in healthy and diseased California Sea Lions and other marine mammals. His research interests include genetic identification and characterization of microorganisms, bacterial and viral pathogenesis, pathology of infectious diseases, current treatment options in infectious diseases, zoonoses and vaccine development. He is actively involved in work of the International Committee on Systematics of Prokaryotes (ICSP) Subcommittee on the Taxonomy of Mollicutes as a member (on mollicute diagnostics/systematics) of the Subcommittee. He has ad hoc review responsibilities for Journal of Clinical Microbiology, Applied and Environmental Microbiology, Clinical and Vaccine Immunology, Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy and serves on the editorial board of Molecular and Cellular Probes.

ACVM Vision Statement

My vision for the ACVM is to increase membership number without reducing the certification standards. I believe that including Veterinary Parasitology under the ACVM umbrella in addition to the current Virology and Bacteriology/Mycology Specialties will positively impact the ACVM mission and expertise. I also feel that during the certification and examinations of new members we need to make

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major emphasis on the clinical aspects of diagnostic microbiology and I can contribute to the college by continuing my work with the examinations committee. We also need to improve our "Networking in Everyday Life" among the college members. We should create a system of communication via email or web about daily issues and observed difficulties in diagnostic microbiology that will be helpful for all our members. An example of this useful system is the system for members of Division C (the Clinical Microbiology Division) of the American Society for Microbiology, in which I am also a regular member. This system is where people discuss their diagnostic problems and share any novel information on detection and identification of microorganisms and about innovations in microbiology and infectious diseases. We also need to regularly update the College web site with the latest published research data, scientific opinions of our members about them, and potential research grant awards programs that will be available to all our members similar to the service that exists at the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) and the American College of Veterinary Surgeons (ACVS). I would also like to serve to improve communications with prospective candidates to encourage them to apply for membership. I also feel that the College has a lot of opportunities for members as well as excellent input to the veterinary clinical and diagnostic communities. I would like to continue to contribute to the ACVM success and its leadership in veterinary diagnostic services.

Rebecca P. Wilkes

I am a 2001 graduate from The University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine (UTCVM). She worked in the clinical virology diagnostic laboratory at UTCVM prior to completing her Ph.D. in 2007 at The University of Tennessee in Comparative and Experimental Medicine, with emphases in virology and molecular biology. Dr. Wilkes became a diplomate of ACVM in 2005, with certification in virology and was additionally certified in bacteriology/mycology in 2008. She was a member of the ACVM Board of Governors from 2008-2011. She is currently a Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Biomedical and Diagnostic Sciences at UTCVM. Dr. Wilkes' research interests involve development of new therapeutics for treatment of viral diseases, specifically chronic corneal disease associated with feline herpesvirus 1 and feline infectious peritonitis.

She also oversees the molecular diagnostic testing and develops new assays for the clinical virology laboratory at the veterinary hospital.

ACVM Vision Statement

My vision is for us to continue to reach out to veterinary students with a passion for microbiology, and increase awareness that there is specialty certification in veterinary microbiology that is relevant not just for future diagnosticians, but microbiology researchers as well. ACVM should support veterinary student research exposure, such as the Meriel Veterinary Scholars Program symposium, that focuses on exposing veterinary students to career opportunities in research. There are students in this program that are potential future diplomates. I am continually amazed by the fact that many of our peers are unaware of our College. I have realized how important it is for each of us to educate our peers about ACVM. I hope that eventually, veterinary schools would not want to hire someone to teach the students microbiology unless the individual was certified in veterinary microbiology, similar to other positions in the veterinary colleges that require board certifications to teach the specialties. We need to continue to focus on increasing our membership. I was honored to be a member of the Board of Governors when we voted to add the Parasitology specialty, and this group will be a wonderful asset to our College. As ACVM continues to grow and change, it is important for the Board of Governors to contain individuals that are committed to the College's continual improvement, while also maintaining us as a cohesive group and not just a collection of separate specialties with diverse interests. This is an exciting time for ACVM, and I am grateful to be considered again for the Board of Governors.

**Candidate for ACVM Honorary Diplomate
for 2012
Dr. Richard L. Witter**

Dr. Richard L. Witter received his DVM from Michigan State University. Dr. Witter spent his entire career with the Agricultural Research Services, USDA and was the Director of the Avian Disease and Oncology Laboratory of the USDA. His research interests have principally focused on vaccines and epidemiology of neoplastic diseases of chickens and turkeys, particularly Marek's disease,

and reticuloendotheliosis. His achievements and contributions are documented in over 250 publications including book chapters and several patents. He is a world authority on avian tumors, particularly Marek's disease. He was an adjunct member of the Pathology Department, Michigan State University and has mentored a number of students in MS and Ph.D. programs. He was elected to the National Academy of Science in 1998 and received the 1999 USDA-ARS Hall of Fame Award and the Alexander Von Humboldt in 2001.

Dr. Witter's most important contribution is the elucidation of factors relevant to the control of Marek's disease, an economically important herpesvirus virus-induced cancer-like disease of commercial chickens throughout the world. Once the most devastating of all poultry diseases, Marek's disease is now controlled by one or several types of live virus vaccines that are administered to newly hatched chicks or in the egg prior to hatching. Dr. Witter has systematically studied the natural biology of the disease, developed in part or in whole 5 of the 7 licensed vaccine virus strains and has established parameters for the natural evolution of the virus strains and has established parameters for the natural evolution of the virus towards greater virulence in the field. Unless vaccines continue to provide adequate protection against exposure, the economic viability of the poultry industry would be severely challenged.

Further, Dr. Witter reported on increased virulence of Marek's disease virus and the identification of new mutant strains of the virus. As a result of Dr. Witter's contributions, research on genetic resistance to the disease and molecular technologies to design new generation vaccines has expanded.

Undoubtedly, Dr. Witter's contributions had a significant impact on American as well as world agriculture, as the scientific understanding on the evolution of Marek's disease virus virulence and the limitations of current control measures are very important issues of economics, science and food safety within the context of the world poultry industry.

Dr. Witter is deserving of the Honorary Diplomate status and it is my privilege to recommend him for your consideration.

Y.M. Saif

ACVM board meeting in Chicago, Illinois

Patrick Meeus stated that the parasitology group has collected information and that it may help clarify some questions concerning the job task analysis. He agreed to share the information with the ACVM Board. It was agreed that we would investigate the issue further and that Amelia would submit a proposal to the Board concerning options for working with a consultant to improve the examination process. Next we discussed the nominating letters for candidates for certification by ACVM. It was agreed that we would add information to the application form to clarify what is needed by ACVM diplomates when they write letters of support for potential diplomates. As requested by ABVS, Amelia agreed to update the list of books listed as references on the certification list.

News

2012 Board Meeting in conjunction with the AVMA meeting in San Diego, California

Please plan on attending the ACVM Annual and Board of Governors' Meeting, which is scheduled for Sunday, August 5, 2012 in Conjunction with the annual AVMA meeting in San Diego, California. It will be held with the Parasitology Association AAVP, at the Westin Hotel. 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!

2012 Board Meeting at CRWAD in Chicago

Please plan on attending the ACVM Annual and Board of Governors' Meeting, which is scheduled for Sunday, December 2, 2012 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. The ACVM banquet will be Monday, December 3, 2012 at Buca di Beppo's. Additional information concerning the banquet will be provided in the future. We hope to see you there!

New Direction

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, 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

Annual ACVM dues are due by July each year. If you have not paid your dues for 2012 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. You may go to our web site at www.acvm.us and pay by credit card. *Emeritus or honorary diplomates do not need to pay dues* (donations are always welcome). Emeritus diplomates can vote, but not honorary diplomates. **Beginning July 1, 2011, dues for 2012 were due.**

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