APVMA Quarterly Newsletter

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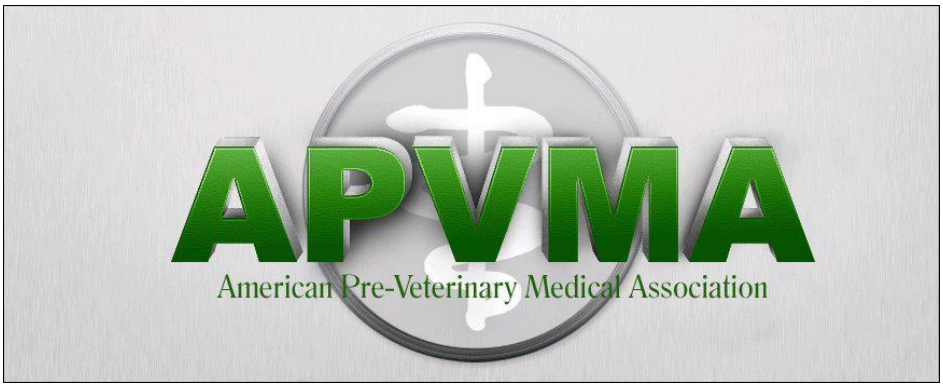

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Congratulations, you've applied! Now, we wait…

We would like to congratulate each and every one of you that have applied to veterinary schools this cycle and have completed VMCAS and supplemental requirements. This is a monumental task to take on and a relief when completed. You are all super stars!!! Now, as you wait to hear back about interviews, or admission if the school doesn't offer interviews, we wish you all the best of luck on getting into the schools of your choice.

We know this took many long nights of studying, stressful exams, and long days of preparation in order to get down this road, but you made it and we couldn't be prouder of you. Know that we are rooting for you and cheer you on as you wait to hear from your schools.

You all rock!

Important Dates to Remember:

- *Dec 31, 2013: Registration deadline for 2013-2014 membership to APVMA has been extended to Dec 31! (required to attend symposium)*
- *March 21-23, 2014: Annual Symposium at Iowa State University*
- *February 21, 2014: Scholarship Application Deadline*

To Promote & Stimulate Interest in the Field of Veterinary Medicine

Registration for 2013-2014 APVMA Membership

PLEASE NOTE: APVMA Membership Registration is different/separate from the Symposium Registration. Membership is required in order to complete Symposium Registration, and BOTH membership and symposium registrations must be completed in order to attend the Symposium in the Spring. APVMA Membership Registration is now open for 2013-2014 membership. Please contact the APVMA Treasurer, Kim Schreiber at apvmatreasurer@gmail.com if you have any questions regarding your individual or club membership. Once you are ready to submit your application and dues, please mail the information to:

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Annual Symposium this Spring: March 21-23, 2014

Planning for the Annual Symposium is well under way by our Symposium hosts at Iowa State University. The best way to state up to date on their planned labs, lectures, or updates is to like their Facebook page and to follow their Twitter feed (links below). So far, APVMA members should be aware of the following in order to attend:

1. You **MUST** submit your membership application/fee to APVMA before **December 31, 2013**. You have to be a paid member of APVMA in good standing in order to attend the symposium. This is separate from and does not take the place of Symposium Registration.
2. We expect Symposium registration to open up via Iowa State's website in the very near future. They are finalizing details on a few labs and once that is taken care of, registration will open. Registration is first come, first serve until it is completely booked, so please stayed tuned to their Facebook page and Twitter feed to know exactly when you and your club can register for the symposium in general and sign up for labs/lectures.
3. Registration for the symposium will remain open until all available spots are filled. **PLEASE NOTE: registration for the symposium is first come, first serve, so please sign up early to make sure you and your club members get a spot.**
4. Unfortunately, the host hotel for the symposium, Quality Inn, is already full. There are two other options listed online by Iowa State: The Holiday Inn Express & Suites or the Hampton Inn & Suites. Full contact information and room cost can be found at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/registration/events/conferences/apvma/lodging.html.

   Please let them know you are with the APVMA when reserving rooms. Please make sure to make your reservations early so you can get the rooms you need before these options are booked up.

SYMPOSIUM TWITTER FEED:

https://twitter.com/APVMA2014ISU

SYMPOSIUM FACEBOOK PAGE:

https://www.facebook.com/APVMANationalSymposium2014

Scholarships for 2013-2014 Members

Remember, you must apply to win one of our scholarships that will be awarded at our Annual Symposium March 21-23, 2014. We are hoping to hear from more applicants this year and to create an even stronger pool of candidates in order to award the best and brightest future veterinarians!

As an organization that promotes the academic integrity and high standards that come with pursuing a career in veterinary medicine, we will be placing a high priority on scholarship applications of the highest caliber. Please make sure that you submit your application only after making certain that it completes all requirements and is submitted with attention to detail within the application package. Please keep in mind, details like spelling and grammar will be just as important when applying for these scholarships as for any other application process. We very much look forward to receiving and reviewing the many exceptional applications we expect to receive this year. For more information on application requirements, please visit our website at:

http://apvma.org/awards--scholarship-applications.html

The APVMA Animal Experience Guide!

Created by the APVMA Executive Board and Members like you!

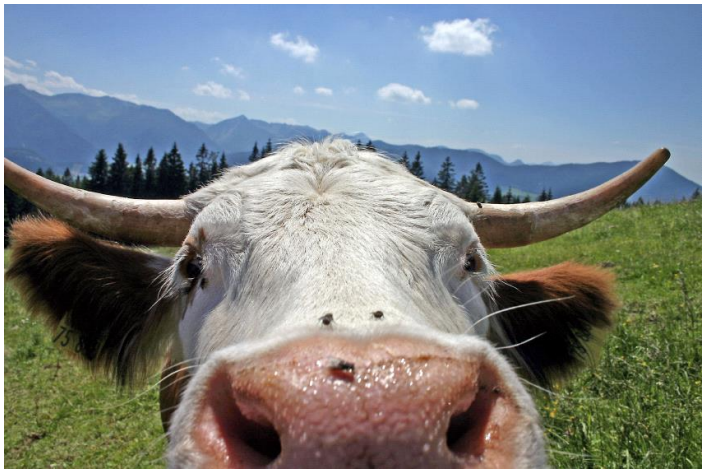
We are now compiling information from members and advisors from all over the country about what type of experience they've received, where they got it, and how they went about gaining this experience. We need to work with all members to create this publication that will continue to grow each year for current and future members of APVMA. Please contact the APVMA Executive Board today about submitting information and we will be happy to send you the guidelines. We will work with you to get your information uploaded so it can help others seeking ways to gain experience in specific fields and specialties. Once we have a good number of experiences compiled, this publication will be available online as a downloadable PDF for all members. The PDF will continue to be updated over time as more submissions are received in order to keep it current and relevant for all students. Start submitting information today and stay tuned for a publication date!

Symposium Host School for 2015…could be you!

In 2013 we had the pleasure of visiting the University of Florida and in 2014 we will have Iowa State as our hosts. Who will be next? If you and your school are interested in possibly hosting the 2015 APVMA Annual Symposium, including organizing all labs and lectures, please contact the APVMA E-board and begin preparing your host proposal. Your proposal will be presented at the 2014 Symposium at Iowa State and members will get to vote on the school/location they prefer for the next meeting.

In order to have a presentation ready with all relevant materials by March 21, 2014, we highly recommend that you begin compiling information regarding school infrastructure, hotels that can accommodate the conference and the rooms for the attendees, as well as possible professors, labs, or subject matter that may be appealing to members. A well organized and prepared presentation for your proposal will make sure you and your school are ready for the task should you be voted the new host school for 2015!

Please contact the E-Board with any questions or with your submission. We look forward to hearing from all interested schools!



Reminders

- **APVMA MEMBERSHIP**: 2013-2014 APVMA membership registration is now open. You/your club must be an active member with 2013-2014 membership in order to participate in the 2014 symposium. This year's symposium will be held at Iowa State University. Send in your membership application today to make sure you are eligible to attend!
- **SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION**: Iowa State's Symposium registration (different from APVMA registration) should be open very soon. Please stay tuned to their Facebook page and Twitter feed for the most up to date info. Registration is first come, first serve and will remain open until completely full.
- **SYMPOSIUM HOTEL RESERVATIONS**: Book your rooms now at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, the Hampton Inn & Suites, or another local hotel. The host hotel, the Quality Inn, is already full, so please reserve your rooms now while still available.
- **APVMA SCHOLARSHIPS**: Spread the word! We are looking for high caliber applicants for all APVMA scholarships that will be awarded at the symposium this spring. Scholarship applications and information can be found on our website (www.apvma.org).
- **APVMA EXPERIENCE GUIDE**: Send us information about how you gained animal experience to begin the compilation of our new animal experience guide. We look forward to having this information online in the near future!
- **2015 SYMPOSIUM HOST**: We are looking for a host school for the 2015 Annual Symposium and we want to hear from you! Now is the time to start preparing your proposal that will be presented at the Symposium at Iowa State and members will vote on the school/location they prefer for the next annual meeting.

2014 Annual Symposium:
March 21-23, 2014 @ Iowa State University
Start planning your fundraising or travel plans now and we'll see you there!
More information: https://www.facebook.com/APVMANationalSymposium2014
Or https://twitter.com/APVMA2014ISU