

Report of the Education Committee

American Association of Avian Pathologists

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The newly named Education Committee has continued and expanded the work initiated in the previous year.

1. The avian medicine career brochure has been completed and is awaiting final action by the board prior to printing and distribution. This twenty page illustrated booklet describes some of the activities of the AAAP and areas of employment specialization within the broad field of avian medicine. The booklet will be distributed to veterinary students and other interested groups throughout the country.
2. A slide presentation set on careers in avian medicine is complete and also awaiting final board approval. The set of forty-eight slides and accompanying script will be distributed to the Committee's liaison person at each veterinary school for presentation. Several sets will be maintained by the Committee for loan to interested parties. The Committee plans to announce the set's availability in Avian Diseases and the poultry press. A premier presentation of the slide set was made at one major veterinary school. It was very well received and generated considerable discussion and interest.
3. The position paper prepared last year is awaiting distribution. It is the current plan of the Committee to hold distribution of this report until the Subcommittee on Curriculum has completed its work. This subcommittee has taken on the task of surveying all the North American veterinary schools on their current teaching format, i.e. core and elective, systems, etc. Following this survey the Committee will formulate recommendations for increased coverage of avian species within the various veterinary schools' teaching systems. This major ongoing project will update the Education Committee survey of 1975. The Committee is counting on prompt and complete responses to a questionnaire now under development. The work of the Curriculum Committee will also be aided by participation in the information gathering seminar to be held this summer in Seattle.
4. The Education Committee continues in its efforts to enlist 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 varied lengths of time, with or without salaries, to volunteer for this program.

5. The AAAP, through the Education Committee, continues to support outside speakers at regional meetings.

The Education Committee continues to solicit any and all suggestions from the membership on additional steps which might be taken to increase the interest in avian medicine in our veterinary colleges and among veterinary students.

Respectfully submitted,

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