

# AAVPT NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2010

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Carol A. Davis, Ph. D.

Here we are - spring has arrived. I love spring, but in central Illinois spring does not hang around very long. We usually go from cold and windy to hot and windy in about a week! But things are greening up, and I will dust off my golf clubs and head to the practice range very soon. This year my goal is to drive the ball farther and shoot par. Hope springs eternal!

The executive council has been meeting monthly via conference call, and this year we are trying something new. We have asked all of the committee chairs to join in on the call. I think this has helped to improve communication between the EC and the standing committees, and it gives everyone a better understanding of what is going on in the organization. Each meeting we ask one of the chairs to take about ten minutes and fill us in on what that committee is doing. I find it very helpful, and I hope the EC and committee chairs find it useful, too.

### Bioequivalence Workshop

The BE program committee has been very busy, and the workshop is in its final stages of preparation before it is offered this June in Washington, DC. As always we attempt to estimate how many we think will attend but then have to wait (with great anticipation) until we start seeing registrations in the mail. I am very pleased to hear the registration is going great, and we are getting close to having a full house. In addition to the workshop, Drs. Marilyn Martinez and Rob Hunter are planning a pre-meeting webinar which will be presented in May. This is a first for us. I want to thank everyone on the program committee for all of their hard work, and I am looking forward to the meeting.

### AAPS/AAVPT/ACVCP Joint Workshop

A two-day workshop entitled "Veterinary Pharmaceuticals: Contemporary Challenges and Advances Impacting the Development of Veterinary Pharmaceuticals" will be presented November 13 - 14, 2010 just prior to the annual American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists meeting in New Orleans, LA. This is the third meeting we have co-sponsored with AAPS. This year we are pleased to have the ACVCP join us as a co-sponsor. The meeting was approved last fall by the AAPS program committee. There is a lot of competition for these workshops, and we have been very fortunate to get our co-sponsored workshops approved every time we have submitted them. There are two sessions -

1) the globalization of the animal health industry and regulation and 2) meeting global animal health needs through increased efficiency and therapeutic options. AAPS will be sending registration information about the meeting to all AAVPT members. You can also go to [www.aapspharmaceutica.com/VetPharm](http://www.aapspharmaceutica.com/VetPharm) for more information. Our previous meetings have been very successful, and I hope many of our members will attend the meeting.

### CVM Short Course

**Veterinary Drug Regulatory Life Cycle (A to Z)**  
I hope everyone read the recent announcement from Sanja about the new AAVPT/CVM training course that will be offered next year. We are very excited about this new event. This is the first short course we have offered, and we are pleased with the response and all-out effort being put forth by the people at CVM. I think they have come up with a great name for the course - "Veterinary Drug Regulatory Life Cycle (A to Z)". Our many thanks go out to Drs. Sanja Modric and Michele Sharkey for their leadership



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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **AAVPT is accepting nominations for the 2011 Lloyd E. Davis Award (see page 5 for details)**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT (CONTINUED)

in preparing the formal proposal and presenting it to the management groups to get the final approval. They and their colleagues worked many hours discussing and planning the course, and we are very grateful for the support we have received for this project. I believe it will be an outstanding program, and I look forward to seeing it get underway. The meeting date has been set – February 28 – March 4, 2011 in Washington, DC. More information will be sent as we get the lectures organized and the location selected.

### 2011 Biennial Symposium

The early planning for the next biennial is going well. We decided to get an early start with a small group of people (Drs. Ralph Claxton, Anthony Lucas, Sanja Modric, Michele Sharkey, and myself) in the fall of last year. Michelle took on the task of searching the internet for potential sites. We had two criteria for the meeting location – first, we wanted to get away from the big cities and, second, we wanted to try to find a place which was not too expensive. She did a great job coming up with several suggestions, and in the end we all agreed that the Lowell Center at the University of Wisconsin looked like the best place for our meeting. Since none of us had ever seen the site, we asked Terry Clark to go over and take a look. He reported back that he thought the center would fit our needs, and with that we contacted the center and got the ball rolling. Since it needs to be a university function, we are fortunate to have one of our members, Dr. Lauren Trepanier, on campus who has agreed to serve as our host for the meeting. We want to thank her for her help and look forward to working with her. We already have preliminary information up on our website.

I must admit having the site selected this early takes away considerable stress. We are well on our way to accomplishing the more important tasks of selecting topics and finding speakers. To select topics for this year, we are trying something new. We have developed a program template with the session times laid out for our three day meeting. We have then asked session organizers to fill in the blocks of time with topics and speakers. This has reduced the workload for the whole committee. This approach was used in the Bioequivalence workshop, and it worked well for them. We have also tried to set deadlines for certain action items such as sponsorship outreach,

advertising for awards, abstract submission, etc. This gives us a longer lead time so we do not get down the road and realize we forgot to do something. Hopefully we can use this template in future years to assist incoming officers to help them better understand what to expect.

### Membership

I am pleased to see our membership has been growing. This is due, in part, to the bylaw changes we made in 2001 that make it easier to become a member. There does seem to be a problem with our current procedures because we are not seeing any new fellow members. The membership committee (chaired by Cindy Cole) has been looking into this issue and has come up a couple of recommendations to address this problem. The committee has come to realize that we do not have a good mechanism for getting regular members upgraded to fellow and is looking into how the bylaws might be tweaked or whether some formal guidelines can be put into place.

### In Closing

With all these overlapping meetings you might say we have had to become good at “multitasking”. I am amazed at how well we do with no staff. The obvious truth is this is possible because the AAVPT is privileged to have so many talented people serving as our officers, committee chairs, committee members, and program chairs who are willing to volunteer their time to insure our programs get done. I must also acknowledge everyone who is serving on the program committees and speaking at our meetings. They are the ones who make our programs a success. The quality is outstanding, and thus we are able to draw people from outside our organization to our meetings and provide a good value at a reasonable cost. There are a lot of meetings out there, and we are fortunate to be able to offer programming that serves our members. I want to thank everyone who has helped us in our programming effort over this last year and in years past. I truly enjoy working with all of you.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I again would like to encourage you to get involved. It is the best way to get to meet and work with some great people and to learn about veterinary pharmacology. We need more people to get involved, and I invite you to get involved.

**AAPS/AAVPT/ACVCP**

**Joint Workshop**

**Nov. 13-14, 2010**

**New Orleans, LA**

[www.aapspharmaceutica.com/VetPharm](http://www.aapspharmaceutica.com/VetPharm)

## FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Sanja Modric

The first part of this year has been a very active one in terms of various AAVPT activities. It seems that we have just closed the doors of the 2010 symposium in June 2009, and we are already moving full-steam ahead with planning the 2011 biennial symposium. Aside from the symposium, there are many other outreach/educational opportunities with which AAVPT has been involved.

We have three major meetings scheduled in the next 14 months: the Bioequivalence Workshop in June, the Drug Approval Course (dates TBD) and the 2011 biennial symposium in May 2011. In addition to these meetings, AAVPT is planning a separate bioequivalence webinar prior to the Bioequivalence Workshop. Together with AAPS and the Controlled Release Society, we are also co-sponsoring the Animal Pharmaceutics & Technology Focus Group's Workshop at the next Controlled Release Society's annual meeting that will be held in New Orleans, LA on November 13-14, 2010.

You can see that we have been busy planning a fruitful and dynamic year for veterinary pharmacology and for our Academy.

### **AAVPT/ECVCP Bioequivalence Workshop**

The 2010 Bioequivalence workshop is a ground-breaking initiative that will lead to creative solutions for addressing the complex scientific and statistical challenges that pose barriers to the assessment of product bioequivalence for a wide variety of veterinary formulations. Lectures and round table discussions will go for three full days and nights in an effort to include such complex bioequivalence topics as the evaluation of bioequivalence for highly variable drugs; defining the appropriate analyte; establishing the bioequivalence of non-systemically absorbed formulations, intramammary products, extended release formulations, and Type A medicated articles; the relationship between generic approvals and antimicrobial resistance; and challenges with rolling out bioequivalence concepts in developing countries. The final agenda can be found at <http://www.aavpt.org/documents/BEWorkshopAgenda-schedule.pdf>

The workshop will serve as a springboard for subsequent White Papers which will provide the

foundation for identifying ways to address these complex bioequivalence issues. We are currently looking for individuals who can share their expertise in the development of specific White Papers. Registration at the Bioequivalence Workshop IS NOT a prerequisite for co-authoring a White Paper. Topics can be found at the AAVPT website. Following peer review, the White Papers are targeted for publication in the JVPT. If you are an expert in one of these topics and wish to collaborate on the development of a White Paper, please contact Drs. Marilyn Martinez ([marilyn.martinez@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:marilyn.martinez@fda.hhs.gov)) and Sanja Modric ([sanja.modric@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:sanja.modric@fda.hhs.gov)).

The Bioequivalence meeting will be held at the [Bolger Conference Center](#) in Potomac Maryland, June 27 - 30, 2010. To facilitate interactions, the Bolger Center will provide meals for all registrants. Limited housing is also available at the Bolger Center. Therefore, we recommend that you register early due to limited space. For more details, visit [http://www.aavpt.org/BE\\_workshop.shtml](http://www.aavpt.org/BE_workshop.shtml).

In preparation for the June Workshop, Marilyn Martinez and Rob Hunter provided an overview of some of the basic bioequivalence challenges on which the workshop will focus. This overview will be published in the Journal of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics (JVPT). In addition, AAVPT will sponsor a 2.5-hr interactive webinar on May 24, 2010, that will cover the basics of assessing product bioequivalence. Information regarding registration and cost of webinar participation, updates on the workshop agenda, lists of White Paper topics, workshop registration forms, as well as future opportunities for comment and information exchange, are available at [www.aavpt.org](http://www.aavpt.org).

### **AAVPT Drug Approval Course**

AAVPT and FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine are excited to announce that they are collaborating to provide a new training course for industry, academia and regulatory agencies interested in learning more about regulatory science, the drug approval process in the US, and post-approval activities at CVM. This course is a novel approach to strengthen the ties between all AAVPT constituents and facilitate better communication among all of us. Specific dates for the course have not been determined yet, but the proposed timeline is either late fall of 2010 or early spring of 2011.

**AAVPT/ECVCP  
Bioequivalence  
Workshop**

**June 27-30, 2010**

**Bolger Conference  
Center**

**Potomac Maryland**

**Interactive  
Bioequivalence  
Webinar**

**May 24, 2010**

**11 AM—1:30 PM  
(Eastern Time)**

**Drug Approval  
Training Course**

**Washington, DC  
metropolitan area**

**For additional  
information see  
[www.aavpt.org](http://www.aavpt.org)**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT (CONTINUED)

The week-long course will be held in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Topics include pre-approval requirements, surveillance, compliance, communications with CVM, MUMS, generic drugs, and much more. Additional information on the course may be found on the AAVPT website. Depending on the interest and success of the first course, we hope to turn this into a recurring learning opportunity for all interested groups.

Organizing committee: Ralph Claxton, Carol Davis, Anthony Lucas, Sanja Modric and Michele Sharkey.

### AAVPT 17<sup>th</sup> Biennial Symposium 2011

The next biennial symposium will be held May 22-25, 2011 at the Lowell Conference Center on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus. We look forward to seeing many of you in beautiful Madison, and we are preparing an exciting program. Major symposium topics include CYP-450,

pharmacovigilance, biologics, and veterinary pharmacology education. As 2011 marks the 33rd anniversary of the Academy, as well as the 20th anniversary of our sister-organization, the American College of Veterinary Clinical Pharmacology (ACVCP), the program committee is planning to make the symposium a memorable occasion by highlighting the history and activities of the founders and original members of both the Academy and the College during the meeting.

Program committee: Dawn Boothe, Ralph Claxton, Cynthia Cole, Carol Davis, Virginia Fajt, Anthony Lucas, Katrina Mealey, Sanja Modric, Lesley Rausch-Derra and Michele Sharkey.

**AAVPT 17<sup>th</sup>  
Biennial Symposium**

**May 22-25, 2011**

**Lowell Conference  
Center**

**University of  
Wisconsin-Madison**

## FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

*Anthony Lucas*

### Secretary Report

Since the AAVPT Biennial Symposium last year we have several new Regular members (Tara Marmulak, Elizabeth Johnson, Paolo De Iulii, Elizabeth DeLomba, Douglass Oeller, Tom Modric, Melanie Berson and Ying Johnston) and three new student members (Dhruba Pathak, David Yemchuk and Kamoltip Thungrat). The contact details for the new members have been added in the AAVPT directory ([www.aavpt.org](http://www.aavpt.org)), and I ask you to make all of them feel welcome.

It is interesting to note that many of these new members have come through their contact with the various workshops that the AAVPT has run over the past few years (Biennial Symposia and Antimicrobial workshop). As we continue to have a busy schedule of meetings and workshops over the next few years (Bioequivalence workshop, CVM workshop and 2011 Biennial), I hope that these events will continue to help the membership grow.

Alistair Webb requested emeritus status. Alistair first became a member of AAVPT in 1989.

The Dues notice was sent out late this year, as I was considering a change in my employment, and I did not want to put obsolete reply details on the forms. Unfortunately, when I did finalize the contact details to put on the form, I made a mistake in the fax number. I apologize for this mistake and for any inconvenience it may have caused. All of this does not seem to have stopped many of you from submitting your forms in a timely manner, and I thank you for being so patient and prompt.

### Treasurer Report

As of Feb 26<sup>th</sup>, the AAVPT checkbook showed a balance of \$40,609.26. There was \$35,094.20 in the general account and \$5515.06 in the awards fund. The consolidated transactions since August 1, 2009 for the general account are:

Item	Credit	Debit
Sponsorship of the Biennial	4000.00	
Late Biennial Symposia Registration	532.12	
Dues	445.00	
JVPT subscriptions	210.00	
Biennial hotel costs		30284.90
Biennial speaker reimbursement		4201.25
Credit card fees		634.81
Credit for Biennial registration		200.00
Newsletter printing		141.48
Envelopes for Dues Notice mailing		31.84
Fedex materials for Biennial		23.00
Returned check and returned check fee		20.00
Postage		14.14

It should be noted that the high credit card fee is a carry over from more than \$50,000 in credit card transactions from the Biennial Symposium.

As the registration for the Bioequivalence workshop is looking strong, I will transfer \$30,000 to the Comptroller to bolster the cash account so that it can earn higher interest.



# **The American Academy of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics**

**Now Accepting Nominations for**

## **The 2011 Lloyd E. Davis Award**



The "Lloyd E. Davis Award" is presented to individuals for significant contributions over an entire career to the advancement and extension of knowledge in the fields of veterinary or comparative pharmacology. Previous Award Recipients include:

Thomas E. Powers, 1990  
Folke Rasmussen, 1992  
Arthur L. Aronson, 1994  
Charles Short, 1998  
Carl Aronson, 2001

Gary D. Koritz, 2003  
J. Desmond Baggot, 2005  
Peter Lees, 2007  
Pierre-Louis Toutain, 2009

The award is given every two years and presented at the AAVP Biennial Symposium. The award consists of a commemorative plaque and a check for \$750. The recipient is invited to attend our biennial as the guest of the AAVPT. All travel and meeting expenses are covered for the recipient. The award will be announced at the 17<sup>th</sup> Biennial Symposium on May 22-25, 2011. The recipient will be invited by the Academy to deliver a Lloyd E. Davis Lecture during the meeting.

Nominations should include at least two letters of support for the candidate from AAVPT members. The letters should describe the contributions and accomplishments of the nominee to field of veterinary or comparative pharmacology to indicate why, in their judgment, the nominee should be recognized for their accomplishments. The letters should be submitted along with the nominee's complete curriculum vitae. Nominees need not be members of the AAVPT.

Nominations must be submitted to the Chair of the Awards Committee by December 31, 2010. Information can be sent via e-mail to [rausch-derra@hughes.net](mailto:rausch-derra@hughes.net), or via mail to Lesley Rausch-Derra, 8085 N. Chariton Avenue, Parkville, MO 64152.

## MEMBERSHIP/BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Cynthia Cole

**Committee Members:** Cynthia Cole (chair), Carol Davis, Virginia Fajt, Anthony Lucas, Rainer Moser, Jane Owens, and Kirby Pasloske

### Membership Activities

Our major focus this period has been identifying Regular members who are eligible for Fellow member status. The committee is currently reviewing the membership roster and will contact those eligible Regular members in the near future to encourage them to apply for Fellow member status. In addition, the committee is discussing whether it is possible and desirable to allow new members to join directly as Fellow members. Currently, new members join as Regular members and then may apply for Fellow status.

The committee agreed to put forward a position statement to the EC regarding the inappropriate use of the Fellowship status to imply a specialty certification. Virginia Fajt spearheaded drafting the statement which was approved by the rest of the committee.

### Position Statement on the Use of Fellowship Status

There are several membership categories in the American Academy of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics (AAVPT): Fellow, Member, and Student Member, as well as Distinguished and Emeritus Fellow. Candidates with an interest or experience in veterinary pharmacology may become Members by submitting an application and paying dues for the current year.

To become a Fellow, a Fellow in good standing shall submit the proposed Fellow's name to the Secretary-Treasurer. The Fellowship will be voted on by the elected officers of the Academy (the Council). Fellows are expected to have all of the following characteristics:

1. Be a Member of the Academy
2. Possess either a
  - a. baccalaureate degree or equivalent and at least five (5) years of experience in education or research in veterinary pharmacology *OR*
  - b. the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine or Pharm D or equivalent and at least five (5)

years of experience in education or research in veterinary pharmacology *OR*

c. a Master of Science (in pharmacology or related discipline) or equivalent and at least three (3) years of experience in education or research in veterinary pharmacology *OR*

d. the Doctor of Philosophy degree or equivalent in an allied discipline and at least two (2) years of experience in education or research in veterinary pharmacology *OR*

e. the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (or equivalent) and board certification as a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Clinical Pharmacology (or foreign equivalent) and at least two (2) years of experience in education or research in veterinary pharmacology

3. Have made a meaningful contribution toward advancement of the discipline.

The AAVPT is a professional organization whose purpose is to promote the science of veterinary pharmacology and therapeutics. The AAVPT is not a credentialing body. Therefore, the term Fellow should not be used as a credential. The term Fellow is designed to identify the category of membership within AAVPT, and its use should be limited to those arenas in which identifying membership in a professional organization is appropriate.

Carol and Rainer are continuing to work on a Historical Perspective for AAVPT which will be posted on the website.

Virginia Fajt and Carol Davis are revising the application forms. The goal is to have one Student member application form and one Regular/Fellow Member application. Applicants will indicate which type of membership they are applying for and will be able to enter the academy as Fellows, if appropriate.

Please feel free to comment on any of these issues. Please send comments to [Cynthia.cole@novartis.com](mailto:Cynthia.cole@novartis.com) and I will pass them along to the rest of the committee. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact me as well. We would love to have you.

The committee is currently reviewing the membership roster and will contact those eligible Regular members to encourage them to apply for Fellow member status.

## JOURNAL OF VETERINARY PHARMACOLOGY AND THERAPEUTICS (JVPT)

*Jim E. Riviere, Editor*

JVPT is now publishing its 33rd volume showcasing veterinary pharmacology research for a third of a century! The journal has completed another successful year as judged by the number of high quality manuscripts published in 2009. Our submission rate has settled in at over two hundred manuscripts per year (229 to be exact) which is 2-3 times the average seen before the manuscript handling process went on-line in 2006. Our rejection rate is holding at about 50-60% which insures manuscript quality holds up. I am also pleased that turnaround time from submission to acceptance is also significantly shortened. Of course this creates the issue of a larger than desirable backlog of accepted papers. My co-editor Dr. Johanna Fink-Gremmels and myself are aggressively addressing this with our publisher in the coming months to probe on how we can shorten the time to posting articles to PubMed. Global financial constraints prevent increasing page allocations. However, the good side of having a healthy backlog is that we can be more selective in what we publish. The merger of Blackwell and Wiley Publishers into Wiley-Blackwell now seems to be complete which should further improve the efficiency of this process.

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the long-time service of Drs. John Burka, Arthur Craigmill and Alistair Webb who retired from our Editorial Board at the end of 2009. Their tireless dedication and work on behalf of the journal is what makes JVPT successful. They will be replaced by Drs. Virginia Fajt, Ron Johnson and Duncan Ferguson. Welcome aboard.

We have a number of high-quality reviews which should be published this year. If you have an idea for a review article, please pass it by our Review Editor Dr. Mark Papich. Please note that JVPT reviews undergo peer-review and are NOT automatically accepted. Please submit your best work to your journal as in the end, this is the reason JVPT exists.

Finally, for those of you in industry, JVPT does publish supplements which are an ideal way to support therapeutic areas of specific interest to your company. Please contact me should you have any ideas.

As always, thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve our association.

**Drs. John Burka,  
Arthur Craigmill &  
Alistair Webb retire  
from JVPT Editorial  
Board and will be  
replaced by Drs.  
Virginia Fajt,  
Ron Johnson &  
Duncan Ferguson.**

## LIAISON REPORTS

### THE VETERINARY PHARMACOLOGY RESEARCH FOUNDATION (VPRF)

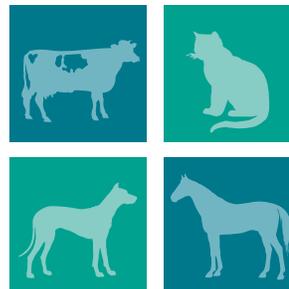
*Jane Owens*

Generous 2009 donations from AAVPT, Pfizer Animal Health, Torpac, Inc. and members of AAVPT have allowed the Veterinary Pharmacology Research Foundation to announce a 2010 grant of up to \$18,000 for research projects devoted to veterinary pharmacology. Over 30 grant proposals were received in January, and the scientific review board is currently assessing each proposal. It is anticipated that the winners will be announced in the second quarter of 2010.

For this round of grants, the VPRF partnered with the AVCIM Foundation to facilitate the granting process. Submissions were due by January 22 and any clinician or scientist with an interest in veterinary pharmacology was eligible

to serve as Principal Investigator on the proposal. As this grant is a partnership between veterinary internists and VPRF, collaborations between pharmacologists and Diplomates of ACVIM were strongly encouraged.

The Board of the VPRF is ecstatic about this tremendous response. It certainly validates the critical need for dedicated funding organizations focused on veterinary pharmacology. The VPRF board would like to thank all of you who helped make this possible through your generous contributions.



**Veterinary  
Pharmacology  
Research  
Foundation**

## THE VETERINARY PHARMACOLOGY RESEARCH FOUNDATION (CONTINUED)

We welcome Torpac Capsules as our second Corporate Sponsor. Torpac is a niche manufacturer of large size (3ml-108ml), GMP compliant, capsules from porcine gelatin, used for delivering nutritional and drug products to dairy and beef cattle. Torpac also makes the world's smallest capsules for rats, capsules for other pre-clinical species, and offers capsule filling equipment and assistance with dosing applicators. Please visit their informative website [www.torpac.com](http://www.torpac.com) for more information including a capsule size versus species chart.

In 2010, the Board will continue to solicit grassroots support and will start to focus on more corporate sponsorship, with the goal of being able to support even more veterinary pharmacology research projects in 2011.

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### Board Members

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## ANTIMICROBIAL USE TASK FORCE (AUTF) OF THE AVMA

*Mike Apley*

*AAVPT representative to the AVMA Antimicrobial Use Task Force*

The Antimicrobial Use Task Force (AUTF) of the AVMA has had two face-to-face meetings and numerous conference calls. We are currently considering another meeting in Schaumburg pending the results of an upcoming conference call. Dr. Hans Coetzee served as my alternate for one meeting at the AVMA headquarters due to a previous commitment on my part (thanks Hans).

The AUTF, in my opinion, has expanded its charge beyond the original charge of the veterinary oversight of antimicrobials to now include a policy statement on growth promoting and preventive uses of antimicrobials in food animals.

The AUTF contains a wide variety of backgrounds and interests, and this has led to discussion of a variety of views. From my perspective, the AVMA (and the AAVPT) should continue to stand for a rigorous, scientific approach to regulating and approving or withdrawing approvals of antimicrobials in food animals. While it is easy for us all to agree on a science-driven process, this quickly falls apart as we all bring our understandings of acceptable scientific process to the table. When it comes to antimicrobials, we cannot achieve zero risk of use in any species. Therefore, to apply a zero risk standard to the use of antimicrobials in food animals would be

nonsensical in my view, especially if we are not also evaluating the benefits. So even if we agree on how to quantify a risk, we then must answer what risk is acceptable. Don't leave dinner in the oven if you are going to start that discussion. Another challenge is that everyone on the Task Force has their opinion of what is "settled science".

In an interesting twist, the recommendations of the Task Force (both adopted and draft) were provided to other councils, and the Task Force then began debating not only our own recommendations, but also the recommendations and critiques of other AVMA councils. As I write this, we are still in the process of deliberation. Suffice it to say that the topic of antimicrobial use in animals, and especially food animals, remains as controversial as ever.

I remain very open to, and greatly appreciate, input from any AAVPT members on this process.

**So even if we agree on how to quantify a risk, we then must answer what risk is acceptable. Don't leave dinner in the oven if you are going to start that discussion.**

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

*Carol Davis*

The nominating committee is a standing committee which has the responsibility of identifying and selecting members to run for president, president-elect, secretary-treasurer, and council members in AAVPT. The members of the nominating committee are appointed by the president to serve in an ad hoc capacity. The committee is usually established by the president six months prior to the annual election and is required to bring two candidates forward for each office.

A full slate of candidates for president, president-elect, secretary-treasurer, and two

council members is offered for the ballot every two years. On the off year only two executive council members are elected. The ballot is approved by the executive council and then the ballot is distributed by the secretary-treasurer. The full slate was elected in 2009. In 2010, we will elect two council members.

The current committee is comprised of Carol Davis (chair), Cindy Cole, Marilyn Martinez, Sanja Modric and Jane Owens. The committee is currently looking for four nominees to be placed on the ballot to serve as councilors.

## USP DELEGATE COMMITTEE

*Cory Langston*

The veterinary information panel of USP is now inactive.

## USP INFORMATION COMMITTEE

*Trisha Dowling*

The USP dissolved the Information committee last year.

## USP STANDARDS COMMITTEE

*Mark Papich*

The USP Veterinary Drug Expert committee has been relatively inactive in anticipation of winding down the 2005-2010 cycle. This committee will not exist in the new cycle. The veterinary drug standard-setting activities will be moved to the Small Molecules Expert Committee. In 2010, at the USP Convention, new Expert Committee Chairs and the Council of Experts will be elected. The AAVPT has one delegate to the Convention; other veterinary delegates to the convention include a representative of the veterinary college deans, AVMA, AHI, FDA-CVM, and an at-large member. After the new committees are seated, there will be opportunities to form new Expert Panels to take on issues that have importance for a specific issue or group of stakeholders. It is anticipated in this new cycle that there will be a Veterinary Drug Expert Panel. This will be a cross-cutting panel that will address veterinary

drug concerns that may be under the responsibility of other committees (for example, compounding committee, nomenclature committee, general chapters committee, small molecules committee). This panel will also provide veterinary drug input to the USP Pharmacist's Pharmacopeia, which already has a significant veterinary drug section. We anticipate that a Veterinary Drug Expert Panel will meet the needs of the veterinary drug stakeholders and will allow us to continue to have a voice within USP.

USP Veterinary  
Clinical Drug  
Monographs are  
now available on  
the AAVPT  
website at  
[www.aavpt.org](http://www.aavpt.org).

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## USP MONOGRAPHS AD-HOC COMMITTEE

Ronette Gehring

Over the past two decades, the U.S. Pharmacopoeia (USP) developed and published information monographs for clinically important veterinary drugs (Veterinary Clinical Drug Monographs). These drug monographs were designed as comprehensive references, summarizing the most recently available information and supporting evidence for veterinary species. The monographs were developed in conjunction with a Veterinary Medicine Information Expert Committee that included veterinary pharmacologists, pharmacists and species experts. They were published in special issues of the Journal of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics and were available free of charge online through the USP website.

Unfortunately, the USP closed down its veterinary division due to budgetary constraints associated with the recent economic downturn. As a result, resources were no longer available to publish and maintain the Veterinary Clinical Drug Monographs. The veterinary pharmacology community was faced with the possibility that these documents could disappear into obscurity, and with it all the valuable information and work that had gone into creating them.

The AAVPT responded by working with the USP to procure the documents. In Fall 2009, the American Academy of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics became the owner of the former USP Veterinary Clinical Drug Monographs, which are now available at no cost on the AAVPT website at <http://www.aavpt.org>. They cover information about anti-inflammatory drugs, antibiotics, anthelmintics and certain compounded medications.

An *ad-hoc* committee of the AAVPT EC was formed to investigate the feasibility of further developing and maintaining these monographs as a service to the veterinary profession. Several alternative approaches were considered by the committee. Most importantly, the resources required for this task were discussed and identified for each approach.

The committee's next step will be to gauge the interest, need and support for this project within the veterinary pharmacology and evidence-based medicine communities. A survey has been prepared, which will soon be sent to members of the AAVPT, ACVCP and EBVM. Watch for the survey in your e-mail inbox. We hope you will all participate!

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## NEWS

### Lauren Trepanier receives 2009 Norden-Pfizer Teaching Award

Dr. Lauren A. Trepanier, University of Wisconsin-Madison, was a 2009 recipient of the Car J. Norden-Pfizer Distinguished Teaching Award. The Norden award is given to educators in recognition of their character and leadership qualities, as well as, their outstanding teaching abilities.

### Dan Upson receives Intervet/Schering-Plough Mentor of the Year Award

At the 42nd American Association of Bovine Practitioners annual convention, Dr. Dan W. Upson was recognized for his commitment to the animal-health industry and for inspiring others in veterinary medicine and honored with the Intervet/Schering Plough Mentor of the Year Award.

### 14th International Biotechnology Symposium

The 14th International Biotechnology Symposium and Exhibition will take place September 14-18, 2010 in Rimini, Italy. For more information visit [www.ibs2010.org](http://www.ibs2010.org).

### SaskVal Workshop 2011

The second SaskVal Workshop will be held June 19-22, 2011 in Saskatoon, Canada. For more information e-mail [saskval@inspection.gc.ca](mailto:saskval@inspection.gc.ca).

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