THE COUNCIL ON EDUCATION

The Council on Education (COE) met on September 27-29, 2015 and March 20-22, 2016 at AVMA Headquarters. The meetings were chaired by Dr. John Pascoe; Dr. L. Garry Adams served as vice chair.

Accreditation of Colleges – The COE submitted its six-month report to the US Department of Education (USDE) and at the June 2016 meeting of the National Advisory Committee on institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI), the committee forwarded a recommendation, along with a similar recommendation from USDE staff, to continue recognition of the COE for the remainder of the recognition period. In June 2015 the USDE recognized the COE as an accrediting agency acceptable for the purpose of evaluating foreign veterinary colleges.

Based on comprehensive site visit reports, classifications of accreditation were assigned to The University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine, the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine, Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, the University of Guelph Ontario Veterinary College, the University of Edinburgh Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, and the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. Based on a comprehensive site visit the University of Copenhagen School of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Sciences withheld initial accreditation. Annual interim reports from 42 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.

Based on comprehensive site visits and biannual reports, the Council also granted continued 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 the Letter of Reasonable Assurance that is making adequate progress on the date that letters of acceptance are mailed to members of the initial class. Colleges with Provisional Accreditation provide the Council with progress reports every six months.

The Council also conducted focused site visits to the Tuskegee University School of Veterinary Medicine and to the Montana State University which has a regional (1+3) cooperative program with the Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

The US colleges of veterinary medicine are classified as follows: 27 are accredited and one is assigned probationary accreditation. Five Canadian colleges and 12 foreign colleges are classified as accredited, with two foreign colleges 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.


**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, the Committee on International Veterinary Affairs, 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.