REPORT TO THE NWVMA MEETING
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AVMA Update – Director of International Affairs, and Chair of the Committee on International Affairs

  - Approved in concept in November 2014
  - Full recommendation with business plan for consideration at July 2015 BOD meeting
  - Tentatively scheduled for Spring 2017

  - January - The AVMA Report on Veterinary Markets: Provides data and information about general U.S. economic conditions, the markets for veterinary education, veterinarians and veterinary services, and workforce capacity utilization.
  - February - The AVMA Report on Veterinary Employment: We surveyed veterinarians across the country and across the profession to better understand employment, unemployment and underemployment, as well as the factors affecting each.
  - March - The AVMA Report on Veterinary Debt and Income: This report takes an in-depth look at salaries for new and existing veterinarians and their veterinary education debt load, as well as debt-to-income ratios and the net present value of a veterinary career.
  - May - The AVMA Report on the Market for Veterinarians: Ever wonder where the 100,000-plus veterinarians are located, what type of work they do or how much they are compensated? This report explores the demographics of the profession.
  - July - The AVMA Report on Veterinary Capacity: This report includes our excess capacity forecast and explores our capacity utilization survey, descriptive statistics for capacity utilization and the factors affecting capacity utilization.
- **September - The AVMA Report on the Market for Veterinary Education**: The market for veterinary education is the beginning of the pipeline to the market for veterinary services. This report looks at the types of students applying to veterinary school, and the supply of and demand for veterinary education.

- **Internships** - In the last decade and a half, the veterinary profession has seen some interesting trends in employment patterns, especially in the popularity of internships versus fulltime employment. ([https://www.avma.org/PracticeManagement/BusinessIssues/economics/Pages/Discovery-of-a-New-Nerve-Internships.aspx](https://www.avma.org/PracticeManagement/BusinessIssues/economics/Pages/Discovery-of-a-New-Nerve-Internships.aspx))
  - In 2001, more than 70 percent of graduating seniors entered full-time employment in private practice. That declined to a low of approximately 40 percent in 2012, then returned to 56 percent in 2014.
  - During that same time period, the percentage of students electing to complete an internship increased to mirror the decline in full-time employment. Internship selection increased from approximately 20 percent in 2001 to a high of 50 percent in 2012, then declined to 37 percent in 2014.
    1. Internships are associated with lower perceptions of self-competence.
    2. Internships are associated with unemployment.
    3. Certain schools send more students into internships.
    4. Internships cost graduates tens of thousands of dollars. (Difference between internship pay and FT pay ($40,000), added interest from student loans, and reduced income stream from delaying FT employment.)

  - Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) final rule
• White House Forum on Antibiotic Stewardship to support the implementation of the White House’s National Action Plan for Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria (PDF).

► AVMA Convention – July 10-14, 2015 in Boston!!

WVA Update – President (www.worldvet.org)

► An International Network representing over 500,000 DVMs across 6 continents
  o World Organization of Animal Health (OIE) and our MOU for AMR, Prevention and Control of Rabies, Education, and support for Regulatory national veterinary services
  o World Health Organization
  o United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization
  o Non-governmental Organizations – GARC, World Animal Protection, IVSA, World Medical Association

► Four Strategic Priorities
  o Animal Welfare
  o Zoonotic Diseases (with initial emphasis on Rabies)
    ▪ 180 people die of rabies every day in the world, mostly in Asia and Africa, mostly children. In the Americas, the biggest problem yet today is in Haiti, which was bad to start with, but worse after the earthquake of January 2010. The same scenario is expected to worsen in Nepal where hundreds or dogs were still being poisoned by strychnine out of fear of rabies before the earthquake in April.
    ▪ World Veterinary Day – Vector-borne Diseases with Zoonotic Potential
      • WVD Award > Costa Rica – Equine encephalitis and West Nile Virus
  o Education for all veterinarians – Global Online Education Portal
  o Pharmaceutical Stewardship – Responsible Use and Disposal, Availability of good quality drugs, and decreasing Antimicrobial Resistance
• Ketamine hearing at the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs – I was alerted to this issue by Dr. Charles Short, an AVMA member and anesthesiologist.
• Collaboration with the WMA and WVA within 48 hours for opposition (as well as AVMA, WSAVA, and FVE)

➤ **One Health Partnership with the World Medical Association** – a model for national and regional medical and veterinary medical association collaboration
  o **Global Conference on One Health** – Madrid, Spain with WMA, Spanish VMA and MA

Your AVMA membership is important!!
➤ Legislative lobbying
➤ Educational standards
➤ Economic analysis
➤ JAVMA
➤ Convention – Continuing Education and Networking
➤ **International Networks**