

American Association of Avian Pathologists

Report of the Committee on Continuing Education - 1978

The Committee on Continuing Education has been active this year in projects designed to elevate the positions of avian medicine within the veterinary education community and in the eyes of veterinary students.

1. A position paper has been prepared for submission to veterinary school curriculum planning groups urging the expansion of avian medical education. The paper includes tabulations of avian research and a monograph on poultry disease and the world economy. The paper will also be used to stimulate interest and support of our position within the agriculture community and agricultural press.
2. A resolution concerning avian medical education has been prepared for submission to the AVMA House of Delegates pending approval of the AAAP Board. The resolution calls on the AVMA to determine 1) through their current manpower survey the manpower needs for avian species, 2) the requirements and manner of providing the curriculum to meet these determined needs and 3) to, through accreditation committees, see that curriculum changes are made to meet these determined needs.
3. A brochure and slide presentation set on careers in avian medicine is in preparation. AAAP members still wishing to contribute to this effort are urged to do so as soon as possible.
4. A list of AAAP members to act as liaison persons at each veterinary school has been developed. Initial response to the committee's request was excellent but some blanks need to be filled. It is not too late to volunteer for this important position which will involve distribution of career brochures, presentation of career slide sets and contact with curriculum groups.
5. A request was made of the AAAP membership to provide summer employment or other forms of experience for veterinary students interested in avian medicine. Response has been very poor. The committee urges all members who may be able to take students for varying lengths of time, with or without salaries, to volunteer for this program.
6. The AAAP through the Continuing Education Committee continues to support outside speakers at regional meetings.

The Continuing Education Committee has had a very productive year completing, or nearly so, all of our initial goals. We would appreciate any and all suggestions from the membership on additional steps we might take to increase the interest in avian medicine in our veterinary colleges and among veterinary students.

Respectfully submitted,

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