

## *Global Initiatives in Veterinary Education (GIVE)*

### **Tufts University, Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine and Veterinary College at the Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science, Tribhuvan University**

The Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, North Grafton, MA, USA and their companion college, the Veterinary College at the Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science (IAAS), Tribhuvan University, Ramour, Chitwan, Nepal are undertaking a long-term, mutually beneficial relationship through a cooperative exchange program involving multiple faculty, staff, and students from each partner institution.

The Tufts University project coordinator is Dr. Gretchen Kaufman ([Gretchen.kaufman@tufts.edu](mailto:Gretchen.kaufman@tufts.edu)) and their member on the AAVMC International Affairs Committee is Dr. Christine Jost ([Christine.jost@tufts.edu](mailto:Christine.jost@tufts.edu)). At least six additional Tufts veterinary faculty members from the Departments of Clinical Sciences and Environmental & Population Health will cooperate in various phases of the project. The Dean of the college is Dr. Deborah Kochevar ([Deborah.kochevar@tufts.edu](mailto:Deborah.kochevar@tufts.edu)). The college telephone number is (508) 839-5302. The Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, founded in 1978, is New England's only veterinary college. It awards DVM, MS, and PhD. Degrees and has along history of international involvement.

The IAAS Dean and project coordinator is Dr. I. P. Dhakal ([ipdhakal@yahoo.com](mailto:ipdhakal@yahoo.com)). The IAAS is the only veterinary college in the national university system of Nepal. It was developed in the early 1990s to provide in-country training for Nepalese veterinarians. Its 5.5 year veterinary program grants the BVSc degree. At least four IAAS faculty will participate in the program. It is listed in the AVMA Directory and Resource Manual as having graduates certified by the national government to practice veterinary medicine in Nepal and offers training in both basic and clinical sciences.

The Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University and the Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science at Tribhuvan University have a signed memorandum of understanding furthering cooperation in education and academic fields. Cooperation shall we carried out through activities and programs such as:

- Joint research in fields of mutual interest
- Exchange of academic staff for the purposes of teaching and research



- Study abroad programs for students
- Participation in joint seminars, lectures, training and academic meetings

Current Tufts University-Tribhuvan University GIVE program components include:

- Two-way faculty and student exchanges involving college campuses and field trips;
- Strategies for curriculum development in epidemiology, public health and zoonotic diseases;
- Library and information resource building;
- Capacity building in dog sterilization;
- Joint collaborative research opportunities; and
- Academic infrastructure strengthening.

If you wish further information about the Tufts University-Tribhuvan University GIVE partnership, please contact Dr. Kaufman.

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