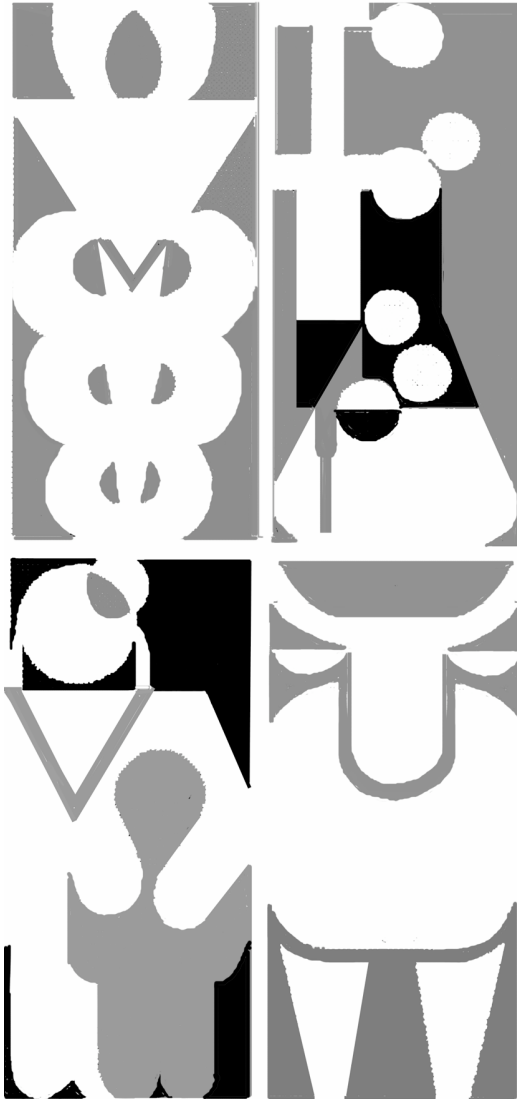


# NEWSLETTER



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## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### AVEPM 2006 Board Meeting Minutes

Marriott Chicago Magnificent Mile  
December 4, 2006  
7:00 a.m.

Officers and Board Members present were Drs. Tom Wittum, Randy Singer, Morgan Scott, Ron Smith and Jim Thorne.

Treasurer's report: Secretary-Treasurer Thorne distributed copies of the December 1, 2005 to November 30, 2006 treasurer's report (copy attached). He discussed various aspects of the report. Of note was the large carryover from 2005 and the larger expenses over income for 2006. This was due to the reimbursement to USDA of \$ 24,300 due to the overpayment from USDA in 2005. The overpayment was the result of federal logistics problems created by hurricane Katrina.

CRWAD awards: Dr. Morgan Scott volunteered to coordinate the CRWAD award selection for 2007. By consensus, directors elected to award one Food Safety graduate student award, two Epidemiology graduate student awards and one graduate student Poster award for 2006 with a stipend of \$ 250 each. Dr. Tom Wittum is coordinator this year and has score sheets for AVEPM faculty evaluators.

Schwabe Symposium: Approximately 60 attended the Schwabe Symposium on Sunday, December 3. Honoree was Dr. Wayne Martin of Ontario Veterinary College –a three decade stalwart in international veterinary epidemiology. Speakers were Drs. Cate Dewey, Jan Sargeant, Brian Bedard and Ian Dohoo. Bayer Animal Health is a major donor to this program. Coordinator was Dr. Paul Morley. He will get copies of expense to treasurer Thorne for reimbursement.

Dr. Jan Sargeant is coordinating transcription of the proceedings. Expense for that will be reimbursed by AVEPM.

AVEPM annual meeting expense will be paid by AVEPM. This includes board meeting breakfast expense and housing expense for secretary-treasurer Thorne.

Newsletter: Dr. Ron Smith explained that no publication expenses have been incurred for the AVEPM newsletter because after he retired he had funds remaining at University of Illinois. Now that those funds are expended we will be sending the newsletter by email. Secretary-Treasurer Thorne will facilitate this mailing based on membership status.

ISVEE in Cairns, Australia: Dr. Morgan Scott reported on graduate student participation in the AVEPM competition to receive awards of \$ 1,000 from AVEPM to attend ISVEE and make their presentation. Five graduate students (all AVEPM members) were awarded \$ 1,000 to assist in travel expenses. Awards were made to Walid Alali, Michelle Dennis, Linda Highfield, Audrey Torres and Antonio Vieira. Treasurer Thorne has copies of travel expenses incurred by the recipients.

Proposed Graduate Student Travel Awards: Board members discussed the offer of Dr. Mo Salman to subsidize the travel of graduate students to scientific conferences. Members thought that this was an excellent idea and will defer making detailed criteria until a future meeting. Predominate thinking was to use these funds for ISVEE graduate student awards. The next ISVEE meeting is in Durban, South Africa in 2009.

Eighty-seven member paid dues in between December 1, 2006 and November 30, 2006.

#### Officers

At the end of 2007, President Elect Dr. Morley will ascend to President. Therefore, in 2007 AVEPM should elect a President (ascends from President Elect) a President-Elect and one board member. Director Dr. Randy Singer's term will expire at the end of 2007.

#### Dues status of members:

21 dues expire in 2003  
17 dues expire in 2004  
38 dues expire in 2005  
87 dues expire in 2006  
6 dues expire in 2007  
5 dues expire 2008 and >

Respectfully submitted

James G Thorne  
Secretary-Treasurer

## **AVEPM 2006 Annual Meeting Minutes**

Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile  
December 4, 2006

President Dr. Tom Wittum called meeting to order at 11:50 a.m.

He introduced himself as President, President-elect Dr. Paul Morley, Board Directors Dr. Morgan Scott and Dr. Randy Singer and Secretary Dr. Jim Thorne.

It was moved and seconded to accept minutes of annual meeting Dec 5, 2005 as distributed in the AVEPM Newsletter. Motion carried.

Newsletter: Dr. Ron Smith discussed email of newsletter. Some suggested that we use epivet list to update AVEPM by email. Questions arose "Can we send over epi-vet list?" "Can we put on website?" Consensus was to put on website. Secretary Thorne will compile lists denoting dues expiration and distribute those lists by email.

Schwabe Symposium: Dr. Paul Morley Honoring Dr. Wayne Martin of Quelp Veterinary College it was held Sunday, December 3, 2006. Speakers were Dr. Catherine Dewey, Dr. Jan Sargeant, Dr. Brian Bedard and Dr. Ian Dohoo (all former graduate students of Dr. Martin). Dr. Wayne Martin gave the keynote address. Attendance was approximately 60, as in previous years. Dr. Morley reported that the 2004 and 2005 symposia have not been published. He expects that 6 papers from those two years will be published. For 2006, Dr. Jan Sargeant has acquired a transcription service. Dr. Paul will continue to coordinate the Schwabe Symposium for two more years. After that, the new president elect will coordinate the symposium last year of his/her term. Considering an international candidate is desirable but difficult logistically. Consensus of members was to continue with North American emphasis on honorees.

Thanks were expressed to Bayer Animal Health for their financial support of the Schwabe Symposium.

Dr. Ian Gardner led the members in applause commending Dr. Paul Morley for his coordination of the Schwabe Symposium activity.

CRWAD Awards: Dr. Wittum reported that the AVEPM board decided to make two awards for epidemiology oral presentation (13 entered), one for food safety oral presentation (6 entries) and one for posters presentation (6 entered). Each award will be \$ 250.

ISVEE: Dr. Morgan Scott coordinated the competition for the 5 ISVEE student awards of \$ 1,000 for travel to ISVEE XI in Cairns, Australia in August 2006. There were 35 abstracts submitted and subsequently 20+ papers for review. He had judging by reviewers based on quantitative criteria. Awards were made to Walid Alali, Michelle Dennis, Linda Highfield, Audrey Torres and Antonio Vieira.

Dr. Paul Morley led the members in commending Drs. Ron Smith and Jim Thorne for their support of the organization after their academic retirement.

New Business

Officer election for 2007 will be for President Elect and a Board Member.

Respectfully submitted,

James G. Thorne  
Secretary-Treasurer

Members present:  
Singer, Randy  
Morley, Paul  
Scott, Morgan  
Smith, Ronald  
Gardner, Ian  
Lord, Linda  
Funk, Julie  
Sanderson, Mike  
Reid, Stuart  
Wittum, Tom  
Thomas, Chet  
Thorne, Jim

## **NEWS & COMMENTARY**

### **Interactive Map of ProMED Reports Available**

We are pleased to announce that a mapping system for visualizing ProMED-mail reports is now available at <<http://healthmap.org/promed>>. It can also be accessed via the "Maps of Outbreaks" link on the left hand side of the ProMED-mail website.

This system, developed by HealthMap in collaboration with ProMED-mail, automatically places links to ProMED-mail reports on a world map. Clicking on a map marker will access a list of reports corresponding to the selected location. These in turn can be clicked to link back to the original ProMED-mail report. The map can be zoomed and panned, and specific diseases and date ranges selected. In some countries, reports are mapped to the state or province level (with increased global geographic resolution in progress). The map

currently incorporates English-language ProMED-mail reports as well as ProMED-ESP and can be viewed in English or Spanish.

This mapping system is part of an ongoing collaboration between ProMED-mail and HealthMap, which is based at Children's Hospital Boston, Harvard Medical School and the Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology. A link to other HealthMap data sources is provided under "Feeds."

We look forward to your comments and suggestions.

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