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- Colorado State University
- Cornell University
- Iowa State University
- Kansas State University
- Louisiana State University
- Michigan State University
- Mississippi State University
- North Carolina State University
- Ohio State University
- Oklahoma State University
- Oregon State University
- Purdue University
- Texas A & M University
- Tufts University
- Tuskegee University
- University of California, Davis
- University of Florida
- University of Georgia
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- University of Minnesota
- University of Missouri
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine
- Washington State University
- Western University of Health Sciences

**CANADIAN VETERINARY SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES**
- Université de Montréal
- University of Calgary
- University of Guelph
- University of Prince Edward Island
- University of Saskatchewan

**INTERNATIONAL VETERINARY SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES**
- Massey University
- Murdoch University
- Universiteit Utrecht
- University College Dublin
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Glasgow
- University of London
- University of Melbourne
- University of Sydney

**DEPARTMENTS OF VETERINARY SCIENCE**
- North Dakota State University
- OARDC/The Ohio State University
- Pennsylvania State University
- South Dakota State University
- University of Arizona
- University of Connecticut
- University of Kentucky
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- University of Wyoming

**DEPARTMENTS OF COMPARATIVE MEDICINE**
- Johns Hopkins University
- M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Pennsylvania State University
- Stanford University
- University of California, San Diego
- University of Maryland-Baltimore
- University of Michigan

**VETERINARY MEDICAL EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS**
- Angell Animal Medical Center
- Animal Medical Center
- Dept. of Veterinary Science, AMEDD Center and School, U.S. Army

**INTERNATIONAL VETERINARY SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES (AFFILIATE MEMBERS)**
- Københavns Universitet
- Ross University
- St. George’s University
- St. Matthew’s University
- Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) is proud to advance veterinary medical education and research to ensure that veterinary medicine continues to meet societal needs now and into the future. Veterinary medicine is currently at a crossroads. Ninety-eight percent of the U.S. population now lives in urban areas and the repercussions and opportunities created by globalization are becoming more apparent. U.S. and global economies face continued challenges and our colleges of veterinary medicine and departments of veterinary science and comparative medicine are losing support. These challenges, however, provide important opportunities to advance veterinary medical education and research in unprecedented ways.

Guided by the first full year of implementing our newly developed five-year strategic plan, the association has had several achievements this past year that deserve special recognition. AAVMC was pleased to launch the North American Veterinary Medical Education Consortium (NAVMEC) to plan the future of veterinary medical education. We convened over 150 stakeholders and 300 individuals from across the profession, all committed to excellence in veterinary medical education, and came to agreement on the core knowledge, skills, and competencies needed by all veterinary medical students at graduation, irrespective of the field they have chosen to pursue. We explored several new, exciting educational models that our AAVMC members are employing to produce the high-quality veterinary medical graduates of today. NAVMEC broke important ground by bringing accreditation and testing/licensure partners into its leadership and discussions. To date, innovative thinking and many fresh ideas for the future of veterinary education have come out of this far-reaching collaboration, and we look forward to the final report and considerations for future action that will come from this important initiative.

Also this past year, AAVMC was delighted to co-sponsor, with the American Veterinary Medical Association, a symposium entitled “Swimming with the Tide: Animal Welfare in Veterinary Medical Education and Research.” This important meeting, held in East Lansing, Michigan, in November 2009, brought 200 participants together with the world’s foremost experts in animal care and welfare to explore and discuss veterinary medical education and research for this critical evolving area. And AAVMC was very pleased this past year to implement important changes in the program of the AAVMC Annual Meeting—taking important steps toward making this meeting the premier international meeting for veterinary medical education and research.

On behalf of the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges, we thank our members, partners, collaborators, and staff for an outstanding year and look forward with great anticipation to continued progress in advancing veterinary medical education in the year ahead.

Marguerite Pappaioanou, DVM, MPVM, PhD, DACVPM
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AAVMC members, staff, and partners are proud of their many accomplishments this past year. The AAVMC resources that made these achievements possible were guided by the 2010–2014 strategic plan, which can be accessed at the following website: www.aavmc.org/documents/AAVMC-StrategicPlan.pdf

CORE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Veterinary Medical College Application Service

- AAVMC processed 23,404 applications from 6,143 applicants to 33 AAVMC veterinary medical colleges and schools in the United States, Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom. To facilitate student applications, AAVMC published the 2010 edition of the Veterinary Medical School Admission Requirements.

Journal of Veterinary Medical Education

- Four issues of JVME were published; among them were two collections of articles covering seminal veterinary medical education symposiums by AAVMC, including the 2009 Iverson Bell Symposium and an AAVMC/AVMA joint international educational symposium on animal welfare, November 2009.
- JVME conducted a readership survey to identify the most effective ways to reach its readers, assess the principal topics of interest to the journal’s readers, and plan for future development and growth.

AAVMC Comparative Data Report

- AAVMC finalized and distributed key comparative data from U.S. colleges of veterinary medicine to participating institutions. The report, produced annually since 1968, provides critical information to support and guide AAVMC activities in advocacy, diversity, and recruitment.

General Information Exchange and Networking

- The AAVMC held its 2010 Annual Meeting March 10–14, 2010, at a new location in Alexandria, Virginia. Over 170 administrators, faculty, and partners attended four educational sessions on veterinary medical education and research. Important steps are being taken to make this meeting the premier veterinary medical education meeting in the world.

STRATEGIC OVERARCHING GOALS

Advocacy

- AAVMC advocated for HR 2999, the Veterinary Public Health Workforce and Education Act. This Act would provide competitive grants for facilities, educational program support, scholarships, and faculty support to help U.S. colleges of veterinary medicine
increase class enrollment and recruit new faculty to strengthen the U.S. public health workforce.

- AAVMC advocated for increased funding for the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP), Sec. 1433 Animal Health and Disease Research Funds, and the USDA Regional Centers of Excellence program. VMLRP was launched on April 30, 2010. AAVMC comments provided to the USDA were cited as assisting in the establishment of this important program.

- The AAVMC 2010 Advocacy Summit was held in conjunction with the AAVMC 2010 Annual Meeting. The summit focused on building congressional support for HR 2999, and connecting AAVMC members with their representatives in Congress. Members of Congress, key congressional staff, and AAVMC members and staff participated in AAVMC’s first congressional reception.

- Former Senator Wayne Allard, DVM, serving as a consultant to AAVMC, facilitated AAVMC meetings with leaders of the executive branch, including Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg, MD, Deputy Commissioner Joshua Sharfstein, MD, and HRSA Administrator Mary Wakefield, PhD, RN. The meetings focused on AAVMC’s legislative agenda and raised awareness of the contributions our member institutions make in protecting human, animal, and environmental health.

**Animal Welfare**

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STRATEGIC GOALS

Goal 1 — Education

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- More than 300 students and 30 faculty advisors learned about public health career opportunities for veterinarians at “A Day at CDC for Veterinary Medical Students,” co-sponsored by the AAVMC, AVMA, APHA, FDA and the CDC.

- AAVMC advocates and provides staff support for the member-initiated Veterinary Educator Collaborative (VEC) and Veterinary Internet Content Exchange (VetICE). Both initiatives are laying exciting new groundwork to facilitate sharing educational resources and materials among AAVMC members. A seed grant of $300,000 was awarded by the U.S. Department of Education to VetICE to develop a platform to share faculty expertise through electronic courses. Other funding proposals have outcomes pending.

- James Fox, DVM, MS, AAVMC past president, served on the One Health Commission Board of Directors. He facilitated communications with the Institute of Medicine (IOM) and National Research Council on a “One Health” study proposal. The IOM is pursuing funding by the U.S. government for this study.


Goal 2 — Research

- AAVMC co-sponsored the Merial-NIH National Veterinary Scholars Symposium in August 2009, at North Carolina State University.

- The roughly 300 students who participated presented on research they had conducted the previous year and learned about career opportunities for veterinarians in research.

Goal 3 — Recruitment

- The AAVMC held a successful career fair at the 2010 annual meeting in March. Just over 300 students from throughout the Eastern Seaboard attended informational sessions on career opportunities in veterinary medicine and visited informational exhibits sponsored by member institutions and related veterinary medical organizations.

Goal 4 — Diversity

- The overall number of racially and/or ethnically underrepresented students continues to grow and has increased nearly 38 percent since the 2005 launch of the DiVersity Matters initiative.

- AAVMC assisted member institutions in planning programs for Southeast and Midwest regional veterinary medical education diversity meetings that focused on promoting inclusive academic environments and infusion of diversity in veterinary medical curricula.
AAVMC provides leadership for and promotes excellence in academic veterinary medicine to prepare the veterinary workforce with the scientific knowledge and skills required to meet societal needs through the protection of animal health, the relief of animal suffering, the conservation of animal resources, the promotion of public health, and the advancement of medical knowledge.

AAVMC pursues its mission by providing leadership in:

• Advocating on behalf of academic veterinary medicine;
• Serving as a catalyst and convener on issues of importance to academic veterinary medicine;
• Providing information, knowledge, and solutions to support members’ work; and
• Building global partnerships and coalitions to advance our collective goals.
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Meeting attendees ponder the current state of post-DVM clinical education and its impact on college faculty. Content for the opening session was produced in collaboration with the American Association of Veterinary Clinicians.

Jonathan Naylor, BVSc, PhD, Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine, asks a question of the panel during an educational session that focused on assessment of skills and outcomes as the critical first step in designing a curriculum.

L to R: David Haworth, DVM, PhD, Pfizer Animal Health, Larry Adams, DVM, PhD, Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine, and AAVMC President Warwick Arden, BVSc, PhD, after the presentation of the national 2009 Pfizer Teaching Award to Dr. Adams.

Stuart Reid, BVMS, PhD, DVM, dean at the University of Glasgow Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and chair of the 2010 Annual Meeting program committee, speaks during Educational Session III on curriculum delivery methods.

L to R: Peter Bill, DVM, MS, PhD, of Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine, 2010 Recognition Lecturer Patricia Lowrie of Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Kathy Salisbury, DVM, MS, of Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine, Willie Reed, DVM, PhD, Dean of Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine, and Jim Thompson, DVM, PhD, Dean of University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine, relax and socialize during the AAVMC President’s Reception and Poster Session.
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With strong membership support, AAVMC has been able to realize many important achievements in securing the future of veterinary medicine. With the help and support of its partners, AAVMC looks forward to continued efforts in ensuring that academic veterinary medicine is meeting the needs of society.