

# College Courier

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## Recent Advances in International Recognition of ACVSc Qualifications

College Council is aware that the international profile of the college and the international currency of our qualifications (Fellowship in particular) are of paramount importance to our Members but especially our Fellows and current and potential Fellowship Candidates.

It is important that the College membership is aware of significant recent progress in the following areas:

- ACVSc representation at high level international meetings
- The building of key international relationships with overseas colleges and speciality boards
- The participation in pivotal discussions with overseas colleges and speciality boards about the structure of the ACVSc, its role in veterinary specialisation and advanced education in Australia and New Zealand, and the relationship its members would like with equivalent overseas colleges.
- The development of agreed international standards for specialist training and examinations
- The advancement of the pursuit of international recognition of ACVSc fellowship and membership qualifications.

## COLLEGE SCIENCE WEEK CONFERENCE

30th June to 2nd JULY 2011

QT GOLD COAST HOTEL

Surfers Paradise, Queensland, Australia

Join key members of the profession from Australia, New Zealand and beyond, for this popular integrated multi-stream programme which presents material from the CUTTING EDGE and scientific and clinical updates from Australian, New Zealand and overseas experts. See Chapter Reports for specific information.

This meeting is NOT RESTRICTED to College Members. Details of the full Science Week programme and registration packets are available from the College Manager, Mrs. Elaine Lowe telephone 07 3423 2016, fax 07 3423 2977 or email [admin@acvsc.org.au](mailto:admin@acvsc.org.au).

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## Recent Advances in International Recognition of ACVSc Qualifications (cont.)

Our approach is that international recognition of ACVSc qualifications will come as a result of a sound and respected international profile. We have therefore strategically accepted invitations to key international meetings and successfully sent the best possible representatives on reasonable and specific trips to work to benefit the college and its profile.

- In August 2009, the College sent a delegation to Zurich to discuss global standards in surgery specialist training and examinations and to initiate discussions on European recognition of the Fellowship surgery qualifications. This resulted in a Memorandum of Understanding being signed between the ACVSc Surgery Chapter and the European College of Veterinary Surgeons (ECVS).
- In 2010, a delegation travelled to a meeting in Bangkok to raise the international profile of the college, act as mentors in discussions associated with establishment of the proposed Asian speciality board; foster dialogue on overseas recognition of the fellowship qualification and to participate in the inaugural meeting to discuss the proposal of an International Veterinary Specialty Accreditation Committee (IVSAC).
- In February 2011, I attended and addressed the American Board of Veterinary Specialities (ABVS) Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois, USA.
- In April 2011, I will attend and address the European Board of Veterinary Specialities (EBVS) Annual meeting in Brussels, Belgium.

Through these activities, some exciting momentum is being generated and there is evidence of significant and tangible progress being achieved in promoting our College, advancing international relations and progressing the pursuit of international recognition of our qualifications. Key representatives of the specialist training and certifying bodies in Europe and North America are showing interest in our College and in understanding the differences of its structure and function.

It is evident that a barrier has existed because overseas colleges have struggled to understand the structure and function of our College which differ from theirs. For example: The Australian College differs from the North American and European Colleges as it covers a wide range of discipline areas through 19 'Chapters' within the one College; plus Australian College Fellows apply

to a separate entity (their local registering authority) for specialist registration. We are focusing on explaining the facts about our system to overseas colleges and we are finding in response, that there is great interest in what we have to say, much support for international relationship building, and crucial acknowledgement of our ultimate goal of international recognition of our qualifications.

All these initiatives associated with activity on international recognition will ultimately help the College and its Members (not just its Fellows). The College is made up mainly of Members, but its smooth function and level of absolute excellence depends heavily on its Fellows. Therefore it is important that we do everything we can to ensure as many Australians and New Zealanders as possible are motivated to undertake our Fellowship examination rather than choosing another international qualification.

### What can you do to help?

To be successful at raising international awareness of the college and its structure and processes, each member of the college needs to please support and work alongside council in its pursuits. Every Member and Fellow should realise that he/she is an ambassador for the ACVSc system and has the ability to make an impact by demonstrating strong support of our College and its processes. Everyone can help and make a significant difference by being available to explain and support our system in discussions they have with each other and with individuals they meet overseas.

Also, the current name of the College does not adequately reflect the countries it represents. There is no doubt that a change in name from *The Australian College of Veterinary Scientists* to *The Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists* will better indicate the countries which rely on the College and better explain the importance and the impact the college plays in our region. Members of the College should carefully consider this proposed change and the benefits it will have on the college's international profile and vote for the change at the 2011 AGM or via proxy.



**Dr Megan Parker, CEO**



## President's Letter



Robert Labuc

Over the past few months, we have seen an unprecedented chain of circumstances affecting our world (at least in my lifetime). These have been triggered by nature in totally unpredictable fashion. In our own neighbourhood, we have seen Christchurch affected by earthquakes (twice), Queensland affected by flooding and cyclones, parts of Victoria and Western Australia suffering not only horrendous

bushfires but devastating flooding as well. Further afield, in the last few days, there has been the devastation of the earthquake, tsunami and subsequent nuclear disaster in Japan, whilst earlier in the year, flooding and mudslides in Brazil. At minimum, these disasters can affect the work and livelihood of veterinarians living in these regions. At worst, lives of family and friends may be directly and devastatingly affected. Our thoughts and compassion are with those affected by these circumstances, however I cannot stress how powerless I feel with all of these events. We can offer support and understanding, but there are very few things one can do directly for those affected unless living in the region. We can however offer donations to assist with the rebuilding efforts that inevitably follow such disasters. I would strongly encourage those who can to consider making an offering to help.

The other thing we can offer is what is termed 'solidarity' – the feeling of unity or agreement among individuals with a common interest. With this sense of solidarity and support, those who are affected by tragedy and hard times can find additional strength to rebuild and overcome the challenges confronted.

Within the College there is a sense of solidarity as we have all been bound by our common interest in bettering ourselves, within a chosen field of the veterinary profession. This is taken even further with the sense of collegiality, which suggests a sense of shared responsibility. Not only does this lead to individuals sitting examinations to enter as members, but also to maintaining an active and fruitful relationship with the

College, by involvement in examinations or provision of professional development as seen in College Science Week and similar meetings. I constantly see evidence of this when interacting with other councilors and members of the Board of Examiners and all the Chapter Executives. Without their tireless efforts, we could not achieve what the College has accomplished over the past 40 years.

The concept of collegiality again leads me to the topic of the College name and how it should truly reflect our makeup. With approximately 15% of our members residing and working in New Zealand it is time we correctly acknowledged their true origin and contribution. This can only be done with a name change to 'The Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists'. Whilst most of us within the College are aware of the existence of all these Kiwis, recent dealings with similar organizations in Asia, Europe and North America have only confirmed my opinion that outside of Australia and New Zealand, few others are aware that the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists is the umbrella organization that represents both Australia and New Zealand in certification at both membership and fellowship level. Our distant colleagues often ask the question as to what similar organization exists in New Zealand. They are often bewildered by the fact that the 'Australian' College also incorporates New Zealand! Elsewhere in this Courier, you will read Megan's report on developments with seeking reciprocal recognition with other Colleges around the world. To create a better understanding of whom our College exactly represents, our title should reflect our membership accurately. Currently one must be registrable in Australia or New Zealand to be able to sit membership or fellowship examinations and this defines our pool from which we draw. The title of an organization must reflect its composition and function. I believe that currently this is not the case. Therefore, I am hoping that we can correct this at the next AGM when the name change will again be put to the membership for consideration. I strongly urge ALL interested parties (and by this I specifically am targeting the many New Zealanders) to vote – if you cannot be present at the AGM, PLEASE use your right to a proxy vote to do so.

Otherwise I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the upcoming College Science Week in July.

**Dr Robert Labuc, President**



## Proposed Asian Board of Veterinary Specialties

### Attendance at the Intermediary Meeting for the Establishment of the Asian Board of Veterinary Specialties

Councillor, Dr Philip Moses, and CEO Megan Parker attended an Intermediary Meeting for the Formation of the **Asian Board of Veterinary Specialties (AiBVS)** on 15 – 16 December 2010 in Bangkok, Thailand, to act as mentors to offer support and the College perspective on establishing and managing Colleges and a speciality board.

It is part of the College's Strategic Plan (Strategy 1.7) to assist with the development of overseas Colleges when approached, and we believed that this venture would provide tangible benefits also to our membership, profile and the pursuit of international recognition of Fellowship. We felt that we had an ability to contribute to the setup of the Asian Board and its Colleges and to offer our expertise and guidance on their proposed structure, training programs, examination system etc. We were interested in supporting our colleagues in Asia and fostering relationships with them and other overseas Colleges and Boards.

It was our pleasure to attend as mentors and we felt very positive about the meeting. It was tremendous that the meeting, organised by the Veterinary Practitioners Association of Thailand (VPAT), was able to have representatives present from each of the three overseas Veterinary Specialist groups (US, Europe and Australia/New Zealand). There were two very good days of constructive, exciting discussion made up of valuable contributions from both the Asian attendees and the international mentors.

Philip gave a presentation about the Australian College's structure and function and together we fielded questions from the floor about the College.

During the meetings that ensued, we explained that the Australian College was very supportive of the establishment of an Asian Board of Veterinary Specialists. We believe that the veterinary profession located in the Asian region is fast approaching the point where it is ready for a specialty board and that it would benefit significantly from the improved standards and heightened level of professional activity and service able to be offered by a specialist tier.

We indicated that it is important that from the outset, the proposed Asian Board of Veterinary Specialists sets robust and defensible minimum standards for both training and examinations, which are very close to those set by overseas specialty boards. This will improve the chances of the new Board's integrity being viewed favourably on the global stage, and its diplomates being acknowledged and ultimately recognised internationally.

During the course of the two day meeting there was ample opportunity for us to discuss the Australian College with key representatives from the North American and European Boards of Veterinary Specialties and North American Colleges and Asian Societies. It was extremely valuable time and much progress was made in explaining our structure and function, and forming positive professional relationships.

We both joined the ABVS and EBVS representatives for an exciting preliminary meeting to discuss the possible formation of an International Veterinary Specialties Accreditation Committee (IVSAC). Also, an invitation was extended to the College to attend both the European and American Boards of Veterinary Specialties annual meetings to continue dialogue.

***Dr Philip Moses, Councillor and Dr Megan Parker, CEO***

### Australian College of Veterinary Scientists



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Megan Parker attended the inaugural meeting to discuss the establishment of the Asian Board of Veterinary Specialities in Bangkok, Thailand.



Philip Moses addressing the attendees at the Intermediary Meeting for the Establishment of the Asian Board of Veterinary Specialities.



Megan Parker with Stefano Romagnoli, Past President of the European Board of Veterinary Specialities and Siraya Chunekamrai, Veterinary Practitioners Association of Thailand.



Rick LeCouteur (Past President ACVIM), Philip Moses, ACVSc Councillor and Colin Harvey (Past President, American Board of Veterinary Specialities)



Delegates at the Intermediary Meeting for the Establishment of the Asian Board of Veterinary Specialities



Delegates from nine different countries attended the Bangkok meeting

## Proposed International Veterinary Specialty Accreditation Committee

### Meeting to discuss International Veterinary Specialty Accreditation Committee (IVSAC).

Colin Harvey, chair of the American Board of Veterinary Specialties International Relations sub-committee, invited other interested parties to discuss formation of an International Veterinary Specialty Accreditation Committee (IVSAC) on Thursday 16 December 2010 at the Imperial Queens Park Hotel, Bangkok. Representatives from the American Board of Veterinary Specialties, European Board of Veterinary Specialties and the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists were joined by observers from Asian Veterinary Societies and Colleges, and American Colleges.

It was discussed that there are now several continent-based Recognized Veterinary Specialty Organizations (RVSOs) which certify specialists. In North America and Europe, these are typically discipline- or species-oriented 'Colleges'. In Australia/New Zealand the structure differs in that there is one umbrella 'College' made up of 19 different discipline- or species-oriented Chapters. Each American and European College is accredited by a veterinary specialist accreditation organization in that continent or region. Namely, the American and European Boards of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS, EBVS) in North America and Europe respectively. In Australia/New Zealand our structure is quite different: The Board of Examiners of the ACVSc ensures Fellowship training within Chapters meets required standards and certified Fellows subsequently apply for registration as specialists through their local registering Authority who seeks advice from the Advisory Committee on the Registration of Veterinary Specialists (ACRVSc, a standing committee of the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council [AVBC]).

IVSAC is proposed to be established on the principle that each College is responsible for its own formation and continuation, subject to review for accreditation by the appropriate regional or continental specialist accreditation organization.

The purpose of IVSAC is to define standards for and support development of veterinary specialty accrediting organizations, and to permit mutual recognition of veterinary specialist accreditation organizations of high quality. IVSAC is proposed to be a coordinating body - it is not the purpose of IVSAC to take on responsibility for accrediting individual Colleges - this will remain the responsibility of the continental or regional veterinary specialty accreditation organization.

Mutual recognition of specialty accreditation organizations through IVSAC is likely to facilitate potential reciprocity among individual Colleges. The decision to offer reciprocity, however, would be made by each College subject to approval of the specialty accreditation organization of that College.

There was agreement that IVSAC should establish channels of communication to support development of veterinary specialist accreditation organizations in continents or regions that do not currently have Colleges or a veterinary specialist accreditation organization, reviewing the proposed policies and standards of emerging veterinary specialist accrediting organizations for consideration of awarding such organizations "IVSAC approval".

Much IVSAC work is anticipated to be done electronically, as attendance of all IVSAC representatives at several meetings each year is financially impractical. It was proposed that there be one primary face-to-face IVSAC meeting each year, with rotation of the location among IVSAC-approved organizations, and with additional electronic meetings as needed.

Formal proposals recommending establishment of IVSAC were included in the ACVSc Council meeting and the ABVS in February 2011. The ACVSc Council voted to support in principle the involvement of the College in the development of IVSAC while there are tangible benefits to the College. The ABVS voted to approve its involvement in IVSAC at its ABVS meeting in February, but formal ABVS approval of ABVS participation in IVSAC requires subsequent ratification of the ABVS decision by the AVMA Council on Education and AVMA Executive Board.

### Dr Megan Parker, CEO



**IVSAC Inaugural Meeting Participants:** Drs H. Tsujimoto (AISVIM) T. Iwasaki (AISVD), N. Sasaki (AISVS), S. Romagnoli (EBVS), C. Harvey (ABVS), M. Parker (ACVSc), C. Carleton (US), P. Moses (ACVSc), Drs. Siraya Chunekamrai (VPAT).



## American Board of Veterinary Specialities

### American Board of Veterinary Specialities Meeting (ABVS), Schaumburg Illinois (outside Chicago)

Significant and very exciting progress was achieved in promoting our College and advancing international relations and the pursuit of international recognition of Fellowship through my attendance as an observer at the American Board of Veterinary Specialities (ABVS) Annual Meeting, Chicago Illinois.



The American Veterinary Medical Association's American Board of Veterinary Specialities (ABVS) is the umbrella organization for veterinary specialties within the United States. It is composed of one voting representative from each of the AVMA-recognized veterinary specialty organizations (Colleges), plus non-voting liaisons from the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges and the AVMA Council on Education. Currently, there are 21 AVMA-recognized veterinary specialty organizations comprising 40 distinct specialties. More than 9,800 veterinarians have been awarded Diplomate status in one or more of these 21 recognized veterinary specialty organizations by completing rigorous postgraduate training, education, and examination requirements.

The Board, especially its standing committee on International Relations, gave me a very warm welcome as an official guest. The meeting itself was an excellent opportunity to experience how the ABVS works. The discussions were interesting and informative and extremely similar to our own.

The opportunity to present to the group on behalf of the College on the second day was very worthwhile. There was a lot of interest in our system and in taking steps to better understand our structure and there was a lot of support for our current procedures.

The ABVS members were very interested in promoting ongoing collaboration between us, them, Europe and the fledgling Asian Board.

Apart from the significant ABVS approval of involvement in the proposed **International Veterinary Specialty Accreditation Committee (IVSAC)**. There was also (and importantly) an agreement in principal for the following draft motion. The wording of the motion will be finalised by teleconference within one month of the meeting. I am sure you will agree that this is a very exciting development.

### Draft Motion – wording to be confirmed:

ABVS approves the following IVSAC (International Veterinary Specialty Accreditation Committee) definitions as they relate to international aspects of veterinary specialty organizations; these definitions shall become effective once IVSAC is ratified by the three charter organizations (ABVS, ACVSc/AVBC and EBVS).

### Full reciprocity between RVSOs accredited by IVSAC-approved organizations:

For an RVSO (Registered Veterinary Specialty Organisation – US College, European College or ACVSc Chapter) to make available full reciprocity to another RVSO (Registered Veterinary Specialty Organisation – US or European College or ACVSc Chapter), a request to grant full reciprocity must be submitted by the RVSO (US College, European College or ACVSc Chapter) to its accrediting organization (ABVS, EBVS, ACVSc), with supporting documentation. Upon favourable review by a designated committee, a recommendation to permit the right to grant reciprocity shall be included in the agenda of the next annual meeting of the accrediting organization (ABVS, EBVS, ACVSc); reciprocity shall only become available to the RVSOs following approval by both accrediting organizations (ABVS, EBVS or ACVSc).

### Full Reciprocity is defined as:

A diplomate or Fellow of an RVSO (US or European College or ACVSc Chapter) accredited by an IVSAC-approved organization ('primary RVSO') may be awarded, on request, the certificate required for recognition as a specialist in an RVSO ('secondary RVSO') in another IVSAC territory if the individual provides evidence of good standing in the primary RVSO and of licensure to practice veterinary medicine in the territory of the secondary RVSO. The certificate of specialization in the secondary RVSO shall be limited to the duration of licensure, and is subject to any recertification requirements of the primary and secondary RVSOs.

"License to practice veterinary medicine" shall be deemed as evident if an individual produces certification of employment by a veterinary institution that has institutional licensure or institutional exemption from requirement for licensure. If the individual loses "good standing" status in the primary RVSO, specialist status in the secondary RVSO is forfeited.

### Collaboration:

RVSOs are encouraged to seek collaborative opportunities with RVSOs in other regions/territories. Examples are coordination of training requirements and supervision of training. Provided that such collaboration does not reach the level of Full Reciprocity as defined above, pre-approval by the accrediting organization is not required, though the extent of such collaboration is to be reported in full in the Annual Report following implementation of the collaboration, and in full in the next five-year report.

### Dr Megan Parker, CEO



Statue outside the AVMA building in Chicago



Ducks walking across a frozen lake outside the AVMA building in Chicago



The AVMA Building in Chicago Illinois, the home of the American Board of Veterinary Specialities



Megan acclimatising to winter in Chicago!

## European Board of Veterinary Specialisation Meeting

**Brussels European Board of Veterinary Specialisation (EBVS) Meeting: April 2011**

**EBVS** EUROPEAN BOARD OF VETERINARY SPECIALISATION

As a result of hosting Dr Peter O' Brien (EBVS vice President) at College Science Week 2010 and following up with Dr Stefano Romagnoli (EBVS past President) at Bangkok and Chicago, the College has been invited to send a representative to attend the European Board of Veterinary Specialisation in Brussels in April 2011.

### The EBVS

Members of the European Board of Veterinary Specialisation are representatives from the recognised European colleges. Each college has to appoint one representative and one alternative representative. The EBVS has an Executive Committee with five members to carry out decisions made by the board during the AGMs.

The main objectives and duties of the EBVS are:

- To recognise new speciality Colleges
- Set up and maintain a register of European veterinary specialists
- Assure the quality of these specialists by monitoring the Colleges.
- Encourage and promote the enhanced utilisation and availability of speciality services to the public and the veterinary profession

By sending a representative to the European Board of Veterinary Specialists Meeting in Brussels in April we will cement our position internationally and build relations with the European Board. Already a working bond has formed between Australia/NZ and the US and European Boards through liaison in Bangkok and Chicago. This was evident and strong in Chicago. We are being recognised as one of the three parent bodies for veterinary specialisation worldwide. It is important to continue this momentum.



It is expected that the European BVS will make a decision during its meeting as to whether it supports its involvement in the proposed **International Veterinary Specialities Accreditation Committee (IVSAC)**. The IVSAC group then will meet during the EBVS meeting to start its work.

The EBVS meeting invitation is a tremendous step forward in the pursuit of international recognition, it indicates that some crucial progress has been made towards acknowledgement and understanding of our system by the Europeans.

Attendance at this meeting will provide an excellent opportunity for the College for networking and raising the profile of the college and to investigate steps to have the Fellowship qualification recognised not only at the level of the colleges but at the level above the individual colleges – the European speciality board.

I am excited to accept this invitation and to continue the momentum which is growing associated with the increase in our profile and the ability to meet with individuals from key overseas colleges to explain the structure and function of the Australian College.

The meeting itself will be interesting and there will be opportunity for the College to contribute to discussions during the meeting. Also, there will be opportunity for us to learn from seeing how other organisations manage their colleges, and this is likely to help us with ongoing improvement within our own College. We have also been requested to deliver a presentation at the meeting. In addition, there will be tremendous value in meeting and discussing the College with each College's representatives on the Board, plus additional representatives from partner organisations at the meetings (EAEVE – European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education and FVE – Federation of Veterinarians in Europe).

After this year, Council will consider sending a representative to attend one of the overseas speciality board annual meetings: either the ABVS or the EBVS (alternating each year) to continue to leverage the College's international position, foster international liaison, build on strategic relationships and advance the international recognition of Fellowship.

**Dr Megan Parker, CEO**



## Council Corner

### Christchurch and Japanese Earthquake

We have watched in shock, the horror unfolding as a result of the Christchurch and Japanese earthquakes and Japanese tsunami and nuclear disaster. These have been disasters of unprecedented proportions for the people of New Zealand and Japan. Our thoughts and compassion are with those affected by these awful circumstances.

We understand and know first-hand through the recent chain of natural disasters in Australia- bushfires, floods and cyclones - the shattering effects these types of disasters have on the work and livelihood of veterinarians living in regions affected. Sadly, lives of beloved family and friends may be directly and devastatingly affected.

We wish to extend our thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time. We offer our solidarity and support to those who are affected by the tragedies. We trust they can find the additional strength to rebuild and overcome the challenges confronted.

### Council Elections

As a member of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists, you are encouraged to vote in the 2011 Council election. Council, as the Board of Directors of the College manages the day to day operations and strategic objectives of the College and therefore significantly influences the future of the veterinary profession in Australia and New Zealand.

Two places on council are up for election this year for which nominations are currently being called. Please consider nominating someone for Council who you know has an interest in the future and objectives of the College and a desire to make a significant contribution to the veterinary profession. Councillors are offered directorship training and extensive support from the College office and find the experience of serving on Council to be a most rewarding and enjoyable one.

Dr Stuart Burrough will retire from Council this year after serving nine years as a New Zealand Councillor. We have been greatly appreciative of Stuart's support, leadership, integrity, dedication and hard work. We thank him for his valuable contribution to the College, and wish him all the best. Dr Ruth Sutcliffe's has completed her three-year term on Council and will be standing down from July 2011. Ruth has been a pleasure to work with. She has always demonstrated great thought, careful assessment and valuable contributions towards Council matters and we wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

### Board of Examiners

The Board of Examiners Training And Credentials Committee has been working hard to finalise credentials and review subject guidelines in time for the 2011 examination period; manage Fellowship reporting and correspondence; improve the mentor program; and develop ideas for ongoing assessment of Fellows and the accreditation of training institutions.

The Examination Committee has continued to discuss options for revision of grading, mark weighting, rounding and instructions for examinations; held teleconferences with examiners briefing them on their role and responsibilities for 2011 examinations; managed examination correspondence and commenced comprehensive review of the 2011 examinations.

Special mention must be given to Dr Mandy Burrows, Chief Examiner and Drs Liz Norman, Assistant Chief Examiner – Examinations and Mark Owen Assistant Chief Examiner – Training and Credentials for their continued outstanding commitment, diligence, enthusiasm and hard work which contributes enormously to the overall increased efficiency of the new structure of the Board of Examiners.

Drs Bob Doneley and Vanessa Barrs have recently stood down from the Board of examiners.

Bob has completed his second three year term on the Board but has kindly indicated that he is willing to act as a consultant to the Board for any special projects in the future. I would like to express my personal thanks to Bob for his hard work, support, careful consideration and valuable contribution to the Board over the past six years. It has been a pleasure working with him.

Vanessa has made thoughtful and significant contributions to Board of Examiners' discussions and activities since spring 2009. She has gained a research posting overseas for three months and we wish her all the very best for her future endeavours.

### Chapter Meeting at Science Week

An informal morning coffee meeting with Chapters and members of Council is scheduled for Saturday 2 July, at 7.00 a.m at the College Science Week Venue: QT Gold Coast. Chapter representatives are invited to come along and discuss matters of concern with Council and hear about latest Council initiatives. Coffee and muffins will be served.



## Council Corner

### Change to Overseas Membership Applications Policy

The policy *Applications for membership by veterinarians who have qualifications not eligible for general registration in Australia or New Zealand* has recently been revised by Council to allow a letter of support from a veterinarian who is a member of the College but not necessarily registered in Australia/New Zealand. A change along these lines is anticipated to avoid delays associated with overseas veterinarians trying to locate a letter of support from a veterinarian registered in Australia/New Zealand, and to encourage overseas veterinarians to apply after being appraised by members of the College as to their suitability. The letter of support for the applicant may now be from a member or the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists **OR** another veterinarian registered in Australia or New Zealand.

#### REVISED POLICY:

#### APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP BY VETERINARIANS WHO HAVE QUALIFICATIONS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR GENERAL REGISTRATION IN AUSTRALIA OR NEW ZEALAND.

1. Individuals who have veterinary qualifications not eligible for general registration in Australia or New Zealand, but which are recognised in any other part of the world, may apply in writing to College Council to sit College Membership examinations and attain Membership of the College.
2. Application letters must be accompanied by:
  - a. A current curriculum vitae; which includes a list of national and international professional conference attendance since graduation or during the last five years (if greater than five years have passed since graduation).
  - b. A letter of support for the applicant from a member or the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists or another veterinarian registered in Australia or New Zealand.

- c. A certified copy of the testamur of the applicant's veterinary degree (English translation) which allows him/her to register to practice in the country of origin.
3. In the case of applicants whose first language is not English, it is strongly recommended that the applicant's competency in reading, writing, speaking and listening to English be at a level at least equivalent to an IELTS (International English Language Testing System) score of 7.0 in all sections in the academic (not the general) module. Lack of competency in English cannot be used as a reason for appealing a Membership examination result.
4. Approval to sit Membership examinations is granted at the discretion of Council.
5. Successful applicants are notified within 7 days of the decision by Council.
6. Applicants are advised that passing the College Membership examinations and being granted Membership of the College does not entitle him or her to register to practice as a veterinarian in Australia or New Zealand.

#### Membership Renewal

College members are respectfully reminded that according to the Constitution of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists, Clause 7.1.3; a member's membership of the College will cease if he/she has been convicted of an indictable offence or deregistered by the Australian or New Zealand Veterinary Surgeons Registration Board (as the case may be).

Members in either of these situations are hereby requested to immediately notify College Council in writing and to subsequently await further advice.

**Dr Megan Parker, CEO**



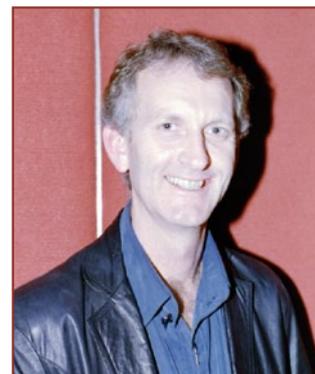
## New Zealand Column

At the risk of sounding like a cracked record, I once again want to raise the issue of the proposed name change of the College. The reason is that Council considers this to be an extremely important issue and plans to bring a special business motion to this year's AGM to change the name of the College to the Australian & New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists. To effect this change we need your support.

We have made significant progress of recent times in our efforts to gain international recognition of our fellowship qualification with the Colleges in Europe, North America and Asia. It is clear in our dealings with these Colleges that our name needs to accurately reflect who we are and whom we represent. The term Australasia has little meaning to these groups, yet the inclusion of both Australia and New Zealand in the name adds credibility and indicates that our College represents a significant group of veterinarians in the southern hemisphere.

I urge you to consider the importance of this issue. We came close to achieving our goal last year, but effectively split the vote by offering two options. We need the support of every New Zealand fellow and member. I urge you to vote either in person or by proxy at this year's AGM.

As I have now completed three successive three year terms as a Councillor, I will be stepping down from office at this year's AGM. This will create a vacancy on Council, which must have at least one New Zealand representative. If anyone is interested in being nominated as a candidate for Council, please contact me at [stuart@vetmarlborough.co.nz](mailto:stuart@vetmarlborough.co.nz) or by phone 03 5779822. It is an interesting and rewarding role.



**Dr Stuart Burrough, Councillor**

## Chapter Reports

### Zoo and Wildlife Medicine

A comparatively quiet time for the Chapter of Zoo and Wildlife Medicine this year, given we are in the 'off' year in our biennial exam cycle, and as such we are not running a session at Science Week for 2011. However, after the success of the joint session we held with Epidemiology in 2010 we are enthusiastic to look at other possible collaborations for 2012. Other Chapters are likely preoccupied with 2011 SW preparations at present, but if any Chapters might be interested in a joint session with the Chapter of Zoo and Wildlife Medicine, please contact

**Chapter President Andrea Reiss**  
([Andrea.Reiss@perthzoo.wa.gov.au](mailto:Andrea.Reiss@perthzoo.wa.gov.au)).

Any Chapter members interested in becoming involved with the examination process, guidelines and mentor system please contact Tim Portas from our Chapter Examination Committee ([tandsportas@bigpond.com](mailto:tandsportas@bigpond.com)). And a reminder that membership of the Chapter is open to any College Members or Fellows with an interest in the field of Zoo and Wildlife Medicine. Please consider joining us!

**Dr David McLelland, Hon. Secretary,  
Vet. Zoo and Wildlife Chapter**

### Ophthalmology

The Ophthalmology Chapter will be present on all three days of the Science Week Meeting again this year. Our keynote speaker Professor Paul McMenemy, Professor of Anatomy and Director of Centre for Human Anatomy Education at Monash University in Melbourne, will be presenting on the Thursday.

Professor McMenemy has worked for over 27 years on the anatomy, pathology and immunology of the eye. He has more than 110 publications, is on the editorial board of *Ocular Immunology and Inflammation* and a referee for *British Journal of Ophthalmology*, *Investigative Ophthalmology and Visual Science* and *Experimental Eye Research*. Professor McMenemy has won many awards for his excellence in teaching, so we are delighted that he will be presenting to the Ophthalmology Chapter.

Ophthalmology is also sharing a half day session with both the Feline Chapter and Equine Chapter on the Friday of Science Week, which will give us another great opportunity to spend time with other College colleagues and share information on a variety of ocular conditions.

The Ophthalmology Chapter would like to encourage anyone with an interest in ophthalmology to come and visit us in the South Stradbroke room during Science Week this July.

**Dr Denise Brudenell, Hon. Secretary, Ophthalmology Chapter**



## Chapter Reports

### Dermatology

The **Dermatology Chapter** has another exciting **two day program** planned for Science Week 2011, with the major theme being **alopecia and hair follicle disorders**. Once again we will have an excellent combination of medical and veterinary specialist speakers. Our two international speakers are Professor Des Tobin and Professor Linda Frank.

Professor Tobin works at the University of Bradford in the UK. He is an internationally renowned expert on the biology and pathology of hair follicles, with major interests in cycling, pigmentation and stem cells. His presentations will cover the basic biology of hair follicles including how the growth cycle is regulated. These talks are sure to be of great value to anyone who is interested in hair loss disorders in dogs. Des will also talk about hair follicle pathologies in man, including alopecia areata, one of his major areas of research.

Professor Frank works at the University of Tennessee in the USA. She is a world authority on the role of sex hormones in canine alopecic skin conditions. Linda will begin by talking about the general role of hormones in initiating alopecic disorders in dogs. She will then focus on the enigmatic condition referred to as Alopecia X, as well as other alopecic dermatoses that are known, or thought to involve, sex hormones. The endocrine laboratory at the University of Tennessee provides a full range of assays for a whole range of sex hormones and it will be very interesting to hear how Linda uses these tests for diagnostic investigations.

After the very successful visit of Professor Toshiroh Iwasaki last year, we will have the pleasure of listening to one of his PhD students, Tetsuro Kobayashi, who will be talking about the latest research on canine hair follicle stem cells.

As well as our overseas speakers, the dermatology chapter meeting will have additional talks by two resident dermatologists - Andrew Carter and Peter Hill. Andrew will cover the challenging topics of cyclic flank alopecia and pattern baldness, with Peter tackling follicular dysplasias and immune mediated alopecias. As usual, there will be the open forum sessions, in which hot topics can be openly discussed (and argued!) by members of the panel and the audience. There is sure to be much debate about how to make hair regrow, including what works and what doesn't!

The meeting will take place on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd July and will be of interest to all vets who are passionate about skin disease. We suggest you register for these days with the Australian College now if you don't want to miss out! Please email Peter Hill for further information on the dermatology program: [p.hill@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:p.hill@adelaide.edu.au)

**Dr Peter Hill, Chapter SW Coordinator, Dermatology Chapter**

### Feline Medicine

The Feline Chapter, in association with the Small Animal Medicine and Ophthalmology Chapters, have organised a fantastic session of continuing education at Science Week this year. On Friday the 1st July, a combined afternoon session with the Ophthalmology chapter, will cover topics including mycobacterial keratitis, hyperlipidaemia and eyelid agenesis. On Saturday the 2nd July, in collaboration with the Small Animal Medicine Chapter, the day takes the theme of infectious disease, with a session in the afternoon dedicated to "hot topics in oncology". A full Science Week program will be circulated by the College shortly. We hope to see many of you there, for what promises to be an exceptional meeting.

This year, the Feline Chapter will be offering a \$1000 prize for the best feline abstract presented at Science week. Abstract presentations will be held on the morning of Thursday the 30th June. College members are invited to submit abstracts of practical and scientific topics related to Feline Medicine. Abstracts can be focused on applied or clinical research. Case series describing unusual or difficult cases are also encouraged. Outstanding single case reports will also be considered. Full abstract guidelines will be made available shortly.

The Feline Chapter is also proud to announce its support for the excellent initiative "Resident Masterclass", which was recently held at the University of Sydney on Saturday the 5th March. The program is aimed at residents and registrars in small animal, canine and feline medicine, that intend on sitting Australian fellowship examinations in the next few years. The program provides candidates with the opportunity to discuss medicine topics, including fundamental pathophysiology, and the ability to network and share study materials. The program was well attended and will hopefully become an annual event.

**Dr Amy Lingard, Hon. Secretary, Feline Chapter**



## Chapter Reports

### Small Animal Medicine

#### March Courier

This coming year and CSW conference will be an exciting time for the Small Animal Medicine chapter, and we look forward to your participation.

*Please ensure you come to our AGM to be held Friday afternoon, July 1st. Tickets and drink vouchers to our cocktail party (which follows the College AGM, and so starts at 6.30 pm) will be supplied there. This event is generously supported by Pfizer Animal Health and Hill's Pet Nutrition Australia.*

#### AGM

There are many topics that will be discussed at this meeting that could be important to you and would benefit from your input:

- Election of new office bearers
- Continued discussion of ways to improve the examination process to encourage retention of examiners, particularly at fellowship level
- Establishment of a chapter travel prize

#### CSW programme

The College Science Week organising committee has created an exciting and innovative programme. We have collaborative sessions with a number of other College chapters this year: Radiology, Emergency/Critical Care and Feline Medicine. Our guest overseas speaker this year is Dr Andrew Mackin, who will be presenting a day on immune-Mediated diseases. The involvement of international speakers and the social programme we will offer has only been made possible by the generous sponsorship of Pfizer Animal health and Hill's Pet Nutrition, great supporters of our chapter. We really look forward to this wonderful program!

#### Abstract submission

The Small Animal Medicine and Feline Medicine Chapters invite postgraduate students, residents, interns, clinicians, and all researchers to submit abstracts of practical and scientific topics related to canine and feline medicine. Abstracts can be focused on applied or clinical research. Case series describing unusual or difficult cases are also encouraged. Outstanding single case reports will also be considered.

**Submission deadline:** 11:59pm AEST 9th May, 2011.

Abstracts must be submitted electronically to Mary Thompsom at [m.thompson3@uq.edu.au](mailto:m.thompson3@uq.edu.au). They will be reviewed by a board of specialists and/or researchers and selected on merit. Authors will be notified via email of acceptance on or before May 20, 2011. Successful authors must be able to submit their Power Point presentation to convenors via email by 5pm AEST on June 29, and attend the abstract session in it's entirety on the morning of June 30 1 (8.30 am-12.30 pm). Prize winners will be awarded a ticket and will be expected to attend the College Awards Dinner on July 2 at 7:30pm, at which they will receive their prize. Additionally, the winning abstract must be presented again in the small animal medicine program on Saturday, July 2nd.

All abstracts presented by postgraduate students, residents (including those whom have completed a residency within the last 6 months but have not yet completed certifying examinations), and interns will be eligible for prizes. Abstracts that have been presented at other conferences are welcome but this must be disclosed and these abstracts will not be eligible for prizes. No abstract should be entered that will have been submitted as a full-length publication before the abstract submission deadline. Please state your eligibility for a prize and your ability to attend the awards dinner with your submission. First prize: \$1500, second prize: \$900, third prize: \$600.

Full details are also available on the College website.

#### Chapter Award for meritorious service

The Chapter is inviting nominations for the Chapter Award for meritorious service. This award is for someone who has shown a long commitment to the small animal medicine chapter and has been responsible for developing or promoting it. Our winner in 2009 was Professor Boyd Jones and in 2010 was Darren Merrett. If you would like to nominate somebody for this award please follow the links and instructions on our website ([http://samedicine.acvsc.org.au/samedicine/awards\\_prizes/chapter\\_service\\_award/default.asp](http://samedicine.acvsc.org.au/samedicine/awards_prizes/chapter_service_award/default.asp)) by May 20, 2011.

We look forward to seeing you in the Gold Coast and encourage you to become involved in your chapter.

**Dr Caroline Mansfield, President,  
Small Animal Medicine Chapter**



## Chapter Reports

### Pharmacology

The Pharmacology Chapter are working on a great programme for Science Week 2011. Andrew Millar is coordinating the chapter's participation and collaboration with the college to deliver a pharmacology programme for attendees. By integrating with other chapters it is the chapter's intention to show just how fundamental a role pharmacology plays in the practice of veterinary medicine.

The chapter will also be conducting the biennial Pharmacology Block Course at this year's Science Week. The course, coordinated by Charmaine Tham, is intended to support candidates in their preparations for membership examinations. On Saturday morning of Science Week there will be a series of presentations to which non-chapter members are invited to attend. We will have a number of members and sitting candidates presenting on areas of pharmacologic interest. We welcome your support and hope to inspire you with some short and sharp presentations in the area of pharmacology.

We hope Science Week 2011 will be a great success to the candidates and all attendees.

Thank you once again to all of the members of the chapter who dedicate their time and efforts to making the chapter "live".

***Dr Stephanie Armstrong, President,  
Pharmacology Chapter***

### Equine Chapter

The equine chapter is holding an exciting meeting at the Annual Science Week. The theme is the equine head. Headlining the meeting is renowned veterinary neurologist Ian (Joe) Mayhew. There are sessions on surgery of the equine head, diagnostic imaging, behaviour, ophthalmology and dentistry. The relevant chapters of the College are helping the equine chapter to bring the very latest in information by dynamic and informative speakers. Remember that the meeting is not exclusive and non College members are more than welcome to participate and view the College in action.

***Dr John Chopin, President, Equine Chapter***

### Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Chapter

Happy New Year to all our A and ECC and chapter members. I hope you all had a safe yet eventful Christmas.

An update on what to expect in the upcoming science week programme so that you can start planning your trip well in advance.

Thursday is our young Speakers day with the morning set aside for examination reviews and the afternoon dedicated to these presentations.

We have an exciting collaboration with 2 chapters this year. We will join with the SA Medicine chapter for the Friday morning for a joint session on haematology, IMHA, blood transfusions and more. This is then followed by an afternoon adventure with the Avian chapter on how to treat and approach the emergency avian patient...fantastic and so needed for all of us in the busy ECC practice! If that wasn't enough, there is even a debate on the usefulness of the pre anaesthetic screening blood tests hosted by the pharmacology and anaesthetic chapters.

Saturday as always is dedicated to the wonderful world of anaesthetics and not to mention the all important chapter meeting. Remember, we love input and the only way to have a say in the direction of this fast growing chapter is to be involved!

Remember to get in early and we look forward to seeing you there!

***Dr Joanne Gill, Hon Secretary, Vet. Emergency,  
Anaesthesia and Critical Care Chapter***



## Vet2011 World Veterinary Year – 250 years of history and a promising future

The scene: Congress Hall, Versailles, near Paris. The occasion: the Opening Ceremony for Vet 2011 – World Veterinary Year and the 250th anniversary of the founding of the world's first vet school in Lyon, France.

The location of the ceremony was chosen because it is just a horsehoe's throw away from the massive stable complex of the Palace of Versailles, where in 1761 Louis XV gave a young Frenchman, Claude Bourgelat, the task of setting up the first ever training facility for veterinarians.

At that time in Europe horses were highly valuable to the military and used by royalty for hunting, dressage and generally parading their wealth around. Young men from upper class families sought positions as "esquires", who rode and cared for the horses. It was not, however, just the health of the royal horses (and dogs and cats) but also the huge impact of livestock diseases on the rural economy that enabled Bourgelat and an influential friend to persuade the king that education in animal health was needed.

Of particular concern was the devastating effect of the spread of Rinderpest through Europe in the 1700's. Bourgelat searched for a solution and for the first time, a scientific approach was applied to animal disease control. It is a pleasing coincidence that, after years of disease eradication, it is likely that in 2011 the world will be formally declared Rinderpest free.

The first vet school in Lyon was such a success that within a year, the king asked Bourgelat to start a second facility in Alfort, near Paris. Other European cities soon established their own vet schools and like those first French schools some, such as London, Vienna and Hannover, are still educating vet students today.

Bourgelat was ahead of his time. With his interest in aspects of human medicine that could be useful to the health of horses and vice versa, he was a pioneer of comparative pathobiology. He also initiated the concept of veterinary ethics. "One health", which is so much a part of today's veterinary discussions, was a founding principal of our profession.

The several hundred attendees at the Vet2011 Opening Ceremony were addressed by the Directors General of WHO (World Health Organization) and FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations), the Deputy Director of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature - Species Program and leaders of various international veterinary organizations including the OIE, the World Organization for Animal Health, which is a global organization with 178 members countries.

Fittingly "Vet for Health, Vet for Food and Vet for Planet" was the theme of the ceremony.

Despite mention of climate change, the expanding world population, increasing human migration and the dual threats of global food and water shortages, there was a message of optimism for the profession and the role vets could have in this changing world. We were told that the profession would increasingly be called on to provide answers in debates on these issues and the speakers outlined the many ways that human health and food supply is dependent on the expertise of vets.

Of emerging animal diseases, up to 75% can be transmitted to humans so veterinary disease surveillance is very important. Potential biological disasters such as avian flu, foot and mouth disease and BSE are best averted through early detection and outbreak management.

As the wealth of developing nations increases so does their demand for animal protein food sources. The environmental and welfare issues associated with this must be managed and who better to guide others than those with veterinary training.

Global warming will mean more potential disease vectors and the need for improved control of pest borne diseases, which can reduce agricultural productivity and profitability as well as threaten lives because of dramatically reduced food production.

Sustainable animal breeding and development, preparation for climate change and protection of land and aquatic animal diversity are all areas where veterinary leadership is essential.

With roles in the protection of species biodiversity, agriculture for world food production as well as the huge task of disease surveillance to avert animal and human disease outbreaks, vets have a vital role in society and much to do to protect the planet.

Worldwide there are many events planned to mark Vet2011 and it is an opportunity for the profession to increase public awareness of its great importance not just for animal health but also, as one speaker put it, "at the bedside of humanity".

For further information on World Veterinary Year Vet2011 go to: [www.vet2011.org](http://www.vet2011.org)

Other interesting sites are: [www.oie.int](http://www.oie.int) and [www.iucnredlist.org](http://www.iucnredlist.org)

**Elizabeth Dill-Macky, Councillor – Feb 2011**





## Australian College Of Veterinary Scientists

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*Please include a curriculum vitae of the candidate (up to 100 words) and return to the Chief Executive Officer, ACVSc, Building 3, Garden City Office Park, 2404 Logan Road, Eight Mile Plains, Qld. 4113, Australia.*

### CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF NOMINATIONS: 20 MAY 2011

### RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNCILLORS

1. Councillors should hold copies of and be familiar with, the current Memorandum and Articles of Association, regulations made under the Articles and the College Information Brochure.
2. Councillors have an obligation to participate actively in College affairs and activities and to this end should familiarise themselves with the decisions of the Council and Board of Examiners by reading all Minutes, Memoranda and Reports distributed by the office secretariat. Councillors should respond to College issues raised in these documents.
3. Councillors should maintain an active interest in the affairs and activities of at least one College Chapter and if necessary provide an avenue of liaison and guidance.
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N.B. All elected Councillors must be prepared to offer themselves for office.

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## Getting the most out of examining for the College

Examiner Education sessions at College Science Week

Presented by  
**Associate Professor Glen Coleman**



Associate Professor Glen Coleman was a graduate of The University of Queensland Veterinary School in 1987 and practised for several years in Townsville, the United Kingdom and South East Queensland.

In 1995 he was appointed lecturer in veterinary parasitology. In 2005 he received a UQ Excellence in Teaching Award and in 2007 he was the recipient of a Carrick Award for Australian University Teaching.

He currently supervises three higher degree research students working on various aspects of veterinary education. Among his current projects is an Australian Learning and Teaching Council funded project on Assessment Policy and how it impacts upon practice.

He is Professor and Associate Dean — Academic, Faculty of Science at the University of Queensland. Glen delivered a popular plenary lecture and workshop on similar topics during College Science Week 2010 and continues to be a valuable consultant to the ACVSc Board of Examiners.

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“Assessment – **Making the grade**”

The Roles and Rewards of being a College Examiner

8-9am Thursday 30 June

Hamilton Room, QT Gold Coast Hotel

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Getting the Most out of Examining for the College

9am–12.30pm Thursday 30 June

Hamilton Room, QT Gold Coast Hotel

### **Topics to be covered:**

- Subject learning objectives re-visited
- Evaluating candidates' responses – marking schemes in action
- Principles of moderation in assessment
- Holistic and analytic marking schemes
- The final cut – pass, supplementary, or fail

The Plenary Lecture and Workshop is open to all Thursday morning registrations of College Science Week. It is recommended for all current, past and future College Examiners, Chapter Examination Committees plus anyone interested.

These presentations will be relevant, engaging, inspiring, fun, effective and able to be understood.

For further information: please contact

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