



# College Courier

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## President's Message

Dear Colleagues

I trust this finds you and your families in good health.

### Plans for College Science Week in the future:

College Science week has been held on the Gold Coast for thirteen years. Over the past few years members have asked Council about considering a change in location. Consideration is also being given to separating the examinations from the Conference in future. These two activities are massive undertakings in their own right and delivering both back to back is proving more and more difficult. The current hotel, QT Gold Coast provides us with outstanding service and all that we need to conduct the examinations, including a large number of individual hotel rooms with furniture removed. As a conference venue the QT goes to great lengths to meet our needs, but has approached capacity with our higher attendance numbers over recent years. If Science Week grows to greater than 500 delegates, we will need to consider a larger venue; however taking on a venue such as a Convention Centre could expose the College to considerable financial risk. The Gold Coast boasts attractive ocean views and often migrating whales, but members have made comments that they are tiring of the location.

There are arguments either way - if the examinations are separated from the

Conference we risk losing the attendance of examiners and candidates who have already travelled to college examination. Even if we provided complimentary CSW registration, examiners would still need to pay to transport themselves to the CSW venue at a later date as well as taking additional time off work; both of these considerations may be a disincentive. We also lose being able to utilise overseas examiners as valuable science week speakers despite them having been brought over to Australia/NZ to examine. Many chapters utilise speakers who have also acted as examiners. Examination candidates may not return for Science Week after their examinations. However moving the conference to another destination and rotating it annually may provide opportunity for further growth of the conference.

In 2013, our new Examinations Officer will take on the role of administrative examination coordination, with a view to coordinating the examinations in 2014. From 2015 it is proposed that Mrs Elaine Lowe will take a smaller role in the administration of the examinations to be able to concentrate on the planning and delivery of the College Science Week conference.

All options are currently being considered by Council and we value the input of all College members. The College will send a poll out to all members later in the year. If you have interest in providing feedback on this issue please email me or talk to myself, other Councillors or College staff at Science Week.





## Departure of CEO

On March 22, I regrettably received notice of Dr Megan Parker's resignation as CEO of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists, effective Friday 19th April, 2013. I subsequently wrote to all members to explain that Megan had indicated that she enjoyed this role immensely over the past eleven years, but it is now time for her to move on to a new challenge. Megan has ably administered the College through a period of extremely rapid growth, challenge and development. She has represented the College at key national and international meetings to promote our structure and objectives and has assisted in building many valuable relationships. On behalf of all members of the College I sincerely thank Megan for her hard work and devotion to the College and wish her every success in the future. The College Council is carefully reviewing the ongoing needs of the College Office in order to strategically consider all options for the Office leadership. In the short term; the College Manager, Mrs Elaine Lowe assisted by Administration Assistant Sharon Tinsley and new Examinations Officer Robyn Pettigrew, will continue to handle all routine College functions. The College Council, Board of Examiners and I will endeavour to assist to maintain the smooth running of the College.

## Council Elections

Two places on council are up for election this year for which nominations are currently being called. Dr Liz Dill Macky has indicated that she will end her second term on Council in July and not re-stand due to her relocation to the United States later

this year. Liz's service to date, wisdom and organisational skills have held the College on a steady course during her tenure. Her absence will leave a gap difficult to fill.

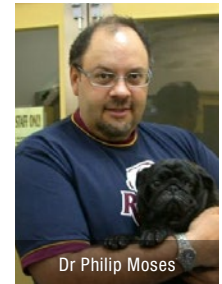
All members should consider nominating for Council. You need an interest in the future and objectives of the College and a desire to make a significant contribution to the veterinary profession. Councillors are offered directorship training and extensive support from the College office and find the experience of serving on Council to be a most rewarding and enjoyable one. All financial Members and Fellows of the College are eligible for nomination and election for Council.

As a member of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists, you are encouraged to vote in the 2013 Council election. Council, as the Board of Directors of the College manages the day to day operations and strategic objectives of the College and therefore significantly influences the future of the veterinary profession in Australia and New Zealand.

As our annual examinations approach I wish every candidate every success best and hope you are rewarded for your hard work and commitment.

As always I am available to all members for any issues related to the college please do not hesitate to contact me through the College office – [admin@anzcvs.org.au](mailto:admin@anzcvs.org.au)

Fond regards,  
Philip Moses, College President



Dr Philip Moses

## Personal Letter to Members from CEO

Dear Members,

It is with deep regret and many mixed emotions that I will soon be moving on from my position of CEO at the ANZ College of Veterinary Scientists. I tendered my resignation to Council on March 22, and will be departing my post on April 19, 2013. I am committed to assisting as much as I can over my notice period to manage this change; and the leadership transition beyond.

I thank you all for the tremendous experiences I have enjoyed through my association with the College over eleven years. I am confident that the College has a very bright future ahead; due to careful strategic management, and the robust systems it has in place.

I am excited to be taking a new career direction in the corporate/commercial sector; and look forward to presenting for Membership examinations at some point in the future!

It is a big thing for me to leave after being with the College so long! I have lots of mixed emotions, especially leaving those of you I was involved with from when you started Fellowship training! It is ironic that I am about to leave when Dr Mark Owen is about to become Chief Examiner. Mark's Fellowship Training Program was the first that I assessed back in 2002!

Many years ago when I heard about this job I had just painfully but successfully re-entered clinical practice after a PhD and an academic/administrative job at Murdoch University. I had to think carefully about if I wanted to take this path of being EO for the College. But what won me over was that the College represents the highest tier and the cream of our profession. It consists purely of individuals who have chosen to improve themselves and strive for excellence in their chosen field. I realised that the College would offer me the opportunity to work with the brightest minds of our profession domestically and internationally, and a chance to be a part of their culture. I honestly felt that nothing could beat that. I was right. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve the College for eleven years and to work closely with such a fabulous group of people.

This has not been a normal job; I have worked mainly in isolation; across many time-zones, and from a range of places around the world. I managed a workforce of 135 volunteer workers that I usually didn't see in person but for once a year, in fact I didn't even know what many of them looked like!!

Thank you firstly to Mrs Elaine Lowe, College Manager – you have been more than just a co-worker; but a dear friend and mentor whom I admire and respect greatly.

Thank you to the Presidents and Chief Examiners past and present who have given me unfaltering support, encouragement and assistance: Drs Philip Moses, Robert Labuc, Stuart Burrough, Rick Read, Dick Roe; Mandy Burrows, Robin Stanley and Nigel Perkins.

Thank you to the Councils and Boards of Examiners I have worked with over the years for supporting me and the vision we had for this role. You gave me great opportunity to learn, study, develop and grow professionally, and I am grateful.

Lastly and most importantly, I could not have done this job without family support. My husband Dr Bernie Bredhauer has been so supportive of my career and what I have needed to do. He has held the fort at home while I powered on discussion documents all weekend, and he has kept the home fires burning while I travelled the world; looking after our two girls and never questioning how difficult it is for him to be left behind. Thank you, Bernie.

Warm Regards,  
Dr Megan Parker  
Executive Officer  
2002 – 2008

CEO 2008 – 2013



Dr Megan Parker



## CEO Report for Courier

### Notices of Meetings

The College Office aims to issue notices of meetings (predominantly those related to Annual General Meetings) via email. This initiative will save time plus generate significant savings in financial and environmental resources. The Corporations Act 2001 requires each member of the College to provide a written authority stating that he/she is willing to accept notices of meetings via email. **If you have not yet indicated your permission to receive notices electronically please complete and return your authority slip to the College Office as soon as possible.**

The authority slip may be scanned and emailed to [admin@acvs.org.au](mailto:admin@acvs.org.au), faxed to the College Office on (07) 3423 2977 or mailed to: Mrs Elaine Lowe, Office Manager, Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists, Garden City Office Park, Building 3, 2404 Logan Road, EIGHT MILE PLAINS QLD 4113.

We thank you for your support of this important initiative.

### Ongoing Advances in International Recognition of ANZCVS Qualifications

The international profile of the college and the international currency of our qualifications (Fellowship in particular) are of paramount importance to our members but especially our fellows and current and potential Fellowship candidates. Our approach is that international recognition of ANZCVS qualifications will come as a result of a sound and respected international profile. We have therefore continued to strategically accept a number of invitations to key international meetings to benefit the college and its profile.

Dr Tias Muurlink attended the European College of Veterinary Surgery's examinations in February 2013 as an observer and exchanged valuable information about our respective College's examination processes. The collaborative examination observation is considered to be an excellent way to observe the standard and methodology of the ECVS and ANZCVS examinations.

Also, in February 2013, Dr Annette Litster attended and addressed the Annual Meeting of the American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS) in snowy Schaumburg, Illinois. Again, it was an extremely valuable opportunity to represent the ANZ College at this important forum.

The three parent organisations - The European Board of Veterinary Specialisation (EBVS), the ABVS and the ANZCVS now demonstrate a strong alliance through the International Veterinary Specialty Working Group (IVSWG), sharing ideas and experiences and looking for opportunities for future collaboration and mutual learning.

In April 2013, Councillor Dr Liz Dill Macky will attend and address the European Board of Veterinary Specialities (EBVS) General Assembly in Brussels, Belgium; plus present two sessions at an examiner training workshop for EBVS Colleges explaining some of the recent work and policies of our Board of Examiners' Examination Committee.

Through these activities, momentum continues to grow and there is ongoing evidence of significant and tangible progress being achieved in promoting our College, advancing international relations and progressing the pursuit of international recognition of our qualifications.

### The European Board of Veterinary Specialisation (EBVS)

Dr O'Brien, President European Board of Veterinary Specialisation has explained that the EBVS has looked to the ANZCVS as a model and a partner in several regards.

- The International Veterinary Specialty Working Group (IVSWG) is an example, as is the cross-border interaction and collaboration at the individual speciality level.
- Based on the CEO's professional role in the ANZCVS, the EBVS have just hired a CEO for the EBVS.
- Based on the ANZCVS example, the EBVS are implementing at their AGM a training programme for specialist examiners, with now a component on resident supervision being included.
- They are looking to include a scientific component to their AGM in the near future.
- The EBVS Newsletter, now in 5th edition, has been developed with some mirroring of the ANZCVS College Courier.

### Current College Statistics



The College currently has a Membership of 2200; 1703 of which are Members, 225 are Fellows, 15 are Honorary Fellows, 43 are Associate Members, and 214 are Life members or Life Fellows. 1705 (78%) reside in Australia, 281 in New Zealand and 214 in other countries.





## 2013 Examination Candidature

The healthy 2013 examination candidature indicates the strength and relevance of the College examination system.

26 candidates will sit fellowship examinations in 10 subjects this year.

At the membership level, 161 candidates will sit the examinations, including 11 candidates sitting medicine of cats in the UK, 16 candidates sitting supplementary examinations and 134 candidates sitting all components of the examination. Examinations will be held in 14 subjects. To date 30 candidates had withdrawn from the membership examinations.

## Board of Examiners

Dr Zoe Lenard stepped off the Board of Examiners in December. We have been gratefully appreciative of Zoe's valuable contribution to the full Board and the Training and Credentials Committee in particular. We valued Zoe's commitment, intelligence, careful consideration and hard work. The selection committee has recently selected Dr Peter Bennett as Zoe's replacement as a new member of the Board of Examiners, and the Training and Credentials Committee specifically. Peter's skills and background put him in a good position to make a valuable contribution to the BoE; especially because of his previous experiences and involvement with both the Fellowship and US Diplomate training, credentialing and examination systems; plus his office-bearer involvement in the Small Animal Medicine and Oncology chapters.

Dr Liz Norman will regrettably retire off the Board of Examiners at July 2013. Liz has made an outstanding contribution through nine years of involvement on the BoE; most recently as Assistant Chief Examiner – Membership and then Assistant Chief Examiner – Examinations. Liz has introduced significant advancements in College policies and processes, and raised the College's professionalism in examination development and delivery. The Board has selected Dr Stephen Atkinson as the replacement for Liz Norman, effective July 2013. Dr Atkinson comes to the board with strong interest and extensive experience in assessment practice; especially innovative new types of assessment modalities and the specific assessment of candidates' abilities to apply their knowledge and demonstrate a higher level of understanding.

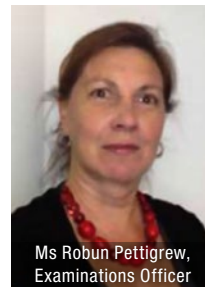
## College Office

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assist to maintain the smooth running of the College.

Ms Sharon Tinsley, our administrative assistant, started her fourth year with the College on 23 November 2012 and continues to efficiently, professionally and cheerfully assist Elaine on a permanent part time basis.

The office in February recruited a new replacement Examinations Officer to take over the founding work of Ms Yvette O'Keefe who returned to University teaching. The new Examinations Officer, Ms Robyn Pettigrew, will have progressive management responsibility for the College's examination administration including preparation, delivery and review of the examinations. Robyn will be responsible for administering and managing a large diverse group of people; collating and presenting information, managing communications, and calling and coordinating meetings as required.



Ms Robyn Pettigrew,  
Examinations Officer

Robyn has worked in tertiary education as a facilitator, an administrator and a manager. Her last employment position in New Zealand as an Academic Advisor included ensuring academic compliance for the School of Design and Humanities at the Bay of Plenty Polytechnic.

## College Science Week 2013

A great opportunity exists for you to be part of this popular integrated multi-stream programme, with ample time to interact socially and scientifically with key members of the profession from Australia, New Zealand and beyond, in the following disciplines:

Small Animal Medicine	Emergency and Critical Care
Small Animal Surgery	Equine
Animal Welfare	Animal Reproduction
Cattle	Epidemiology
Ophthalmology	Oncology
Anaesthesia and Critical Care	Radiology
Feline	Dermatology
Veterinary Behaviour	Pharmacology
Veterinary Oncology	Zoo and Wildlife

College Science Week presents material from the CUTTING EDGE and scientific and clinical updates from Australian, New Zealand and overseas experts. This meeting is NOT RESTRICTED to College Members. Details of the full programme and registration packets will be available from March 2012 from Mrs. Elaine Lowe, College Manager, telephone +61 (0)7 3423 2016 fax +61 (0) 7 3423 2977 or email [admin@anzcvsc.org.au](mailto:admin@anzcvsc.org.au)



## Examinations Plenary



A Science Week Plenary about Optimal Assessment Practice will be delivered at 8am on Thursday morning July 11 by the Examination Committee of the Board of Examiners, as part of the Board of examiners ongoing commitment to excellence and examiner training. All Science Week registrants are welcome to attend.

## Scientific Writing Workshop



On Friday 12 July between 8.30 and 12.30, The Board of Examiners Training and Credentials Committee invite you to join in a Scientific Writing Workshop with College Fellow Dr Shane Raidal and AVJ Scientific Editor Dr Anne Jackson. This workshop will be of special appeal to Fellowship candidates undertaking the publication requirements for Fellowship but all interested Science Week registrants are welcome to attend.

## Fellowship Information Session

On Friday July 12 at 7.30am, The Training and Credentials Committee will be conducting a plenary about Advances in Fellowship Training for any Fellowship Candidates or Supervisors (present or potential) who may be interested and have questions of clarification or concerns about Fellowship training that they wish to raise directly with the Board of Examiners.

Specific focus will be placed on the issue of whether or not the College should move to accrediting training institutions rather than individual training programs.

## Late Night Venue

Subsequent to feedback about the new revamped, exciting, but somewhat noisy night club at the QT Hotel; we have organised a quiet late night bar area at Yamagan restaurant adjacent to the hotel, for the Thursday and Friday nights of Science Week. Science Week attendees may sit back, relax and enjoy a quite drink and catch up late at night. Enjoy!

## Counselling

Unsuccessful examination candidates will be invited to attend a guidance counselling session (up to 1 hour at no expense) with a fully-briefed clinical psychologist. The guidance session will be available either in person on the date of collection of Australian exam results at the QT Hotel, or via phone or Skype at another time for both Australian and overseas candidates. The aim of this session is to assist unsuccessful candidates to come to terms with their result, debrief and discuss coping strategies and plans to assist with an attempt to re-sit. Please note these sessions are not able to provide examination information such as a breakdown of marks, details of examination performance, or College examination processes; available information of this type may be obtained through contact with the College Office. Unsuccessful candidates collecting results from the QT hotel who wish to attend a face-to-face guidance counselling session that day may book in through the College Science Week registration desk on Friday 12 July. Unsuccessful candidates receiving notification of results via email or mail who wish to attend a phone/Skype guidance counselling session at a later date may book in by phoning the College Office from Friday 12 July on +61 (7) 34232016.

## Fellow Subscription Form

College Fellows are requested to complete the self-evaluation tick-box form accompanied to their annual subscription renewal. Supportive documentation is not required. Through the form, Fellows will be able to demonstrate a range of activities undertaken in a professional capacity. This self-evaluation scheme will have a number of benefits:

- It will permit the Collect to collect data regarding the CPD activities of Fellows
- It will remind Fellows at subscription time that there is an expectation they should be able to demonstrate a high level of CPD involvement and thus competence in their discipline
- It will demonstrate to regulatory bodies that the College views the Fellowship qualification as a measure of excellence and that Fellows are expected to work at this level

At this time this information will only be collected; and will permit the College to identify or flag any perceived areas of concern in the future to ensure that the Fellowship qualification continues to represent a measure of specialist-level skills, knowledge and excellence.





## Meeting between Councillors and Representatives of Chapters about a proposed Examination development Fund

A meeting was held on 20 February, 2013 between Councillors and representatives of Council to explain the requirement for a sustainable continuous development system for College examinations and to flag Council suggestions on how this strategic objective might be resourced.

The Board of Examiners and Council have determined that there is a need to establish an examination development fund to support examiner training and examination development projects. At the meeting some very draft concepts were flagged with Chapters about how to establish the required fund. The meeting was intended as a means of delivering some thoughts to stimulate discussion with and between chapters. Council will work on a proposal and on the Thursday morning of Science Week there will be a formal face-to-face meeting between Chapters and Council where Council will deliver the formal proposal to Chapters.

The ANZ College is in the process of rapid growth and development and recognises its important role and its place as a benchmark organisation internationally. The examination QA processes are continually being refined to improve the robust nature of the examination system. Some of the ANZ College's processes are so highly regarded they are being duplicated by overseas Colleges. The current Board of Examiners is passionate about examiner training and the seeking of external consultation for assistance with ongoing improvements to the

exam system; for the benefit of the examination candidates and the broader profession.

The examination system has traditionally been desired to be self-funding but this is no longer possible. The current ANZCVS exam fees in no way offset the costs involved in developing and delivering the examinations to candidates. The exam system is losing money and needs to be supported by funds from the general account (general membership of the College) to break even. Despite economies of scale with a bumper examination cohort in 2012 and 2013, the examination system is anticipated to lost nearly \$11 000 this College financial year. So there is no room for diverting funds generated from examinations into examination development initiatives such as examiner training, external consultants, analysis, software development for data management etc. A fund is planned to be established for this purpose, to allow the examination system to continue to improve in efficiency and quality.

## Chapter Meeting at Science Week

A follow up meeting with Chapters and members of Council is scheduled for Thursday 11 July, at 6.30 a.m. at the College Science Week Venue. Chapter representatives are invited to come along and discuss the examination development fund plus other matters of interest and concern with Council and hear about latest Council initiatives. Breakfast will be served.

## Examiner Training

Chief Examiner, Dr Mandy Burrows addressing the attendees of the 2013 Exam Writing Workshop





## Exam writing workshop

An inaugural exam writing workshop was held on Saturday-Sunday, 2- 3 February 2013, at Rydges Hotel Southbank, Brisbane. The Chief Examiner, Dr Mandy Burrows; Assistant Chief Examiner- Examinations, Dr Liz Norman; and two additional members of the Examination Committee, Drs Sharanne Raidal and Carolyn Guy; were in attendance throughout the workshop as facilitators. Professor Glen Coleman attended as the external expert/facilitator. The President, Dr Philip Moses; The Chief Examiner – Elect, Dr Mark Owen and the CEO, Dr Megan Parker were also in attendance throughout - to support the delivery of the workshop. Exam writing attendees were representative examiners and CEC liaisons for a selected pilot group from Small Animal Surgery Fellowship and Membership, Small Animal Medicine Fellowship and Membership, Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Membership and Medicine of Cats Membership examinations. In addition one of the examiners for Veterinary Radiology Membership was able to participate on the second day. The program included blueprinting against learning objectives, exam writing – setting the questions and grading criteria and quality assurance and proof reading. Feedback from the workshop was overwhelmingly positive with nearly all respondents being grateful for the opportunity to attend and indicating that the workshop assisted with the construction of the examination. Respondents especially liked the dedicated time face-to-face with another examiner plus the Chapter Examination Committee (CEC) liaison in their subject to plan the exam as a whole and write the exam questions; applying greater consistency to questions. Being together helped with mark allocation and refined ambiguity, redundancies and errors and allowed 'real time' testing of the questions and appropriate pitching of the degree of difficulty. The instant face-to-face format was found to allow better version control and to be much more



Drs Philip Moses, Mandy Burrows and Liz Norman at the Exam writing workshop

time efficient than email or Skype to resolve matters especially for examiners in different time zones etc. It was found that feedback from all stakeholders was immediate, saving a lot of time to-ing and froing. More work could get done in a shorter time frame. Assistance from the examination committee and the external consultant; and contact with the other examiner and CEC in the subject were all highly beneficial. Suggestions and explanations in the presentations especially in relation to blueprinting/writing/standards were helpful. It was commented that the weekend promoted a sense of Collegiality/feeling valued and involvement in the College exam process.

It is proposed that this examiner training be continued to include a greater breadth of Membership and fellowship examiners. It is felt that if we desire a robust strong and quality examination product, then the College and the Chapters have to invest in training examiners. Options for examiner training (just one intended recipient project of the proposed examination development fund) include brief face-to-face two-day exam writing workshops, on-line learning and modular delivery.

## Advertising

Advertising by third party Continuing Education Providers and Positions Vacant advertisers must be pre-approved by the CEO and incurs the following charges:

Advertising on the College website for thirty days will be charged at \$A250 plus GST for non-members and companies and \$A200 plus GST for members, veterinary practices and institutions when the advertisement is requested by a member of the College.

Advertising via email broadcast will attract all of the following (current- subject to change) fees and charges plus GST:

- administration charge of \$A250 (\$A200 for members, veterinary practices and institutions when the advertisement is requested by a member of the College)
- email distribution fee of \$A90
- cost of emails sent

Advertising in the College Courier will be charged at \$A500 plus GST for non-members and companies and \$A400 plus GST for members, veterinary practices and institutions when the advertisement is requested by a member of the College. This rate is applicable for a quarter page advertisement in the e-Courier.

All advertisements by Continuing Education Providers and Positions Vacant advertisers will be accompanied by the relevant disclosure as follows on the next page.

## Advertising Continued...

### Continuing Education Disclosure:

The Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists (The College) hereby provides information about continuing veterinary education activities conducted by organisations within its region that share its objectives, provided there are clear benefits through doing so for the College, its members or College examination candidates. Participation in continuing veterinary education activities referred to on this page shall not be a prerequisite for sitting College examinations and shall not be taken as assuming success at College examinations. Cooperation between The College and CVE organisations who share its objectives shall not be exclusive. The College and its Chapters shall remain autonomous at all times. The College and its Chapters shall not endorse or promote a company or its products. College activities and College standards shall not be influenced by commercial issues or commercial considerations.

### Positions Vacant Disclosure:

The Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists (The College) distributes information about employment opportunities as a service to its members. The contents and wording of this advertisement have been compiled by the advertiser and in no way reflect an endorsement of the advertiser or the job opportunity by the College, its officers or its employees. Positions Vacant advertisements are accepted for publication on condition that the advertiser indemnifies the College, its officers and employees. The advertiser is solely responsible for all actions, suits, claims, loss and/or damages resulting from anything distributed by the College on its behalf.

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

### 1.1 Definition

Associate Members will be restricted to veterinarians who:

- reside in Australia or New Zealand
- have successfully completed UK, European or US Diplomate examinations<sup>1</sup>
- are likely to contribute to the College;
- are proposed and seconded by Members of the College;
- pay the College's annual subscription fee.

### 1.2 Implementation

1.2.1 Applications for Associate Membership shall be made to the Council in writing from qualified veterinarians who reside in Australia or New Zealand and shall include the following:

- documentary evidence of place of residence
- documentary evidence of successful completion of UK, European or US Diplomate examinations;
- an outline of how the applicant has or will contribute to the College;
- a proposer and seconder, both of whom must be Members;
- payment of the College's annual subscription fee.

1.2.2 Applicants will be notified within 14 days following the next scheduled Council meeting at which their application is considered.

1.2.3 Associate Members will be required to pay annual membership subscriptions. They are allowed full voting rights and the ability to stand for Council and other positions of office, and will be entitled to use the letters MACVSc after their name.

<sup>1</sup> Must be listed in Annexe A: AVBC Specialist Registration Information Handbook as a Diplomate qualification whose formal full time standard training programs generally meet the standards accepted for specialist registration



## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

College Council has resolved to form an International Relations Committee. The committee aims to promote the international understanding of College membership and fellowship qualifications and strive for reciprocal international recognition of the Fellowship qualification. The committee will liaise with overseas specialist college international relation committees and the International Veterinary Specialty Working Group (IVSWG). It will coordinate international recognition activities of Chapters and the broader College, and host representatives from overseas Colleges and Boards

Expressions of interest are now called from members of the College interested in sitting on the International Relations Committee for a three year term from July 2013. Please contact the College Office if you are interested in being involved in this exciting area of College activity.





## ENGINE

The chapter has been a busy little one, we are grateful to many people including Tias Muurlink for his work over in Zurich representing us at the European College examinations. Tias worked hard and has completed an interesting report for us to consider and discuss at our upcoming Annual General Meeting. Our chapter webpage is worth checking out also for updates and developments, Cristy Secombe has been responsible for organising this and we're mighty appreciative of her time and skills.

Science week is fast approaching and some exciting presentations are scheduled for the equine chapter including collaborations with radiology and reproduction chapters. Gareth Trope has organised some splendid topics including Recurrent laryngeal neuropathy. James Gilkerson will be updating us on Hendra virus and vaccination and Andrew Van Eps is presenting on laminitis just to whet your appetites - see the program for details.

Hope to see many of you at Science week and even more at our chapter AGM! Remember that you are more than welcome to have your say and even more welcome to be an office bearer!!

Warm regards and see you amidst the sun and surf

Charlie and John



## Feline

The Feline chapter has a great program organised this year including shared sessions with the Pharmacology chapter and Small Animal Medicine Chapters. Key topics include feline therapeutics, genetics, oncology, infectious disease and chronic pancreatitis and there is a great mix of talented local and international speakers. We will also take part in the fantastic scientific abstracts session on Thursday morning and encourage as many members as possible to submit abstracts and continue the great historical representation of the Feline chapter as well as compete for the \$1000 feline prize for best abstract. Our AGM will be held on Friday afternoon at 4:15pm in the Baywatch room and all members are strongly encouraged to attend to discuss plans for our chapter. We would be very pleased to receive agenda items (please email to Amy Lingard at [amylingard@gmail.com](mailto:amylingard@gmail.com) by Monday July 8) and expressions of interest in the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer would also be welcomed. Plans are also underway for our first chapter research grant for which all members are encouraged to apply and we will be in touch shortly to outline the application process.





# OPHTHALMOLOGY

The Ophthalmology Chapter will be present on all three days of the Science Week Meeting this year. Our keynote speaker Distinguished Professor Trevor Lamb from the Eccles Institute of Neuroscience at the Australian National University, Canberra, will be presenting on Thursday afternoon.

Professor Lamb has worked for over 30 years on the physiology of the retina, specifically the molecular mechanisms of activation and inactivation of the light response, and on light adaptation and dark adaptation. He also has research interests in the evolutionary origin of the retina and photoreceptors. In 2006, along with Professor Edward Hugh, the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) awarded Professor Lamb the Proctor Medal for outstanding research in the basic or clinical sciences as applied to ophthalmology. We are delighted that Professor Lamb has agreed to present to the Ophthalmology Chapter this year.

Ophthalmology is also sharing a half day session with both the Dermatology Chapter and Oncology Chapter on the Friday of Science Week, which will give us another great opportunity to spend time with other College colleagues and share information on a variety of ocular conditions.

The Ophthalmology Chapter would like to encourage anyone with an interest in ophthalmology to come and visit us in the Sunset One room during Science Week this July.

Denise Brudenall

Secretary, Ophthalmology Chapter





## DENTISTRY

The Dentistry Chapter is excited to announce that we will be presenting a program on Thursday, 11th July. There will be a mixture of equine and small animal topics through the day. The morning program will be held in the California Room, and we will then move to the North Break Room after lunch. Our annual general meeting will also be held at 1.30pm, in the North Break Room. For further enquiries, please contact the President, Christine Hawke, on [christine@sydneypetdentistry.com.au](mailto:christine@sydneypetdentistry.com.au)



# SURGERY

The Surgery Chapter is putting together a fantastic program for this year's Science Week. The focus will be on orthopaedics with emphasis on the stifle joint. We have two keynote speakers, both hailing from the US and both leaders in their fields as well as some great local speakers.

Dr Bill Liska from Gulf Coast Veterinary Specialists in Houston, Texas will present a wide range of lectures on hip and stifle surgery.

Mr Chris Sidebotham, biomedical engineer from the leading US implant company BioMedtrix, will discuss implant design and new and evolving products.

As usual, there will be plenty of opportunity to meet up with old colleagues and to check out the great trade booths.

Come along, support your Chapter and join us in the sessions.





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## SURGERY TRAINEES WORKSHOP 2013

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In February, seventeen surgery trainees from around Australia and New Zealand met in Sydney at the University of Sydney Veterinary School for a weekend of intensive presentations. The group consisted of surgeons in residencies or having completed residencies but still preparing for fellowship exams. In an initiative started a few years ago the Surgery Chapter has organised and supported the establishment of an annual weekend "Masterclass".

This was the fourth seminar of its type, and a return to Sydney after 2012 in Brisbane and 2011 in Melbourne. The seminar is based on the trainees presenting to each other on subjects useful for examination preparation, plus presentations from local experts. Chris Bellenger, Graeme Allan and others contributed to the session in Sydney this year. Several local specialists attended many of the presentations to add experience to the subjects under discussion. The chapter would like to thank the University of Sydney for their hospitality and all involved for maintaining the enthusiasm for the sessions.





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