FROM THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

While we have been planning and hoping for an in-person Biennial meeting in May 2021 in Bethesda, MD, it is clear this will not be an option given the current number of daily new coronavirus cases, the unlikelihood of widespread vaccination by May, and the travel restrictions for many within our membership.

Rather than attempt a virtual meeting, the Executive Council unanimously agreed to postpone the meeting to May 2022.

This decision was made reluctantly, but with the health and safety of our members, their families, and our community in mind. Further details on the Biennial will be shared with you in 2021.

WE WILL SEE YOU IN 2022.
STAY SAFE.
UPCOMING EVENTS

The 15th International Congress of the European Association of Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology 2022 in Lviv, Ukraine

Our Health, Our Animals, Our Environment!

ONGOING INVOLVEMENTS

LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE:
The long-range planning committee continues to move forward with discussions regarding the direction and ideas for AAVPT. The plan is still to have a final report at the next AAVPT business meeting which will be presented to the membership at the next Biennial. Members include: Drs. Scott Brown, Cory Langston, Ted Whittem, Jane Owens, Carol Davis, Richard Vulliet, Sanja Modric, Anthony Lucas and Ronette Gehring.

HELP WANTED!
The AAVPT needs YOU! If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else for an officer position or as a member of our Executive Council, please contact the current chair of the nominating committee, Dr. Mike Apley (mapley@vet.k-state.edu). Positions open include President-elect, secretary and executive committee members (2). Awards (Service, Teaching, Lloyd E Davis) will be post-poned until the Biennial in 2022.

FDA Seeks Public Comment on Potential Approach for Defining Durations of Use for Certain Medically Important Antimicrobial Drugs for Food Animals. This is a call to our membership for volunteers to serve on this committee. Please email Dr. Virginia Fajt (vfajt@cvm.tamu.edu) if you wish to volunteer.

You must be member of AAVPT in good standing to participate (i.e. PAY YOUR DUES).
FROM THE PRESIDENT:

There is much to recap for you since the last newsletter update and the Annual Business Meeting. While the pandemic has limited and changed our “normal” routines, we all continue to move forward, and so has AAVPT. As many of you know, we have postponed the Biennial until 2022, but the Executive Council and the Long-range planning committee continue to work on moving AAVPT forward.

The long-range planning committee continues to discuss and make recommendations regarding the direction and ideas for AAVPT. As a result of the recommendations made at the Annual Business meeting, the EC formed a small sub-committee to formulate a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the role of Executive Assistant/organization management to help provide support to the EC for organizational operations. This RFP was sent to the listserv and is also posted on the AAVPT website (https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.aavpt.org/resource/resmgr/rfp_aavpt_assoc_mngmt_v2.pdf).

Recently, CVM/FDA announced a concept paper and a request for comments regarding potential approaches for defining durations of use for certain medically important antimicrobial drugs for food animals. In order to continue to influence AAVPT’s role as subject matter experts in the field of Veterinary Pharmacology, Dr. Virginia Fajt has agreed to lead group of AAVPT volunteers to craft and submit comments regarding the concept paper. Anyone interested in working with Virginia on this topic should contact her at vfajt@cvm.tamu.edu

Also, it is election time again. Dr. Mike Apley has agreed to chair the nomination committee. If you are willing to help him as a member of the committee or feel the calling to serve as an officer for AAVPT, please contact him at mapley@vet.k-state.edu. We will need volunteers for President-elect, Secretary, and Executive Councilors. Please consider volunteering and serving your organization.

Finally, while the Biennial has been delayed, I would encourage you to consider nominating your colleagues for the AAVPT Service, Research, Teaching Awards, The Lloyd E. Davis Award, or promotion to Distinguished Fellow status. We all know folks who are deserving of one or more of these awards and we need to continue to acknowledge the hard work of our members.

Thank you to all the members for all you do to help and support AAVPT. I look forward to the Annual Business meeting call later this year!

Sincerely,
Rob Hunter

American Academy of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics
2020 DISTINGUISHED FELLOW INDUCTEES:

This category of membership is reserved for Fellows who have made an outstanding contribution to the field of veterinary pharmacology

RONALD E. BAYNES, BSc, DVM, MS, PhD
DAWN MERTON BOOTHE, DVM, MS, PhD, DACVIM, DACVCP
CAROL DAVIS, MS, PhD
ANTHONY LUCAS, DVM, PhD

CONGRATULATIONS!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

2021 VPRF GRANT AWARDEES

INAUGURAL ACVCP RESIDENT GRANT
Dr. Brent Credille, University of Georgia
Mentor: Brian Lubbers
Disposition of Ampicillin Trihydrate in Healthy Calves and Calves Infected with Mannheimia haemolytica

PHARMACOLOGY GRANT
Dr. Andras Komaromy, Michigan State University
Safety and efficacy of topically administered latanoprostene bunod (Vyzulta™) in glaucomatous dogs with ADAMTS10-open-angle glaucoma

PHARMACOKINETIC GRANT
Dr. Amy McLean, University of California Davis
Pilot Study comparing blood and urine concentrations and pharmacokinetics of Flunixin Meglumine oral, injectable and transdermal in donkeys (Equus asinus)

American Academy of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics
2020 In Memoriam

DR. RALPH CLAXTON

DR. RALPH CLAXTON, JR., DVM, MS, age 58, passed away on August 14, 2020.

Ralph earned his Master of Science degree from the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy and earned a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from the University of Georgia. After veterinary school, Ralph worked at Lehighton Animal Hospital where he met his wife of 27 years, Melanie. He later went into the industry of veterinary pharmaceutical research and development. Most recently, he worked at Pegasus Laboratories as the Senior Director of Regulatory Affairs and New Product Development.

Ralph was known for his resilience in the face of any challenge that came his way, and his strong love for his family. He loved learning new things and taking on new projects, whether it was pharmacology, earning his first degree black belt in jiu-jitsu in 2014, guitar, cooking, or taking care of the many animals he crossed paths with in work and at home.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Veterinary Pharmacology Research Foundation by contacting Katherine Palmatier at Katherine.Palmatier@dechra.com. Donations to VPRF in Dr. Claxton’s name will be used to fund a memorial research grant in his honor for 2021.

DR. JOHN W. PAUL

JOHN W. PAUL DVM, MS, age 86 passed away peacefully on October 29, 2020 after a more than 20-year challenge of Parkinson’s disease.

He attended the Bloomfield Central School and graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology with a degree in Business/Marketing. John served in the US Army and continued his education at the Ohio State University earning both a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and a Masters in Clinical Pharmacology. John had a long and distinguished career in Animal Health, including the development of Panacur® and Regu-Mate® for horses. He retired from Hoechst Roussel Vet headquartered in Somerville NJ in 1998 before moving to Canandaigua NY.

John was active in several professional organizations including being President and Treasurer of AAVPT, as well as Treasurer of AAEP.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson Support Group of the Finger Lakes (PSGFL), PO Box 131, Canandaigua, NY 14424 or the First Congregational Church, 58 North Main Street, Canandaigua, NY 14424.
A new group has recently been established for individuals involved in teaching veterinary pharmacology. The Veterinary Educators in Pharmacology Special Interest Group (VEPSIG) aims to provide peer support to veterinary educators in pharmacology, to encourage and facilitate pedagogical research in veterinary pharmacology, and to develop and share best practice teaching approaches and material in veterinary pharmacology. Within the first month of its creation, VEPSIG has grown to approximately 40 members based in 15 countries, many of whom were able to join the inaugural meeting held earlier in December.

The founders of the Group, Prof. Arno Werners, St. George’s University, Grenada and Dr. Martin Hawes, University of Surrey, United Kingdom, said ‘We have been delighted with the response so far. It is great to see the enthusiasm of like-minded colleagues who wish to develop their own teaching skills, share their experiences and practice with peers, and collaborate internationally to advance pedagogy in veterinary pharmacology.

We should like to encourage anybody with an interest in teaching the subject to get in touch with either of us at awerners@sgu.edu or m.hawes@surrey.ac.uk so that we can add you to the Group. Our next online meeting will be held on 26 January 2021.'
2019 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES


Call ins: M. Scott-Garrard, M. Heit, T. Burnett, R. Claxton

Approval of Minutes from 2018 Business Meeting: Motion made by J. Hare to approve minutes, seconded by C. Lanaisse. Unanimously approved.

Secretary’s Report (Jen Davis) - Two notices sent out regarding the ballot for this year, one via the list serve and one via the website. Anyone that did not get 2 notices is likely not up-to-date on one of those databases and should contact me. Voting open until September 25, 2019. Candidates include:

President-elect: Jonathan Hare, Robin Koenig
Treasurer: Luke Wittenburg
Councilors: Mohammed Al-bataineh, Jennifer Caldwell, Michela Cantiello, Lisa Tell

Treasurer (Jonathan Hare) - Our accounts are in the black. Proceeds from the MDR workshop were used to subsidize students at AAVPT biennial. Biennial itself may break even, but final bills are not in yet.

VPRF transfers - $1625 transferred last quarter in contributions, 20% transferred for annual donation. Rob thanked Luke Wittenburg for his help.

Comptroller - Dan Gingerich was not present; therefore, the Comptroller’s report was presented by Dr. Fajt. An Increase in VPRF annual donations from 15% to 20% was made this year. The long-range planning committee will decide if this increase will continue in perpetuity. Comptroller position will be open. Dan Gingerich retiring and he was thanked for his service. A discussion was had regarding whether we could contract out for comptroller, which is not an officer position, and if it would be possible for an investment firm to perform these duties. It was confirmed that comptroller is an ex officio member of the council, not a voting member. An elected comptroller could potentially be a point person to work with an investment firm. Dan is registered as investor, so he has always waived his fees and hiring someone may result in less money. No final decision was made at the Business Meeting.

Long-range Planning Committee Report (Anthony Lucas) - The committee is made up of 6-8 past presidents. This is an International Committee, so getting together is logistically difficult. So far, they have had two meetings. Topics for discussion included:

Membership - why do people join AAVPT, how can we better get them to understand the value of membership, how do we attract more members; how do we interest people in running for office/committees

Broadening our horizons - engaging with EAVPT, ACVIM and USP; having an social media presence

Participation with JVPT - recommendations on the journal and what we want it to look like, organizational structure.

The committee will prepare a final report for the 2021 Biennial Symposium. A Poll was presented at the afternoon session for the members present to vote on options. This was 5 questions as a pilot, but will be sent out as a more detailed survey later.

VPRF Report (Jane Owens) - VPRF is the only funding agency devoted to veterinary pharmacology! Dr. Owens thanked the board for their service. We raised over $8000 at the silent auction; the highest amount ever raised in 1 year. Only one auction item didn’t sell (8th edition of vet pharm & therapeutics). This money will go toward funding research, with a long-range goal of funding an ACVCP residency.

Questions asked: Is there the potential for funding PhD in pharmacology not related to a residency (Lanaisse); Should we increase potential for grant submissions by increasing global reach for advertisement for grant announcement (Brown). It was noted that we have had some international submissions from South America, Canada, islands, but not Europe. Dr. Whitem suggested we could support grants for graduate students by giving extra points to grants submitted by graduate students, or requiring membership in AAVPT for submission (this is done in Australia). Dr. Lucas stated that we have had at least 12 publications completed; Dr. Fajt stated that the Texas A&M librarian is tracking the publications from these grants and the AVMF also tracks. Dr. Papich (chair of Scientific Research Committee) thanked Jane Owens for her service and stated that there are currently two categories of grants and the board just came up with designation and amounts, so if anyone has other ideas send input (within reason). Dr. Pasloske suggested
increasing exposure and encouraging other submissions, analytical methods cost? Dr. Papich stated that since the ACVIM foundation collapsed, we are now the major pharmacology funding source for ACVIM and Dr. Fajt suggested we might want to fund some targeted opportunities for smaller groups (ie antibiotics in fish, etc). Dr. Papich suggested we could be open to naming rights from specific donors; Dr. Boothe asked if this was in our guidelines (it is apparently not). Dr. Lanaisse suggested that AAVPT should start compiling a list of ideas that require research (recognized deficiencies) and potentially prioritizing these.

JVPT Report - Paul Mills is the new editor in chief; Katrina Mealey is the North American editor; Mark Papich is the reviews editor; Manfred Kietzmann is the new European editor. Our Bylaws state that AAVPT has the right to name the editor of the journal, which has not happened this time. Dr. Mills was appointed by Elsevier. Dr. Lin requested that authors of the most downloaded articles, etc be notified (MP/KM will take to Elsevier to see if that can be done). Dr. Rauche-Derra voiced concerns that JVPT is too heavy into PK, should be more open to pharmacodynamic articles. Dr. Papich stated that recent editorial board meetings had focused on the scope of the journal and how much toxicology or in vitro data should be accepted. The goal is not to be just a PK journal and he suggested sending concerns to editors about articles being rejected for ‘not enough PK’. Dr. Lanaisse requested JVPT not include ‘:’ in article names for easier downloading and storage.

Other reports - none

Dr. Brown made a motion to accept all reports (Dr. Lanaisse seconded); motion passed

Other business:

Review of committee chairs - some standing committees need chairs; awards (Chantal and Lesley), financial, long range, membership; need bylaws committee (DB volunteer) and LRPC to look at those committees listed in bylaws and determine some that are not needed (ie examination, newsletter)

Location of next biennial - unofficial rule for DC every other year; president elect will work on after official election.

Election update - Voting was delayed as the nominations committee struggled to get volunteers. Dr. Lucas stated they reached out to 25 people; president-elect is particularly hard as it is a 6 year commitment; Dr. Lanaisse suggested increasing committee or councilor participation to lead to deeper pool for officers positions; Dr. Whittet suggested going to department heads so they value the actions (particularly for academia). Dr. Boothe requested the Long-range Planning Committee come up with plan for bylaws committee.

Meeting closed - Dr. Brown made a motion to adjourn, motion was seconded; all were in favor

From the Secretary

Congratulations on making it to 2021! If you have not paid your annual dues yet, please login to the website (aavpt.org) to renew your membership and update your information. We are continuing to streamline the process of dues renewal and notification. Remember, members can renew their memberships and donate to AAVPT and VPRF year-round rather than just once a year. Members are also eligible for a discounted subscription to JVPT. Additional information can be found on our website.

If you are interested in becoming more active in AAVPT and would like to join a committee, please let me know. We need the help of all our members if we want our organization to grow and continue to be relevant.

If you have any questions about membership in AAVPT or if you would like to be added to the AAVPT listserv, email me at aaptsec@gmail.com. We continue to include new members in our listserv and to update the information on our current members.

Thanks again and I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Biennial, whenever that may be!

Jennifer L Davis, DVM, PhD