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Association of American Veterinary Medical College Names New Executive Director

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) has named Marguerite Pappaioanou, DVM, MPVM, PhD, as its new executive director, effective November 1, 2007. Dr. Pappaioanou now holds a joint appointment as Professor of Infectious Disease Epidemiology in the School of Public Health and College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Minnesota.



“We could not be more pleased with the selection of Dr. Pappaioanou as head of the AAVMC,” said Dr. Tim Boosinger, Dean of Auburn University School of Veterinary Medicine and head of the search committee. “She brings a wealth of experience in international public health, infectious disease crisis management, and health science policy to this position, and we look forward to her visionary leadership in tackling the challenges facing our profession in the years ahead.”

Prior to her academic appointments at the University of Minnesota, Dr. Pappaioanou held numerous positions at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, most recently Acting Deputy Director in the Office of Global Health in 2004, and Associate Director for Science and Policy from 1999-2004. She co-coordinated CDC’s international response to the SARS and avian flu outbreaks in 2003 and served as the point of contact at CDC for Department of Health and Human Service activities in Afghanistan and Iraq.

“I believe that veterinary medicine has a vital role to play in responding to crucial societal needs—including food safety and animal health, biomedical research, public health, emergency response, and protecting the well-being of our ecosystem,” Dr. Pappaioanou said upon her appointment. “As the representative of the distinguished institutions where veterinarians are educated and trained, AAVMC can be the nexus for addressing those needs. I am so honored to lead this organization and to continue to build on its many strengths.”

Dr. Pappaioanou earned her bachelor’s and DVM degrees at Michigan State University, and her MPVM and doctoral degrees from the University of California, Davis. She is a diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine, and serves as an Associate Editor of the *Emerging Infectious Disease Journal*.

Dr. Pappaioanou succeeds Dr. Lawrence E. Heider, who will retire October 31. He has served as executive director since 2002.

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