THE COUNCIL ON EDUCATION
The Council on Education met on September 28-30, 2014 and March 8-10, 2015 at AVMA Headquarters. The meetings were chaired by Dr. Frederik Derksen, and Dr. Ronald Gill served as vice chair.

Accreditation of Colleges—In 2014 the COE underwent review by the US Department of Education (USDE) and was granted continued recognition with a report demonstrating full compliance with USDE guidelines in six months.

Effective July 1, 2015, USDE will determine whether accrediting agencies that accredit veterinary schools outside of the US are acceptable to the Secretary of Education for the purpose of evaluating veterinary programs. The agency must be acceptable in order for US students attending foreign veterinary schools to be eligible to participate in US federal student aid programs. The COE along with other foreign accreditors applied for acceptance.

Based on comprehensive site visit reports, classifications of accreditation were assigned to the University College Dublin School of Veterinary Medicine, the Oregon State University College of Veterinary Medicine, the North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine, the University Of Minnesota College Of Veterinary Medicine, the Massey University Institute of Veterinary, Animal & Biomedical Sciences, the University of Utrecht Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, the Virginia Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, and the Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Annual interim reports from 41 colleges were reviewed and accepted. The list of accredited colleges of veterinary medicine is available on the AVMA website, http://www.avma.org/education/cvea/colleges_accredited/colleges_accredited.asp.

The Council also granted Provisional Accreditation to the Midwestern University College of Veterinary Medicine and the Lincoln Memorial University College of Veterinary Medicine. Provisional Accreditation is granted to a college with Letter of Reasonable Assurance status that is making adequate progress on the date that letters of acceptance are mailed to members of the initial class. Colleges with Provisional Accreditation status provide the Council with progress reports every six months.

The Council also conducted a focused site visit at Utah State University, which has a cooperative 2+2 program with the Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine, and consultative visits at Seoul National University College of Veterinary Medicine and ONIRIS (Nantes-Atlantic National College of Veterinary Medicine, Food Science and Engineering).

The US colleges of veterinary medicine are classified as follows: 27 are accredited and one is assigned probationary accreditation. The classification of probationary accreditation indicates that the college has met most, but not all of the Standards established by the AVMA. Five Canadian colleges and 14 foreign colleges are classified as accredited.

Accreditation Standards—The Council conducted the periodic review of the Standards with a survey sent to a random sample of 5,200 practitioners, 3,500 veterinary educators, 1,700 fourth-year veterinary students, as well as the deans of all domestic veterinary schools and the presidents of all state veterinary medical associations. An open survey was also posted at the AVMA website. The COE is considering the information received and will determine if any changes to the Standards are appropriate. During its annual review of four Standards, the Council discussed the Standards on Organization, Finances, Research Programs, and Outcomes Assessment. Following discussion, the Council determined that no changes were necessary to Standard 1-Organization or Standard 2-Finances. Changes to Standard 10-Research Programs and Standard 11-Outcomes Assessment have been posted for public comment which will be considered by the Council prior to approval of any changes. The manual is available at the AVMA website: http://www.avma.org/education/cvea/coe_pp.asp.

Liaison Reports—The Council received as information reports of Council members acting as liaisons to the American Board of Veterinary Specialties, the Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities, the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, and the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates.
Liaison reports were also received from the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges, and the National Examining Board of Canada.