



## Call for Session Proposals and Poster Abstracts

### 2013 AAVMC Annual Conference and Iverson Bell Symposium

AAVMC is pleased to announce an exciting opportunity for faculty and students to publicize and share their work and ideas during the 2013 AAVMC Annual Conference and Iverson Bell Symposium, to be held **March 8 -10, 2013** at the Westin Alexandria in Alexandria, VA. Selected session proposals will be included in the Educational Sessions during the conference and selected posters will be on display throughout the course of the conference. The topic of this year's Annual Conference and Iverson Bell Symposium is Diversity and Inclusion: Excellence in Institutional Planning, Teaching and Assessment in Veterinary Medical Education. You are invited to submit abstracts in the following categories:

- Organizational development and strategic planning
- Exploring pedagogy in veterinary medical education
- Assessing institutional activities and student learning outcomes

The 19<sup>th</sup> Iverson Bell Symposium builds on previous work with a focus on institutional planning, teaching and assessment. The NAVMEC *Roadmap for Veterinary Medical Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* includes recommendations that emphasize the importance of diversity that go much deeper than recruitment, retention and even institutional climate. The inclusion of diversity and multicultural awareness among the desired professional competencies in a new graduate requires strategic institutional planning efforts that include the full complement of activities within the college of veterinary medicine. Concrete curricular efforts to support the development of diversity related competencies must be developed, tested and improved. And in the spirit of continuous improvement, assessment of our activities across the institution must be embraced and used to foster a climate of excellence that is fed by continuous improvement.

In honor of the 19th Iverson Bell Symposium, proposals that explore these topical areas with respect to diversity and inclusion will be given preference in the abstract/session selection process.

Abstracts are limited to 300 words and should be submitted via email to Matt Grogg at [mgrogg@aavmc.org](mailto:mgrogg@aavmc.org) no later than **June 22, 2012**. The Annual Conference Program Committee will review the submissions and choose sessions and posters based on relevancy of the topic and completeness of the proposal. The Program Committee will ensure that the conference includes a wide variety of session topics, speakers and posters.

All who submit proposals will be contacted regarding a decision of acceptance by July 13, 2012. After Educational Sessions are chosen, you will be assigned to an AAVMC staff liaison who will work with you on session details. The Program Committee is responsible for the content of each session and, as the conference program develops, edits to proposals, suggestions for additions, or other changes may be made to better balance each session.

Manuscripts based on poster abstracts and/or oral presentations accepted for the conference may be considered for publication in the Journal of Veterinary Medical Education (JVME). Authors of selected posters or oral presentations may be contacted by Dr. Henry Baker, Editor-in-Chief, to ascertain mutual interest in preparing a manuscript for submission to the Journal. Manuscripts submitted from such an invitation will not be accepted for publication automatically, but will be peer-reviewed, as are all submissions to determine acceptability for publication.

### **Submittal Instructions**

By **June 22, 2012**, please email proposals with the following information to Matt Grogg at [mgrogg@aavmc.org](mailto:mgrogg@aavmc.org).

- Proposal organizer and contact information. The organizer is the person submitting the application and will be the primary contact for all information pertaining to the session.
- Submissions with more than one author must designate a corresponding author. Please include the full name, degree(s), title, institution, and e-mail of each author.
- Session or poster title (brief 4 to 5 words, catchy, yet fully descriptive of topic preferred).
- Brief description of topic and message. Provide enough detail in description so that the committee can make an informed decision (300 word maximum).
- Identify the intended audience for your proposal.
- For a session proposal, please identify the recommended format for your proposed session (panel session, lecture, open discussion, etc.)
- For a session proposal, please identify the proposed length of the session.
- Please identify if the proposal is for a session, poster, both or either.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you!