

Report of the Committee on Continuing
Education in Avian Diseases
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The primary activity of the Committee the past year was to initiate workshops and/or short courses in those disciplines most wanted by the AAAP membership as indicated on the questionnaire sent out April 11, 1968. The results of the Committees work are enumerated and discussed below:

1. The results of the questionnaire on the needs of Continuing Education for the AAAP membership were tabulated and sent to all of the Deans of the Veterinary Schools and Colleges in the United States and two Veterinary Schools in Canada. This was done for the purpose of seeking their help in establishing workshops, short courses, etc. in those disciplines most wanted by the AAAP membership.
2. A letter was written to Dr. Harry Guyer, Coordinator of Animal Science Programs, U.S. Department of Agriculture, seeking his assistance for funds to conduct workshops or short courses in the more important disciplines for the members of AAAP. To date no reply has been received from Dr. Guyer regarding any assistance that his organization might provide for our programs.
3. Five short courses on fluorescent antibody techniques were held by Dr. R. E. Gentry and Dr. Max Braune at Pennsylvania State College on October 28-30, February 3-5, February 5-7, February 10-12, and February 12-14. A total of 25 people attended and participated in these workshops which were held for 2 1/2 day periods. A fee of \$50 per person was charged for participation in the short courses.

From the numerous reports received from the participants, these were outstanding workshops and Dr. Gentry and Dr. Braune are to be complimented for the excellent manner in which these were handled.

4. As a result of the correspondence with the Deans of the various Veterinary Schools and Colleges the following workshops or short courses are planned for the balance of 1969 and throughout 1970. These are enumerated below:
 - (1) Cornell University - A 2 1/2 day workshop on the preparation and use of cell cultures with avian viruses. They expect to hold the workshop in October or November of 1969 for a period of 2 1/2 days. It will be limited to 6 or 8 persons.

At some future date they hope to establish workshops or short courses in virology (avian leukosis virus and the respiratory viruses), bacteriology (Mycoplasma) and post mortem techniques.

- (2) University of Missouri - A 2 day workshop is planned in bacteriology and histopathology for either September or October 1969.
 - (3) Illinois-Purdue Universities - Planning a joint workshop in 1970 on avian virological techniques, the differential diagnosis of viral diseases and possibly histopathology. No dates and fees have been established for this workshop as yet.

- (4) The University of California - Planning 2 day workshops in virology and avian Mycoplasmosis sometime during 1970. No dates or fees have been established as yet.
5. The following Schools have indicated an interest in putting on workshops for the AAAP membership.
- (1) Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph - In the areas of poultry virology, tissue culture and fluorescent antibody techniques.
- (2) Michigan State University - Has expressed a desire to cooperate, but want a coordinated program to prevent undue duplication of effort by the various Schools and Colleges of Veterinary Medicine.
- (3) University of Georgia - Will be in a position to establish workshops in virology, tissue culture techniques, fluorescent antibody techniques, bacteriology and histopathology for the Southeastern part of the United States.

The response obtained from several Schools and Colleges of Veterinary Medicine is most gratifying. It now appears that the AAAP membership will be able to attend and participate in several good workshops during the latter part of 1969 and in 1970. As always the Committee on Continuing Education would like to hear from the membership regarding their needs and ways and means of improving existing programs. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

The Committee's primary function during the forthcoming year is expected to be one of coordinating the various workshops to be given so that unnecessary duplication will be avoided. In addition, the Committee will study ways and means of obtaining financial support for these very worthwhile Continuing Education programs.

Respectfully submitted,

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