

Council on Education

The Council on Education met on September 19–21, 2009, and February 18–March 2, 2010, at AVMA Headquarters. A teleconference was held May 20, 2010. The meetings were chaired by Dr. Laurie Jaeger; Dr. Kent Hoblet served as vice chair.

Accreditation of Colleges—Based on comprehensive site visit reports, classifications of accreditation were assigned to the Murdoch University School of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences, the University of Calgary Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, and the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. A comprehensive site visit also was conducted at the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico Facultad de Medicina Veterinaria y Zootecnia in November, but the accreditation decision is still pending. Annual interim reports from 38 colleges were reviewed and accepted. The list of accredited colleges of veterinary medicine is available on the AVMA Web site, http://www.avma.org/education/cvea/colleges_accruedited/colleges_accruedited.asp.

The US colleges of veterinary medicine are classified as follows: 27 are assigned full accreditation and 1 is assigned limited accreditation. The classification of limited accreditation indicates that the college has met most, but not all, of the Standards established by the AVMA. Four Canadian colleges are classified as having full accreditation and 1 is assigned provisional accreditation. Nine foreign colleges are assigned full accreditation.

Foreign Veterinary Colleges—The Council will schedule a 2011 comprehensive site visit at the St. George's University School of Veterinary Medicine.

Accreditation Standards—During its annual review of four Standards, the Council discussed the Standards of Finances, Physical Facilities and Equipment, Clinical Resources, and Library and Information Resources. Following discussion, the Council determined that no changes were necessary to Standard 5, Library and Information Resources. Changes to Standard 2, Finances; Standard 3, Physical Facilities and Equipment; and Standard 4, Clinical Resources were recommended for clarity and approved by the Executive Board.

Policies and Procedures Revisions—During its May 20, 2010, teleconference, the Council approved revisions to the *Accreditation Policies and Procedures of the AVMA Council on Education* to comply with US Department of Education regulations under the Higher Education Opportunity Act.

The updated manual, including revisions to the Standards of Accreditation and COE policies concerning reports of evaluation and interim reports, accreditation actions, appeals of adverse accreditation decisions, reporting to the community, and reports by the colleges is available on the AVMA website: http://www.avma.org/education/cvea/coe_pp.asp.

American Board of Veterinary Specialties—Based on American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS) review and acceptance of each specialty organization's 2009 annual or five-year in-depth reports, the Council submitted a recommendation to the Executive Board that AVMA recognition be granted to 20 veterinary specialty organizations.

The Council concurred with the recommendation submitted by the ABVS and recommended that the Executive Board grant provisional recognition to the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Liaison Reports—The Council received as information reports of Council members acting as liaisons to the American Board of Veterinary Specialties, the Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities, National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, and the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates.

Liaison reports were also received from the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges and the National Examining Board of Canada.

Summary of Council Recommendations and Executive Board Actions

- That the AVMA Executive Board approve the revised accreditation Standard 2, Finances.—**Approved**
- That the AVMA Executive Board approve the revised accreditation Standard 3, Physical Facilities and Equipment.—**Approved**
- That the AVMA Executive Board approve the revised accreditation Standard 4, Clinical Resources.—**Approved**
- That the Executive Board approve initiating a Bylaws amendment to grant voting rights to the AAVMC Liaison to the Council on Education.—**Referred back to the COE**
- That the indicated level of AVMA recognition be granted for the veterinary specialty organizations, based on ABVS review and acceptance of each organization's submitted reports.—**Approved**
- That the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation be granted provisional recognition as a recognized veterinary specialty organization, based on ABVS review and acceptance of the Petition of Recognition submitted by the organizing committee of the new specialty organization.—**Approved**