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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jane G. Owens

I hope this newsletter finds our membership happy, healthy and wise. Hopefully, those of you in the northern hemisphere are beginning to see signs of spring. The daffodils and green grass are welcome sight in Indiana after a long winter.

This spring brings a name change for me: Jane G. Owens. However, my contact information is the same and my email remains as: clarkjo@lilly.com.

Executive Council Update

Since the last newsletter, the Executive Council has met by teleconference twice and has plans to meet at least quarterly to keep up the traction on our initiatives (see below for more details). We've made good progress on revitalizing several of our standing committees and we have nominated members to serve on several key US and Global committees that are vital to our membership. For instance, Art Craigmill and Jim Riviere have been nominated to serve on two important human food safety committees, Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods and the FAO/WHO Joint Committee on Food Additives (JECFA), respectively. AAVPT has also requested that one of our members be considered for the next opening on the CVM VMAC Committee.

Two new councilors will join the Executive Council at the Annual General Meeting in May: Cyril Clarke and Cynthia Cole. Anthony Lucas and Rob Hunter's council terms will expire just prior to the Annual General Meeting. Our thanks go out to Anthony and Rob for their excellent contributions to Council.

Plans are well underway for our next Biennial meeting which will be held in Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove, CA on May 20 to 24, 2007. This will be

our 30th anniversary year. This center is near Monterey, CA and was the venue of the very successful 11th Biennial Symposium in 1998.

New Members

The Academy welcomes several new members to our organization. Ernest Rogers (Veterinary Practitioner, New Jersey) joins as a Fellow. Bernadette Dunham (FDA-CVM), Garret Newbound (ELANCO Animal Health), and Pascal Richez (Transpharm, Des Mourgues, France) join as Regular Members. Alan Chicoine (Western College of Veterinary Medicine, Saskatoon, Canada) and Mark Flair (Auburn University) join as Student Members. Welcome to AAVPT!

Invitation to the Annual General Meeting

All Academy members are invited to the 2006 Annual General Meeting which will be held during the ACVIM meeting in Louisville, KY on June 2. We will have a lunch-time meeting from noon to 2 pm at the Kunz Restaurant located directly across from the Louisville Convention Center at 115 S. 4th St (corner of 4th and Market St., 502-585-5555). Please RSVP to me (clarkjo@lilly.com) by May 20th if you plan to attend.

Renewed Focus on Attracting New Members/Fellows

Our vitality depends on increasing the number of members in our Academy. As such, I'm pleased to announce that our Membership Committee has been recently reformed under the leadership of one of our very active, long standing Fellows, Carol Davis. The committee also includes several other energetic Regular Members and Fellows: Bernadette Dunham, Rob Hunter, Kirby Pasloske, and Sonja Modric. The first order of business for the membership committee is to dig

into the data from the membership survey that Bernadette Dunham and Marilyn Martinez created and implemented last May at the 14th Biennial meeting in DC. In addition, the committee will increase our recruiting efforts with a special focus on Veterinary Pharmacology Educators to facilitate collaboration among those teaching Pharmacology in Veterinary Schools. This is a great opportunity for the Membership Committee and Education Committee to collaborate in an effort to reach out to each US Veterinary School and get the people that are teaching pharmacology aware of the tools that our organization can offer them and also encourage them to be more active in AAVPT.

Please take the opportunity to invite your colleagues with veterinary pharmacology interests to join our organization. In particular, we need to increase the number of Fellows in the organization as only Fellows or Distinguished Fellows may hold office in the Academy.

Would you like to become a Fellow?

If you are currently a Regular Member, please consider becoming a Fellow. The process is much more streamlined now and only requires one nomination letter from a current Fellow. If you have been a student member, please note that this has a six year limit. Please consider becoming a Regular Member or a Fellow. More information is given under the Membership and Bylaws Committees section of this newsletter.

Would you like to become more active in AAVPT?

We encourage you to contribute your time, energy and expertise to the organization. Our vitality depends on active members. I would welcome the opportunity to talk with you about current needs in our all volunteer organization.

All Academy members are encouraged to provide feedback to officers regarding future plans for AAVPT. Our organization needs your input! We have many opportunities for Academy members to participate in our committees (see the section on committee and liaison responsibilities). Please contact committee chairs and organization liaisons if you would like to be join your AAVPT colleagues in volunteer service to this unique organization of colleagues from regulatory bodies,

academic institutions and private industry who are working in the ever broadening field of veterinary pharmacology.

Current Initiatives

We have several initiatives that are centered on our organization's Mission Statements:

1) Mission: support and promote education and research in veterinary pharmacology and to enhance the exchange of educational materials and ideas among veterinary pharmacologists

Current Initiatives Include:

- Increasing our recruiting efforts with a special focus on Veterinary Pharmacology Educators to facilitate collaboration among those teaching Pharmacology in Veterinary Schools
- Securing scholarship funds for Veterinary Students with interests in Pharmacology to ensure long term growth of the profession
- Securing grant money for comparative veterinary pharmacology research to increase the funding opportunities for basic research in veterinary pharmacology

2) Mission: organize committees of experts to research and make recommendations to the profession on current problems in veterinary therapeutics

Current Initiatives Include:

- Enhancing liaisons with American College of Veterinary Clinical Pharmacology, USP and AVMA
- Increase activity of the following committees: Awards, Education, Symposium Planning, and Membership Committees

3) Mission: Sponsor and conduct workshops, symposia or other scientific and educational meetings in veterinary pharmacology and therapeutics.

Current initiatives and collaborations are as follows.

Upcoming Meetings:

- AAVPT and ACVCP will jointly sponsor program sessions during the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine Forum in Louisville, KY on May 31 to June 3, 2006. (www.acvim.org)
- 2nd Joint American Association of Pharmaceutical Sciences/AAVPT/Controlled Release Society Workshop on Collaboration in the Research and Development of Veterinary Pharmaceuticals to be held October 27-29, 2006 in San Antonio, Texas just prior to the Annual AAPS meeting. (www.aapspharmaceutica.com/meetings/meeting.asp?id=66)
- 10th International Congress of the European Association of Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology, September 17, 22, 2006, Torino, Italy. (www.eavpt2006.it)
- The Fifteenth Biennial Symposium will be held in Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove, CA on May 20 to 24, 2007, which will be our 30th anniversary year. This center is near Monterey, CA and was the venue of the very successful 11th Biennial Symposium in 1998. (www.aavpt.org)

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Note: Officer terms begin at the Annual General Meeting of the first year of service and end just prior to the Annual General Meeting of their last year of service. One exception is for the Secretary/Treasurer whose term begins and ends on a calendar year cycle. The term for Secretary/Treasurer starts in January of the year following the election

Committee and Liaison Responsibilities:

Current list of Committees and Members:

- **Bylaw's Committee** - Ted Whitem (Chair), Jane G. Owens
- **Membership Committee** – Carol Davis (Chair), Jane G. Owens, Rob Hunter, Sonja Modric, Bernadette Dunham, Kirby Pasloske
- **JVPT Editor**– Jim Riviere, Mark Papich
- **ACVCP Liaison** – Debbie Kochevar
- **AAVPT Newsletter Committee Chair**, Cory Langston*
- **Awards Committee** – Anthony Lucas (Chair), Jane Owens, Carol Davis, Cyril Clarke, Susan Longhofer
- **Education Committee** – Cory Langston (Chair), Debbie Kochevar, Carol Davis, Rob Hunter*
- **2007 Program Committee** – Rick Vulliet (Chair), Jane G. Owens, Sonja Modric, Cyril

Clarke, Susan Longhofer, Anthony Lucas, Carol Davis, Cory Langston, Joe Gloyd

- **2006 Nomination Committee** – Jane G. Owens (Chair), Joe Gloyd, Rick Vulliet
- **Finance and Budget** – Dan Gingerich and Joe Gloyd
- Drug Availability and Food Safety – Inactivated at EC Committee Meeting in May, 2005.
- Long Range Planning Committee – Defunct. Executive Council assumes this charge
- Exam Committee – Defunct owing to genesis of ACVCP

*Currently seeking participation and expertise from Academy members

Liaison Responsibilities:

USP Information - Cory Langston

USP Standards – Mark Papich (primary), Rob Hunter (alternate)

COBTA – Cory Langston

AVMA Animal Agricultural Liaison - Dan Gingerich

FAO/WHO Joint Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) - Jim Riviere

Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs

Please contact these committee chairs and liaisons with your ideas, suggestions and comments. We welcome your feedback. Also, if you have identified a need to convene a committee of experts to tackle a current problem in veterinary therapeutics, please contact me or any officer.

SECRETARY/TREASURERS REPORT

Joe Gloyd

As of March 29, only 98 AAVPT members had paid their 2006 dues. There are 244 listed on our membership roles but 31 of those are dues exempt (Emeritus/Distinguished Fellows). Another 5 or 6 are deceased or retired.

A second notice to the 109 who have not yet paid up will be in the mail in the very near future. The good news is

that twenty of the dues paid members have contributed to the awards fund. Total contributions amounted to \$715.00; just \$55 less than was contributed by 19 members in all of last year. Perhaps we'll exceed the 2005 total before 2006 ends.

At the end of 2005 the following individuals were listed as new members of AAVPT: Dr. Garrett C. Newbound, Dr. Pascal Richez, Dr. Bernadette Dunham. New student members are Dr. Alan Chicone and Dr. Mark Flair.

If you are aware of anyone who would be interested in becoming an AAVPT member, an application for membership can be obtained from Joe Gloyd, ph. 302-761-9690, fax 302-761-9680, or Email joegloyd@aol.com or aavptsec@aol.com

COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

Dan Gingerich

As AAVPT Comptroller, my job is to look after the academy's investments, and to keep any excess cash working for us. All of our assets under my control, currently \$90,000, are invested in mutual funds, consisting of just over 12% in money market funds (cash), about 75% in growth & income funds, 8% in growth, and 5% in bond funds. At the moment growth funds are doing very well, bond funds are doing nothing, and growth & income funds, as always, are in between. I am satisfied with our present portfolio, which I consider to be conservative. I do not recommend increasing our exposure in the growth area because I'm not in favor of carrying much risk. We might consider increasing our bond fund holdings after increasing interest rates appear to have leveled off, to achieve a moderate reduction in risk while maintaining adequate returns.

I check up on all investments monthly. Through March we are clipping along at an internal return rate of 11%. Not bad, eh? If any of you have any questions, suggestions, or other comments, please feel free to contact me.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Carol Davis

The new membership committee has recently been appointed and I am pleased to serve as the chair of the

committee. The other members of the committee are Drs. Bernadette Dunham, Kirby Pasloske, Sonja Modric and Robert Hunter. I want to thank them for serving on the committee and look forward to working with them. Jane has chaired the committee and given the committee several items to consider as we move forward. The first order of business for the committee will be to review and study the survey recently prepared and collected by Bernadette and Marilyn Martinez. The data from the survey has been compiled on an excel spreadsheet but needs to be analyzed. We hope to use the data to assess where the needs are and to make recommendations to the executive counsel on how the academy might better serve the members and how we might increase our membership. To this end, the committee needs to initiate a membership drive and to try to recruit members within the education arena. This provides a great opportunity for the Membership and Education Committees work together in a joint effort to reach out to all the veterinary schools and to try to get people who are teaching pharmacology involved in the academy.

With the changes in our bylaws and the creation of new membership categories and simplification of our procedures for becoming members, we have made it easier for scientists to become members in the academy. The membership committee will need to take advantage of these changes and consider a more proactive membership drive to try to bring educators into our organization and to encourage all scientists involved in veterinary pharmacology to become members.

I encourage anyone who might have any comments or suggestions to drop me or any committee member a note anytime. We welcome any and all comments or suggestions.

Recent bylaw changes have simplified the process for obtaining membership in AAVPT.

These are the following categories of membership in AAVPT:

REGULAR MEMBER

Membership in the Academy is open to all individuals who have an interest in veterinary pharmacology and who intend to make meaningful contributions to the field. The following prerequisites must be met to the satisfaction of the Council before any candidate is eligible to become a member of the Academy.

The candidate must have a baccalaureate degree, a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (or equivalent) or a Doctor of Philosophy (or its equivalent) in pharmacology or a related discipline. Candidates for Regular Membership will be accepted after receipt by the Secretary/Treasurer of the candidate's membership application and dues for the current year. Membership is immediate upon fulfillment of these criteria.

Note: Associate Fellows were automatically converted to Regular Members during the Bylaw revision in 2005.

FELLOW MEMBER

This category of membership is reserved for members who have made a meaningful contribution toward the advancement of the discipline of veterinary pharmacology. To be eligible for membership as a Fellow, an individual must meet the following 3 requirements:

1. Be a member of the Academy
2. Possess either:

A baccalaureate degree or equivalent and at least five (5) years of experience in education or research in veterinary pharmacology OR (continued)

The Doctor of Veterinary Medicine or PharmD or equivalent and at least five (5) years of experience in education or research in veterinary pharmacology OR

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

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

The Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (or equivalent) and board certification as a diplomat 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

Have made a meaningful contribution toward advancement of the discipline.

DISTINGUISHED FELLOW

This category of membership is reserved for Fellows who have made an outstanding contribution to the field of veterinary pharmacology. The titles Fellow and Distinguished Fellow may be held simultaneously.

EMERITUS MEMBER or EMERITUS FELLOW

This category of membership is for Members or Fellows of the Academy who have retired. Their membership status will be converted to Emeritus upon submission of a written request to the Secretary-Treasurer after their retirement. The titles Emeritus Fellow and Distinguished Fellow may be held simultaneously.

STUDENT MEMBER

This category of membership is for graduate students, interns, or residents whose sponsor is a Member or Fellow of the Academy. The candidate must have a baccalaureate degree or Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (or its equivalent) and be actively enrolled in an intern, residency, Master's or Doctor of Philosophy degree program in pharmacology or related fields in which the candidate's work pertains primarily to pharmacology. Student membership is restricted to a maximum duration of six (6) years.

PROCESS FOR GAINING MEMBERSHIP:

Candidates for Member will be accepted after receipt by the Secretary/Treasurer of the candidate's membership application and dues for the current year. Membership is immediate upon fulfillment of these criteria.

Nominations of Members for acclamation as Fellows shall be submitted to the Council, through the Secretary-Treasurer (application forms are available on www.aavpt.org). Nominations for acclamation as Fellows may be proposed by any Fellow (only one recommendation is needed). An affirmative vote by eighty percent (80%) of the Council shall be required in order for a Member to be acclaimed as a Fellow of the Academy.

Nominations of Fellows for elevation to Distinguished Fellow shall be submitted to the Council, through the Secretary-Treasurer. Nominations for elevation to Distinguished Fellow must also be proposed by two (2) Fellows. An affirmative vote by eighty percent (80%) of the Council shall be required in order for a person to be acclaimed as a Distinguished Fellow of the Academy.

Emeritus status may be obtained through notification of the Secretary-Treasurer of the desire of qualified Member, Fellow or Distinguished Fellow to be listed as Emeritus.

Candidates for Student Member will be admitted to the Academy on the basis of written application to the Secretary-Treasurer (application forms are available on www.aavpt.org), sponsorship by one (1) Member or Fellow and receipt by the Secretary/Treasurer of the candidate's Student Membership application and dues for the current year. Student Membership is immediate upon fulfillment of these criteria.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Rick Vulliet

We have received notification that our request for a meeting at Asilomar on the Monterey Peninsula was accepted for May 20 to May 24th, 2007. If you have never heard of Asilomar, or have never been there, you are in for a real treat. The Monterey Peninsula, about an hour south of San Francisco, is one of the prettiest spots on the planet!



<http://www.visitasilomar.com/phototour.aspx>

We will try to use the same organization that we did previously, sessions in the morning and evening, with the afternoons free to explore.

We will be forming an organizing committee, a development committee, and a program committee that will be announced in subsequent issues. Like all things that involve AAVPT, we are actively seeking volunteers for each of these committees from all three sectors of our organization. Any ideas for the program should be emailed to me for now and I will pass them on to the program committee. Given the intimate setting and the availability of many small conference rooms at Asilomar (at no additional charge), this is an excellent opportunity to address many of the topics that might be of interest to the various segments of our academy. Also, the close proximity to the SF bay area, gives us access to many experts in pharmacology and biotech. Anybody that would like to volunteer for any of these committees, or program suggestions, should email Jane or myself.

JOURNAL OF VETERINARY PHARMACOLOGY AND THERAPEUTICS (JVPT)

Jim Riviere

Colleagues, JVPT is finally on-line. Manuscripts must be submitted electronically to the publisher's website: <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/jvpt>. Although the transition was "interesting" the site is now fully functional and the first few papers have actually made it through the system and are at the publisher. This system will tremendously reduce manuscript turnaround compared to the old paper process. (By the way, if you are an author on a manuscript processed the old way in 2005, you must continue to deal with it by mail as only 2006 manuscripts submitted electronically are processed electronically.)

Our new European Editor, Dr. Johanna Fink-Gremmels-Gehrmann, is also now fully engaged with the journal and has assumed all responsibilities that Peter Lees formerly managed. This transition went surprisingly well.

There are a few points that I would like to make. Manuscript submissions are up. My rejection rate continues to hover at about 30%. Toxicology papers are now appropriate for publication in JVPT, however these should be related to compounds used in veterinary medicine and relate to mechanistic research investigations in veterinary species. This is a new area for us and we will have to see how it progresses. Feedback is welcome. Finally, should you have ideas for reviews, please forward them to our review editor Mark Papich (mark_papich@ncsu.edu).

Thank you for giving me this honor to serve AAVPT. Please submit your best work to JVPT. It is your journal.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Anthony N Lucas

Several awards were presented during the 14th Biennial Symposium at the Doubletree Hotel in Rockville, MD on May 16 – May 18, 2005. The Lloyd E. Davis Award for significant contributions to the advancement and extension of knowledge in veterinary or comparative pharmacology was presented to Dr. Desmond Baggott. Dr. Lester Crawford was given the honor of

Distinguished Fellow for his years of service in both veterinary and human pharmacology. The AAVPT/ACVCP Resident Graduate Student Award was presented to Dr. Mathieu Peyrou (Faculte de Medecine Veterinaire, University de Montreal, Quebec, Canada).

The AAVPT Awards committee is working with the awards committee of the ACVCP to identify potential candidates for the AAVPT/ACVCP Resident Graduate Student Award to be awarded at ACVIM 2006.

The most exciting development is the possibility that the Awards committee could evolve into an awards and scholarships committee. This opportunity will be discussed at the AAVPT annual meeting at ACVIM 2006 and we hope to get things moving later this year.

LIAISON REPORTS

USP

Mark Papich

There are two initiatives underway for the USP Veterinary Drugs Expert Committee.

1) Prepare a priority list of commonly compounded drugs for which there is no FDA-approved medication for animals available. We will prepare drug monographs for the compounded formula, test it (for stability, potency etc.) and publish the finished monograph so that veterinary pharmacists have access to reliable information for compounded medications. So far we are completing tests on compounded potassium and sodium bromide. Other drugs on the list include (not in any particular order): cisapride, metronidazole benzoate, DES, bromide (potassium and sodium), phenylpropanolamine, pergolide, domperidone, and methimazole (oral and transdermal).

2) The other effort underway is to develop a Biopharmaceutics Classification System (BCS) system for veterinary drugs. An ad hoc committee has been approved. Members include: Dawn Boothe, Marilyn Martinez, Raafat Fahmy, Sanja Modric, Mark Papich (Chair), James Polli, Carol Davis, and Gordon Amidon. The committee has been assigned a USP-NF General Chapter number to develop guidelines for a BCS classification for veterinary pharmaceuticals. The committee's work is underway and so far we have met our deadlines. We are in the data collection process at

this time. At the AAPS meeting this fall there will be a session to introduce the work of the committee and the objectives.

AVMA COBTA

Cory Langston

A discussion has been ongoing relative to MUMS legislation as to what constitutes a minor drug use in a major species. In a letter to the FDA, the AVMA indicated it would be "practical and useful to document minor use status by requiring documentation demonstrating that: the drug is not currently approved for the disease or condition in the major species for which it is intended; it is unlikely the "minor use" designation for a drug will be applicable to a majority of the population of a major species that may be inflicted with the particular disease or condition, the need for a remedial drug for the specific disease or condition has been clearly identified by animal health professionals or an animal industry; if the drug has the same active ingredient as other approved drugs, the environmental safety assessment of the combined active ingredient of all such drugs is shown to be adequate; or, the return on investment for product does not exceed the development and maintenance costs of the product."

The AVMA Executive Board approved reaffirmation of the policy in support of the FDA-CVM position that the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994, which defines dietary supplements to be used in humans, does not apply to products intended for oral administration to animals. Additionally, the AVMA believes that the act should not be modified to include animals.

American College of Veterinary Clinical Pharmacology

Debbie Kochevar

Through Past President Terry Clark's leadership, ACVCP has amended and aligned its constitution, bylaws and committee guidelines. Past Sec-Treas, Katrina Mealey guided the ACVCP through a successful 5 year review by the American Board of Veterinary Specialties leading to full accreditation for the college. The College thanks Dr. Clark and Dr. Mealey for their time and service.

Credentials Committee Chair and Vice President (since 2003), Michele Doucet, Exam Committee Chair Mark

Heit, and webmaster Jeff Wilcke deserve many thanks for their successful efforts to move management of candidate credentialing and examination registration to a web-based system.

With newly revised guidelines in place for ACVCP training programs, all existing and new residency programs have recently been reviewed and approved by the Education Committee. With the October 2005 submission cycle, individuals desiring to take the ACVCP certification exams must have trained in one of these programs. Approved training programs (as of March 1, 2006) and their ACVCP supervisors include: North Carolina State (M. Papich), U Wisconsin (L. Trepanier), Western College of Veterinary Medicine (T. Dowling), U of Montreal (M. Doucet), Iowa State University (Open). Additional training programs have recently been submitted for review and are pending approval.

The College welcomed 7 new diplomates in 2004 and 1 new diplomate in 2005. All have become involved in College activities by serving on a variety of committees. 2004 diplomates are Drs. Eden C. Birmingham, Virginia R. Fajt, Ron Johnson, Stanley Butch KuKanich, K. Gary Magdesian, Lara K Maxwell, and Sarah Wagner. Dr. Jennifer Davis was the sole member of the 2005 class of diplomates.

New ACVCP officers (2005 - 2007) are Deborah Kochevar (President), Mike Apley (President Elect), Michele Doucet (Vice President), Albert Boeckh (Secretary-Treasurer), and Terry Clark (Past President). Committee chairs include: Examination (Mike Apley), Credentials (Michelle Doucet), Education (Terry Clark), Scientific Program (Mike Apley), and Nominating (Debbie Kochevar).

Joint programming sponsored by AAVPT and ACVCP will be provided at the Annual ACVIM Forum in Louisville, KY on Saturday, June 3rd, 2006. The program will lead off with a presentation by Dr. Mike Apley on "Setting Standards for Evidence-Based Therapeutics". Dr. Mark Papich will follow with a talk entitled "Myths in Small Animal Therapeutics: The Useless and the Harmful". The final two presentations will focus on therapeutic myths in food animals (Dr. M. Apley) and in horses (Dr. Patricia Dowling).

NEWS

Debbie Kochevar becomes dean of Tufts School of Veterinary Medicine.

Deborah Kochevar has been appointed as the fourth dean of the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. Her new position begins August 1.

Alistair Cribb becomes dean of new school at Calgary

Alastair Cribb has been appointed by the University of Calgary as dean of its new veterinary school. The school plans to open to Alberta students in 2007.

Dr. Cynthia Baker Cole joins IDEXX

Cynthia Baker Cole has joined IDEXX Pharmaceuticals as Manager of Professional Services. She will support their current equine pharmaceutical product line and help pave the way for future small animal products.

DRUG APPROVALS

Florfenicol VFD for catfish

Aquaflor[®] (florfenicol) is a type A medicated article by Schering-Plough Animal Health Corporation for the control of mortality due to enteric septicemia of catfish associated with *Edwardsiella ictaluri*. The formulation may only be used as a veterinary feed directive article.

Tylosin for honey bees

Tylan[®] (tylosin tartrate) Soluble Powder by Elanco Animal Health is now approved for use in honey bees for the control of American foulbrood (*Paenibacillus larvae*).

Firocoxib oral paste for horses

Equioxx[®] Oral Paste (firocoxib) by Merial Limited is now approved for the control of pain and inflammation associated with osteoarthritis in horses. The drug is also available as the canine chewable tablet Previcox[®].

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Clinical pharmacology research fellowship

A research fellowship position, the Elanco Residency in Veterinary Clinical Pharmacology, which includes graduate research training and training in clinical pharmacology, is being offered at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Veterinary Medicine. Our research focus is genetic and acquired differences in drug metabolism and their effect on individual risk of drug toxicity. We are currently studying the effect of variability in hydroxylamine and nitroso reduction pathways on the outcome of drug hypersensitivity reactions in human patients and in dogs. Currently employed methods include *in vitro* enzymology, HPLC, tissue culture, PCR, qRT-PCR, genotyping, immunoblotting, ELISA, flow cytometry, protein expression, and protein purification. The successful candidate will enroll in the Comparative Biosciences Graduate Program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, unless a Ph.D. is already held by the candidate. Clinical training will include clinical pharmacology journal club, internal medicine journal club and teaching rounds, and clinical pharmacology consulting. Those with a DVM or equivalent degree and research aptitude are eligible to apply. Clinical internship or residency training is a plus. The position is available for Fall semester 2006, and is funded by an grant from Elanco Animal Health. Salary is commensurate with experience.

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Volunteer skilled in HPLC needed for two week mission in Mongolia

One or more volunteers to help train staff and adapt HPLC techniques for analysis of drug formulations are being sought by VETNet, a non-government organization in Mongolia and an affiliate of Christian Veterinary Missions. This is part of a development grant from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation to upgrade the capabilities of the Mongolian Veterinary Drug Testing Laboratory in an effort to prevent counterfeit and subpotent drug formulations from being used in the country and, as a result, improve the health of Mongolian livestock and the welfare of the herdsmen. Travel expenses will be paid but trip must occur within the next 5 months. Interested individuals should contact Cory Langston at 662-325-1265 or langston@cvm.msstate.edu.



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