

Global Veterinary Medicine among AAVMC members

International programs at AAVMC member institutions facilitate a global view of improving human and animal health and welfare through an array of educational, outreach, and research initiatives.

Courses, training workshops, and faculty or student exchanges are offered through these programs to cover areas such as global animal production, food security, and food safety, regulatory and economic aspects of international livestock trade, and control and prevention of transboundary diseases. Veterinary professionals learn concepts in diverse subjects such as population medicine, the economics of veterinary care, agricultural biotechnology, cross-cultural understanding, innate disease resistance in indigenous breeds, and the role of women in livestock production. Other pertinent areas covered in those courses include the governments' infrastructure for response to disease threats, including agro- and bioterrorism; disaster medicine; the role of veterinarians in international public health; and diseases in wild and domestic animals as indicators of ecological health and threats to human health.

Faculty members and students carry out economically and culturally appropriate worldwide research projects. The majority of these research projects are applied and development initiatives. Most of these projects include training components involving veterinary and graduate students.