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Balancing Training and Examination Committee Responsibilities

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Security for questions and materials that may be used on the ACVP Certifying Examination has always been a high priority for the ACVP. Examination Committee (EC) members must know and follow clear guidelines for protecting examination information. At the same time, it is essential to clearly communicate to candidates general guidance on preparing for the Certifying Examination and to attract dedicated, top-quality pathologists to serve on the EC. To attract faculty in training programs to serve as EC members, we must allow them to carry out their training responsibilities. It is also important to our “demystification” process that those thoroughly familiar with the examination process explain the process to candidates and Diplomates without divulging specific examination content. It was recognized in 2005 that portions of our security policy for EC members were not being enforced and could interfere with professional responsibilities and opportunities, such as participating actively in residency training and lecturing to pathology trainees. Following the 2005 examination, the 2005 EC Chairs revised the EC “Standard Operating Procedures for the Preparation and Administration of Examinations for Certifying Veterinary Pathologists and Veterinary Clinical Pathologists” (SOP), with Council approval, to bring current documentation into line with EC and Council philosophy. The principal change included the deletion of two sentences as indicated below from the Outline of Proctor Responsibilities:

“It is critical that exam security be maintained throughout the entire examination preparation and administration process. Therefore, proctors should take precautions to assure that materials are not placed or discarded where they might be seen or otherwise obtained by others. Furthermore, at no time should you divulge to anyone, information that might be construed as

“privileged communication” resulting from your participation in, and knowledge of, the examination process. Discussion or dissemination of exam materials by email must be performed in password-protected email attachments. Council has also requested that all members of the Examination Committee, including proctors, not participate as faculty or speakers in review courses or meetings designated to prepare candidates for the examination. Any questions regarding this last point should be addressed on a case by case basis with the chairpersons.”

In November, 2006, ACVP members received an email from **Dr. Lois Roth-Johnson** that contained her resignation from the ACVP EC and a summary of her concerns regarding changes in the policy for EC member activities and interactions with examination candidates. Council first became aware of Dr. Roth-Johnson’s concerns in 2005 and met with her at the 2005 Annual Meeting in Boston. In general, the issues were related to the roles that EC members could perform as teachers of pathology trainees studying for the Certifying Examination and the advisability of EC member involvement in training activities such as preparation and grading of mock exam materials or lecturing at programs widely attended by candidates studying for the Certifying Examination. Dr. Roth-Johnson’s concerns arose in part because statements in the EC SOP at the time of her service on the committee did not reflect what was actually occurring with respect to EC member participation in review courses attended by Certifying Examination candidates. During the meeting with Dr. Roth-Johnson in Boston, Council reiterated its view that EC members should not be excluded from

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The Secretary/Treasurer's Corner

Derek Mosier, DVM, PhD

While recently requesting information from one of our members, I was reprimanded for apologizing for making an additional demand on their time. I was told that every job that they had held to some extent was possible because of their association with the ACVP. Giving back was an obligation of membership.

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Each of us has talents and interests that can be used to serve the ACVP. Some of these contributions can be made at any time. However, in other cases, service to the ACVP requires patience and persistence. There are times when our "day jobs" do not allow participation in ACVP activities in which we would like to be involved. Other times, we may have the desire and opportunity to serve, but there are no tasks that require our specific expertise or backgrounds available at the time. Often, the nature of our contribution changes through the course of our careers. Some of the ways to contribute to the ACVP include:

- Volunteering for committees
- Sending in a proctor application to serve as an Examination Committee member
- Contributing financially
- Attending the annual meeting when possible
- Submitting a paper for presentation at the annual meeting
- Submitting a manuscript to *Veterinary Pathology*
- Serving as an advisor to an ACVP student chapter
- Encouraging a veterinary student to consider a career in pathology

...the ACVP has been a major factor in the opportunities we've had during our careers.

Another way to contribute to the ACVP is to speak up when we agree or disagree on a topic about which we feel strongly. During the past year, Dr. Lois Roth-Johnson communicated to Council her concerns about the activities in which Examination Committee members should participate. By sharing her opinion, it stimulated review, healthy discussion and change (see related article on page 1).

For many of us, membership in the ACVP was a career-defining event. Before attaining diplomate status,

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Time and Change Will Surely Show

Paul C. Stromberg, ACVP President

Those words, from a university alma mater, have meaning beyond the fond memories of college life. Change comes with time, and when it does it often provides us an opportunity to recognize something of worth. At the close of 2006, **Mike Topper** will step down as the Editor of the ACVP Newsletter ending over five years of creative, energetic commitment to inform members about College activities, programs, plans and events. In 2001, when it became clear the Secretary/Treasurer's office could no longer keep up with the demands of publishing a quarterly newsletter, Mike stepped forward and volunteered to assume this responsibility beginning with the September 2001 issue. Scratching a journalist itch from somewhere, he quietly assumed the leadership of this task and took the newsletter to new heights. With the able assistance of **Lisa Horton**, our graphics design "engineer," he solicited content, gathered stories, sent reminders, cajoled members to write pieces and kept everyone on the timetable necessary for quarterly production. Under Mike's direction the content has expanded and the quality of the newsletter has improved remarkably. Newsletter editor is one of those "thankless" tasks in our organization where there is little recognition for an important job. It tests the character of commitment of those

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Editor's Note

It has been my pleasure to have served as Newsletter Editor for over five years! I would like to give special thanks to Lisa Horton, Newsletter's designer, because she has made the publication effortless on my part. Thanks also to Council for their support, and the Executive Directors, Sue, Mary, and Wendy that have made invaluable contributions. As I have been elected to Council, I have to give up this great "job." Council is now looking for a new Editor. If you would like to volunteer to be considered for this position, please email the ACVP Executive Director, Wendy Coe, at wcoe@acvp.org. Any questions about it can be directed to me via email at michael_topper@merck.com or phone at 1-215-652-0803.

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New Diplomates

Congratulations to the newly certified Diplomates by successful completion of the certification examination given in Ames, Iowa on September 20-21, 2006.

CERTIFIED IN VETERINARY ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY

Timothy W. Affolter	Shelley Peck Honnold	Tracey L. Papenfuss
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Anibal Guillermo Armien Medianero	Binod Jacob	Ingrid D.R. Pardo
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Taryn A. Donovan	Emily K. Meseck	Melissa M. Schutten
Julie B. Engiles	Venee Ione Morthole	Manu Mohan Sebastian
Mihai I. Gagea	Aleksija Neimanis	Mark Andrew Smith
Michael Goedken	Kimberly Newkirk	Deidre E. Stoffregen
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Julius Awak Haruna	Jairo Eduardo Dos Santos Nunes	Heather Walz
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		Tanja S. Zabka

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Ryan M. Dickinson
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Heidi GR Peta
Deanna Marie Wurmstein Schaefer
Balazs Szladvits
Heather C. Workman

(* indicates Dual Certification)

Harold W. Casey Scholarship Award Winner

Congratulations to **Jennifer Yearley** on her selection as the recipient of the 13th Annual Harold W. Casey Scholarship!

In 2001, she received her DVM from Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine where she reached the top academic rank in her class. Following graduation, she took a position with a small animal practice and after a year enrolled in the North Carolina State University where she trained from 2002-2003. In 2003, Harvard Medical School National Institutes of Health/National Center Research Resources accepted her into a funded training fellowship in Comparative Pathology at the New England Primate Research Center. In 2004, she enrolled in a joint Harvard University and University of Massachusetts School of Medicine PhD program.



During her tenure at the Harvard Medical School, she has developed an interest in the experimental pathology of infectious disease and has taken a lead role in the development of SIV macaque model AIDS associated myocardial dysfunction. She was instrumental in the development of procedures and techniques for quantitative analysis of myocardial inflammatory cell infiltrates. She is currently preparing to sit for the certification examination in 2007.

The Harold W. Casey Scholarship Award, established in memory of Dr. Casey who was a past president of ACVP, is intended to recognize and reward outstanding individuals training in pathology and striving to achieve ACVP certification. The annual award of \$750 may be used for educational training supplies or tuition. Further information on criteria for this award and how to nominate individuals can be found on the ACVP website (www.acvp.org). The next deadline for receipt of nominations is June 30, 2007.

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ACVP Certification Examination: Five-Year Review (2002-2006)

Derek Mosier, Secretary/Treasurer

A candidate who takes all 4 parts of the certifying examination and passes 2 or 3 parts retains credit for parts passed for the next 4 years, during which 2 additional attempts to pass the remaining parts are permitted. Thus, since 1994, 5-year reviews of candidates' performance on the examination have been used to compare annual pass-rate (for all candidates) with cumulative pass-rate (for those candidates who first took the examination at the beginning of the 5-year period). The annual pass rate reflects the performance of new candidates, candidates who are repeating only 1 or 2 parts, and candidates who must repeat all 4 parts of the examination (referred to as R4 candidates). The effect of R4 candidates on the pass-rate is shown by including (All Candidates) or excluding (R4's excluded) this group when computing the comparing the annual pass-rate.

Veterinary Anatomic Pathology Examination

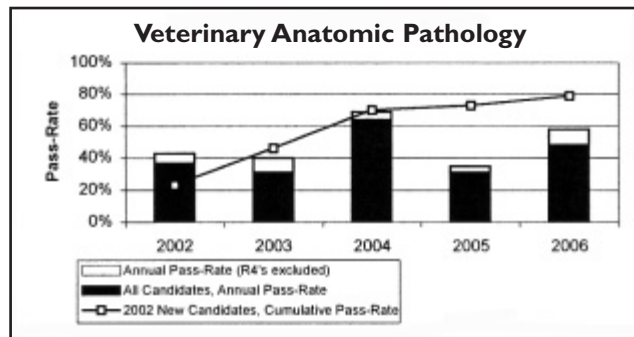
Examination Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Mean
2002 New Candidates, Annual Pass/Total	13/56	13/36	13/15	2/7	3/7	
2002 New Candidates, Cumulative Pass-Rate	23%	46%	70%	73%	79%	
All Candidates, Annual Pass/Total	41/111	38/123	77/121	27/87	57/120	
All Candidates, Annual Pass-Rate	37%	31%	64%	31%	48%	42%
Annual Pass/Total (R4's excluded)	39/91	38/95	74/107	27/77	56/96	
Annual Pass-Rate (R4's excluded)	43%	40%	69%	35%	58%	49%

Summary:

Of the 56 candidates who began the Examination in 2002, 44 (79%) passed by 2006.

The annual pass-rate for all candidates varied from 31% to 64% (mean, 42%).

If R4 candidates (those required to repeat all parts) are excluded, the annual pass-rate for all candidates varied from 40% to 69% (mean, 49%).



Veterinary Clinical Pathology Examination

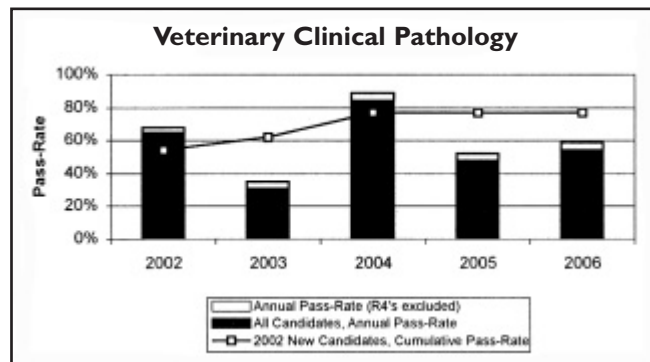
Examination Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Mean
2002 New Candidates, Annual Pass/Total	7/13	1/4	2/2	0/2	0/1	
2002 New Candidates, Cumulative Pass-Rate	54%	62%	77%	77%	77%	
All Candidates, Annual Pass/Total	15/23	8/26	26/31	13/27	13/24	
All Candidates, Annual Pass-Rate	65%	31%	84%	48%	54%	56%
Annual Pass/Total (R4's excluded)	15/22	8/23	25/28	13/25	13/22	
Annual Pass-Rate (R4's excluded)	68%	35%	89%	52%	59%	61%

Summary:

Of the 13 candidates who began the Examination in 2002, 10 (77%) passed by 2006.

The annual pass-rate for all candidates varied from 31% to 84% (mean, 56%).

If R4 candidates (those required to repeat all parts) are excluded, the annual pass-rate for all candidates varied from 35% to 89% (mean, 61%).



Members Honored

Guy Palmer Elected a Member of Institute of Medicine

Dr. Guy Palmer, Professor at the Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine in the Department of Veterinary Microbiology and Pathology was elected to be a member in the National Academy of Science's Institute of Medicine. The institute's mission is to serve as adviser to the nation to improve health. Current members elect new members on the basis of professional achievement and commitment to service. His research has explored what allows some pathogens to persist in a host long after the initial infection, which interactions between a pathogen and its vector lead to efficient transmission and infection, and novel ways of producing vaccines to combat pathogens whose changeable nature makes them moving targets for a host's immune system. In recent years, he has focused primarily on the infection biology of *Anaplasma marginale*, a prevalent tickborne bacterial pathogen of cattle. He is a 1980 graduate of Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Janice Miller Awarded AVMA Lifetime Excellence in Research Award

Dr. Janice M. Miller was presented with the first AVMA Lifetime Excellence in Research Award for achievement in veterinary medical research at the 2006 AVMA Annual Meeting. A graduate of Kansas State, she was a veterinary medical officer with the Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service prior to her retirement in 2003. During her career as a federal

research scientist, she focused on several problems of importance to the livestock industry, especially diseases associated with retroviruses, herpesviruses, mycobacteria, and prions. In addition to addressing the etiology and pathogenesis of infections with these agents, she developed diagnostic tests to detect them. Earlier in her career, while working toward her doctorate, she discovered the bovine leukemia virus. Following completion of her PhD degree, she continued to work on bovine leukemia as a special fellow for the Leukemia Society of America.

Willie Reed Named Purdue Dean

Dr. Willie M. Reed was named by Purdue University as Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine, effective January 2, 2007. Most recently, he has served on the faculty at Michigan State University as chairperson of the Department of Pathobiology and Diagnostic Investigation and as director of the Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health. He led the expansion of the pathology department and its residency program. He also helped secure funding from the state of Michigan for a \$58 million new diagnostic center that opened in 2003. Previously, he had been on the Purdue faculty for eight years. He served as an associate professor of avian pathology and as the chief of the Avian Diseases Diagnostic Service. He also earned his doctorate in veterinary pathology from Purdue. A 1978 Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine graduate, he is also a Diplomate of the American College of Poultry Veterinarians.

ACVP Needs You!

ACVP is a successful organization because many people are willing to volunteer their time on its committees. ACVP can always use your time and expertise. Included with this newsletter is a volunteer form (see insert). If you are interested in joining a committee, please complete the form and fax it to Wendy Coe at 1-608-443-2474. The form is also on the ACVP website (www.acvp.org) in the Members Only section, and you can send it via email to wcoe@acvp.org. If you are interested in the specific work of a committee, you can contact the chair of the particular committee in which you are interested. The Committees of the College are listed in your ACVP Directory. *Thank you in advance for your response.*

No experience is necessary, just a willingness to serve.

Secretary/Treasurer's Corner
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certain doors were closed and certain opportunities weren't available. But upon becoming a diplomate, people were more willing to talk and offer us opportunities for our careers. In many cases, membership in the ACVP has been a major factor in the opportunities we've had during our careers. Please try to find your own way to give back, to assure that new and future colleagues will benefit from the ACVP as much as we have. ■

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 Saunders/Mosby (Elsevier)
 Scytek Laboratories, Inc.
 Shamrock Scientific Specialty
 Systems, Inc.
 Society of Toxicologic Pathology
 (STP)
 Sysmex
 Systems Pathology
 TBJ, Inc.
 Ventana Medical Systems, Inc.

The 2007 Certification Examination is scheduled for September 25-27, 2007, in Ames, Iowa.

All certifying examinations in the immediate future will be held at the Scheman Building, Iowa State Center, Iowa State University, Ames, IA.

2008: September 23, 24, 25
 2009: September 22, 23, 24
 2010: September 28, 29, 30

Please note: Beginning in 2007, the ACVP Certification Examination will change to a three-day format.

ACVP • 2007 Annual Meeting Site



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Time and Change (continued from page 2)

engaged in College affairs who labor with little public visibility. Mike is stepping down because he was elected to Council. I like to think this is recognition from the College members for a job well done. But if that is not enough, let me state clearly what a great job you have done with the Newsletter, Mike. Thank you for your creativity, your industry, your tireless labor and those late nights meeting deadlines. It bodes well for the future of the ACVP that we have such individuals within our membership and who are willing to step forward and volunteer.

This year also brings to a close another "era" in ACVP. **Pete MacWilliams** is turning over the responsibilities as the Quality Assurance (QA) Representative for the Examination to **Glade Weiser**. The QA rep is responsible for delivering an examination process without error. *Without error!* The ACVP tolerates zero errors in its examination process. Everything is 100% "QA'd" to assure fairness and accuracy. This is a tall order and Pete has been performing this task superbly since, oh let's say "Dinosaurs roamed in Iowa." I cannot remember an examination in Ames without Pete and my exam affiliation goes back to the early 1990s. Our examination process is complicated and filled with the potential for errors, yet every year we avoid all of them largely due to Pete and his insight, diligence, and effort. Pete was the first QA rep we appointed and except for a brief stint when **Howard Gelberg** did it, Pete practically invented the job. He knows all the potential problems and pitfalls and anticipates errors before they

are committed. During the examination in Ames, he is quietly everywhere in the Scheman Center running down papers, data sets, interacting with exam committee members, advising the exam chairs, communicating with the Testing Center and looking for solutions to problems that have not occurred yet. Often he is still working into the wee hours of Friday morning after Council and the exam committee has gone to bed. His experience and insight has led to many suggestions to improve the process and avoid new errors as we change and grow. Pete, "Thanks" does not seem adequate to honor your long and faithful commitment to this task that has kept us from disaster so many times, yet with little or no recognition to you.

Lest any of you have concerns that our QA will suffer when Pete retires, let me reassure you that he has already been working with Glade. The process will continue to be well executed partly because of Pete's experience and organization and partly because Glade is pretty knowledgeable about this process himself. With Pete's experience in hand, Glade is already adding new insights.

Time and change have surely shown us something about the character and commitment of two dedicated members of the College. By giving back to the ACVP their most valued commodity, time, they are paying forward to the new generation of Diplomates so they can have a College of which they can be proud. It's an example worthy of emulation. Please join me in saying "Thanks, Guys" to Mike and Pete for their faithful service. ■

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ACVP Externship Scholarships Available

There is a continuing need for well-trained veterinary pathologists for positions in government, academic, and private sectors. To help fill this need, the American College of Veterinary Pathologists has established a Scholarship Program designed to support externship experiences for veterinary students interested in learning more about activities of veterinary anatomic and clinical pathologists.

The scholarships are available to expose veterinary students to the practice of pathology in a variety of employment environments and to encourage veterinary students to pursue post-DVM graduate training in preparation for careers as veterinary anatomic or clinical pathologists.

The ACVP Scholarship Program provides scholarships of up to \$1,000 each to veterinary students who have been accepted to participate in an externship program organized by government, academic, or private entities. The application deadlines are March 1 and October 1.

Please visit the Externship Center on the ACVP website http://www.acvp.org/training/extern_center.php, to learn about this important program.

New Giving Opportunity Will Last for a Limited Time

The Internal Revenue Service is offering people who have Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA's) a special charitable giving opportunity during the remainder of 2006 and all of 2007. Individuals who are currently at least 70½ years of age can donate up to \$100,000 from their IRA's tax-free to charitable causes, including ACVP. Since most people who are 70½ are required to take a minimum distribution, you can have a portion of that distribution or all of it given directly from the IRA to ACVP tax-free.

While you can't take a charitable deduction for the distribution, you will avoid the income taxes on it. Depending on your tax bracket, this savings could be substantial. To learn more, please contact ACVP Executive Director Wendy Coe at 1-608-443-2466, ext. 149. As always, please consult your financial advisor about the effects of a roll-over on your financial situation.

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Balancing Training (continued from page 1)

training pathologists or lecturing on any pathology topics provided that no specific examination content or privileged information were discussed.

Subsequent to the meeting with Dr. Roth-Johnson in December of 2005, Council took the following actions:

- Requested and obtained from Dr. Roth-Johnson suggestions for ethical standards for EC members. These suggestions were reviewed and discussed on multiple occasions throughout the year, prior to and following, Dr. Roth-Johnson's resignation from the EC.
- Requested from the 2006 EC Chairs and a past EC and Council member 1) a review of the EC SOP with respect to exam security, confidentiality, and EC member activities; and 2) recommendations for actions and revisions pertaining to these subjects.
- Incorporated a requirement for future EC members to read and sign a "Statement of Ethical Standards Regarding Exam Security and Confidentiality" that was prepared to reflect the views of Council. This document was discussed with the incoming chairs of the EC during the September Council meeting in Ames and Council requested its inclusion in a revision of the EC SOP.
- Reported Dr. Roth-Johnson's concerns in the 2006 ACVP Annual Report to the American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS), the regulatory arm of the AVMA for veterinary specialty organizations, in order to obtain their recommendations based on experiences with other certifying specialty organizations. The ABVS Policies and Procedures do not reference this subject.
- Determined during the September Council meeting in Ames that the subject of the Town Hall meeting at the 2006 Annual Meeting in Tucson would be members' ideas for improving the Certifying Examination.

Certification of Veterinary Anatomic Pathologists and Veterinary Clinical Pathologists is the most important activity of our College, and the Certifying Examination has always been and will continue to be a topic of ongoing and vital concern. An objective and critical review of our examination and the examination process was identified as a key element in the College's 2007-2012 Strategic Plan. It is important that we all become engaged in the discussions about our Certifying Examination, the process, the content, and the ethical conduct of the examination. We may not always agree, but we all have a vested interest in contributing constructive input and ideas that assure the future progress and vitality of our examination and our College. ■

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Request for Examination Material

The Examination Committee invites Diplomates to submit material for the 2007 Certifying Examinations by March 1, 2007 to the appropriate chairperson. For Anatomic Pathology: **Anthony Fletcher**, Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, PO Box 4755, Mail Stop J4, East Syracuse, NY 13057. For Clinical Pathology: **Jeffrey McCartney**, Charles River Laboratories, Preclinical Services Montreal, 22022 Transcanadienne, Senneville, QC H9X 3R3, Canada.

Written questions should be in multiple-choice format with one correct response and four foils. Each question should be on a separate page with the correct answer indicated. The submitter's name and the reference on which the question was based should both be included at the bottom of the page. A copy of the reference should also be included.

Visual material may include 35-mm transparencies, glass slides or electron micrographs. Include species and tissue identification, morphologic description, morphologic diagnosis, cause or pathogenesis, and any relevant questions that could be asked on the examination. Only one transparency, glass slide or electron micrograph (preferably 8" x 10") should be submitted for initial consideration, **but sufficient material must be available for preparation of approximately 60 histopathology glass slides or 20 hematologic or cytologic preparations for cases selected.** Electron micrograph negatives should be retained by the submitter.

Obituaries

Dr. William Kelly, died on October 1, 2006, in Evansville, Indiana. A Diplomate of the ACVP, he retired from Bristol-Myers Squibb in 2004 where he was a principal veterinary pathologist for the Pharmaceutical Research Institute. He is survived by his wife, Priscilla; three sons; three daughters; and 11 grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mathews Catholic Church (Mt. Vernon), VNA Hospice (Evansville), or the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

Dr. Donald Willigan, died on August 3, 2006. A Diplomate of the ACVP, he was born on December 22, 1926, in Winnipeg Manitoba, Canada, and he has lived in Henderson, Nevada for the past five years. He was retired from a career in drug safety research. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Olive, mother of his two sons. He is survived by his wife, of 41 years, Marcella; two sons and daughters-in-law, and four grandchildren.



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**Nomination of Candidates for Officers,
Honorary Members and Distinguished Members**

The Nominations Committee invites “members in good standing” to submit nominations for candidates to run for the following offices in 2007. Members may submit as many names as they wish for each position; however, only one candidate will be elected for each office. **Please provide a brief statement of support for each of your nominations.**

Vice President/President Elect 2008

This OFFICER will serve as PRESIDENT in 2009

Councilor (Four-Year Term)

The term of office is 2008-2011

The Nominations Committee also seeks member input for suggestions of names for nomination as Distinguished and Honorary Members of the College. Please note that the following must accompany nominations for Distinguished and Honorary Members: 1) A letter of nomination clearly specifying the nominee’s contributions and/or achievements using the criteria specified below; 2) Letters from five members in good standing to second the nomination; and 3) The curriculum vitae of the nominee.

Distinguished Member 2008

A Diplomat of the College who has rendered exceptionally distinguished service to the College or who has contributed in an exemplary manner to veterinary pathology, may be selected by majority vote of the Council to be a Distinguished member.

Honorary Member 2008

A person who has contributed in any extraordinary manner to the advancement of veterinary pathology may be elected by majority vote of Council, confirmed by a majority vote of the membership of the College.

Name of Nominator _____

Please return nomination forms no later than **March 1, 2007** to:

Dr. Paul C. Stromberg, Chair
ACVP Nominations Committee
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Announcements and Upcoming Events

The Gross Morbid Anatomy of Diseases of Animals Course, March 2007

The C.L. Davis DVM Foundation in conjunction with the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology will present The Gross Morbid Anatomy of Diseases of Animals course on March 19-23, 2007 at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, Bethesda, MD. For more information, visit the Charles Louis Davis Foundation for the Advancement of Veterinary and Comparative Pathology (www.afip.org/CLDavis). Click on "Upcoming Foundation Meetings."

Diagnostic Pathology of Diseases of Aerial, Terrestrial and Aquatic Wildlife, April 2007

The First Annual C.L. Davis Symposium on Diagnostic Pathology of Diseases of Aerial, Terrestrial and Aquatic Wildlife will be held on April 4-6, 2007 at the Covance Laboratory Learning Center, Madison, WI. For more information, visit the Charles Louis Davis Foundation for the Advancement of Veterinary and Comparative Pathology (www.afip.org/CLDavis). Click on "Upcoming Foundation Meetings."

International Society of Veterinary Dermatopathology, April 2007

The next meeting of International Society of Veterinary Dermatopathology (ISVD) is a pre-congress day before the North American Veterinary Dermatology Forum on the Island of Kauai, Hawaii on April 17, 2007. Visit the website (<http://www.isvd.org/>) for more details.

ACVP Scientific Symposium at Experimental Biology, Spring 2007: "Emerging Diseases"

The ACVP Scientific Symposium (TASS) committee will be holding the 2007 Scientific Symposium at the Experimental Biology (EB) Meeting (April 28-May 2, 2007) in Washington, DC together with the American Society of Investigative Pathologists (ASIP). It is a six-hour symposium and the theme is "Emerging Diseases" with abstracts and seminars on influenza and West Nile Virus (www.acvp.org). In addition to this symposium at the EB Meeting, the EB Meeting itself (<http://www.eb2007.org/>) is a large venue of over 12,000 participants with a dynamic mixture of anatomists, nutritionists,

physiologists, pathologists, and immunologists. ACVP members have a reduced registration fee as the ACVP is a Guest Society of the ASIP. Many ACVP members who have attended this meeting have found it interesting and worthwhile.

5th European Congress of Toxicologic Pathology

The 5th European Congress of Toxicologic Pathology will have the theme "Integration of Toxicopathology in Risk Assessment—the Key to Success." The meeting will be held September 16-19, 2007 in Basel, Switzerland. The meeting will be a joint meeting of the IFSTP and ESTP. The congress offers a unique opportunity to meet both regulatory bodies and experts in the field of toxicologic pathology from all over the world. The program comprises state-of-the-art lectures with key topics including the Integration of "omics" in Risk Assessment, Carcinogenesis—Alternative Approaches and Dermatopathology. For more information, visit the website at www.eurotoxpath.org.

ESAVS Neuropathology – Intensive Course for Pathologists, Neurologists and MRT Users, September 2007

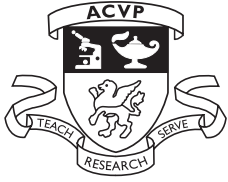
The ESAVS (European School for Advanced Veterinary Studies) will hold a course in neuropathology in Berne, Switzerland on September 22-26, 2007. The speakers are Prof. Dr. Marc Vandeveld, Dr. Robert Higgins, and Dr. Georg Krinke. This intensive veterinary course in neuropathology is specifically designed for pathologists, neurologists and diagnostic imaging experts. The course masters teach a systematic and practical approach to solve neuropathological problems starting from key morphologic features on macro and microscopic examination. Further differentiation of such key features is trained by practical demonstration of a variety of specific lesions, which are then further studied in individual slide sessions. The course covers the major neurological diseases in domestic and laboratory animals. For further information, contact: ESAVS Office, Schadtengasse 2, D-55765 Birkenfeld, Germany, Phone: +49-6782-23 29, Fax: +49-6782-43 14, Email: info@esavs.org, Web: www.esavs.org



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Committee Volunteer Form

ACVP welcomes and encourages members to volunteer on an ACVP committee. Please complete and submit this form, and a committee chair will contact you shortly.

Name: _____

Work Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Daytime Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Committee Preference: Please prioritize your committee assignment preferences by numbering them 1 to 3, with the number 1 indicating your top preference.

Annual Meeting Specialty Groups

Clinical Pathology

Education

Experimental Disease

Natural Disease

Toxicologic Pathology

Education Committee

Development Committee

Oncology Committee

Credentialing Committee

Training Coordinators Committee

Government Policy Committee

ACVP Scientific Symposium

Public Visibility Committee

Nominations Committee

Recruitment Committee

I would prefer to participate on an ad hoc committee or task force when needed, instead of a standing committee assignment.

If you would like to volunteer for the Examination Committee, please see the ACVP website at www.acvp.org/exam/ and click on the link "Apply to serve as a proctor for the certifying exam."

Please mail or fax the completed form to:

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