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## **AAVMC Elects Officers and Directors**

*Dean Boosinger Assumes Presidency; Dr. James Fox Named President-elect*

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The Association of American Veterinary Colleges (AAVMC) elected officers and directors at their summer meeting, held in conjunction with the annual convention of the American Veterinary Medical Association in Washington, DC. Dr. Timothy Boosinger, Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Auburn University, became the 42<sup>nd</sup> president of the AAVMC. Dr. Boosinger earned his DVM degree and his PhD in veterinary pathology from the School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University. He has served in administrative positions at Auburn University since 1993 and was appointed dean in 1997.

Dr. James Fox, Director of the Division of Comparative Medicine and Professor in the Division of Biological Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was named president-elect. Dr. Fox is a diplomate and a past president of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine, and past chairman of the NIH/NCRR Comparative Medicine Study Section. Dr. Fox was recently elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, and is a member of ILAR Council of the

National Academy of Sciences. He is also an Adjunct Professor at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University and the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Willie M. Reed, Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine and Professor of Veterinary Anatomic Pathology at Purdue University, was elected as Secretary of the AAVMC. Dr. Reed received his DVM degree from Tuskegee University in 1978 and his PhD in Veterinary Pathology from Purdue University in 1982. He is a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists and a charter diplomate of the American College of Poultry Veterinarians.

Dr. Gerhardt Schurig, dean of the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, was elected as Treasurer of the AAVMC. Dr. Schurig earned his DVM degree in 1970 from the University of Chile and his MS and PhD degrees in immunology from Cornell University. He joined the faculty at Virginia Tech in 1978 and previously served as chair of the Department of Veterinary Biosciences and Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies.

Dr. Jean Sirois, dean of the Faculte de medecine veterinaire of the Université de Montréal, was elected to represent the Canadian veterinary medical colleges and Dr. M. Christine Zink, Interim Director of Comparative Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, was elected to represent the departments of comparative medicine.

Dr. Lance Perryman, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at Colorado State University, has moved to the position of past president. Dr. Warwick Arden, Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at North Carolina State University, will continue as the U.S. Dean-at-Large to the AAVMC Board of Directors and Dr. David Zeman, Veterinary Science Department Head at North Dakota State University, will continue to represent the departments of veterinary science. Dr. John Thomson, Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University, continues as the AAVMC liaison to the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges and Dr. Lawrence Heider continues as the AAVMC Executive Director.

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