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2015-2016 Diplomate and Emeritus Diplomate Fees Payable

Diplomate and Emeritus Diplomate fees are now past due. Fees are for the July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016 year. Fees for Diplomates are \$305 and for Emeritus Diplomates \$66.

If you have not yet paid your fee, you can do so by [logging into your ABVP online account](#). Invoices are located beneath the 'Open Task' heading towards the left hand side of your screen. Diplomates with outstanding invoices are not listed on [ABVP.com's](#) search engine for the public.

If you do not wish to pay online, a payment can be mailed to ABVP, 618 Church Street, Suite 220, Nashville, TN 37219.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Kimberlee A. Buck

The holidays are a time to reflect on everything that has happened over the past year and 2015 has certainly been eventful for ABVP. Marisa Hackemann left our organization as Executive Director in June. Betsy Hilt replaced her and we have certainly enjoyed getting to know her. Stephanie McDaniels joined our family as Associate Executive Director a bit later and has been a great addition.



Our Symposium last month was our biggest and best ever. Our attendance goal was 350 and we far surpassed that with more than 515 attendees. Kudos to Lyn Scholl, our meeting director, and Paula Colletti and Craig Datz for their hard work in making that happen. We look forward to next year in San Antonio.

Now, we turn to the latest change. The Council of Regents has just completed an exhaustive review of our management options. After a great deal of research and debate, we have decided to move our management to the North American Veterinary Community effective April 1, 2016. While we are very appreciative



ABVP Certification and MOC Exam

October 5-6, 2016
San Antonio, Texas

If you are an active Candidate for ABVP certification or a Diplomate who last certified in 2006, 2007, or 2008, you are eligible to sit for the exams on October 5-6, 2016.

Specialty exams are *Wednesday, Oct. 5*. Practical exams are *Thursday, Oct. 6*.

Diplomates maintaining certification only need to take the Specialty Exams on Wednesday, Nov. 5. Candidates (not current Diplomates) must pass both the Specialty and Practical Exams for their practice category to become board certified.

The exam schedule can be found in the 'Forms and Documents' tab once logged into your ABVP online account. You will also register for the exam via your online account. The exam fee is \$575 for Candidates and \$440 for Diplomates maintaining certification.

The exams will be held at the Marriott Rivercenter in conjunction with the Symposium.

of the great people we have worked with at XMi including Marisa, Betsy, Lyn and Stephanie, it has become clear that it is time for a change. It is our hope that this new partnership will open new horizons for our organization. I look forward to taking the first steps on this new journey with you.

-Kimberlee A. Buck, DVM, DABVP (Avian Practice), DABVP (Canine and Feline Practice)

Nominating Committee

Mike Dutton

It is that time of the year when the current Council of Regents (COR) reviews upcoming open COR seats and recruits Diplomates for the non-Regent seats. The nominating committee also informs each Practice Group if their Regent seat is open for nominations. Regent and Committee seat terms are staggered so approximately one third of the position open up per year.

Any current Diplomate may be nominated by the members for any Regent (Diplomate needs to be of the affiliated Practice Group), Committee or Vice-President in addition to those identified below. The nominee needs to agree and I need 2 letters/emails of support from any Diplomate (so to nominate someone for, e.g., Avian Regent I need an Avian Diplomate nominee and 2 letters of support from ANY Diplomate regardless of their Practice Group affiliation.).

Open Regent Seats. The Regent's job is to represent your Practice Group on the Council of Regents along with providing input on ABVP matters in general. The term is 3 years with a maximum of 2 consecutive full terms.

Avian - Currently we have two interested Diplomates for this seat and I am expecting their letters of recommendation shortly.

Beef - Dr. Jeff Sarchet has been appointed to finish Dr. Sager's term and will be on the election slate for July 1, 2016 start date.

Food Animal - Dr. Billy Smith, the current Regent, will sit for another 3 year term.

Reptile & Amphibian - Dr. Rob Coke will be nominated for the RA Regent position.

Open Committee Seats. The job description depends on the committee function. In addition, you provide input on ABVP matters in general.

Outreach Committee - Dr. Britta Kiffney who has been on the committee as a member is sitting for election as Committee Chairperson.

Residency Committee - Dr. Craig Datz is the current Committee

Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016

8 pm - 12 pm

Specialty Exams for all categories,
Part 1

2 pm - 6 pm

Specialty Exams for all categories,
Part 2

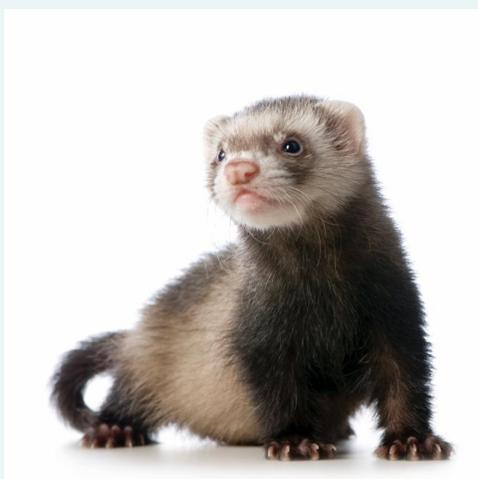
6 pm - 7 pm

Reception for all examinees

Thursday, Oct. 6, 2016

8 am - 12 pm

Practical Exam for all categories



Diplomate Achievements

Britt Named To Hall of Fame

Jenks S. Britt, DVM, Emeritus DABVP (Dairy), was [named to the Cattle Production Veterinarian Hall of Fame](#) during the awards ceremony at the 48th American Association of Bovine Practitioners Annual Conference in New Orleans.

"Being selected by one's peers is the highest award an individual can receive," said Britt. "It was an honor to be nominated and a surprise to be selected with two other highly qualified candidates."

Britt is board certified by the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners-Dairy. He has served on the boards of directors of several industry

Chairperson and will sit for a second 3 year term.

Exam Committee - Dr. Mike Dutton who has dealt with examination issues as a member of the original Exotic Companion Mammal organizing committee and liaison to the Reptile & Amphibian organizing committee and the Shelter Medicine organizing committee is sitting for election as Committee Chairperson.

Open Executive Board Seat. Annually ABVP nominates and elects a Vice-President who then will advance to President-elect, President, and then immediate Past President.

Dr. Tim Kraabel who has been on COR as Outreach Committee Chairperson is sitting for election as Vice-President.

If a seat is uncontested, the above nominee is automatically elected.

The Nominating Committee encourages Diplomates to volunteer as members of the Council, Committee, and Executive Board and to consider standing for election.

2015 Symposium News

The 20th annual ABVP Symposium was a tremendous success! We had record attendance this year, with 515 attendees! Almost 60% were repeat attendees; 10% have attended more than 10 Symposia! We realize that veterinarians have limited continuing education options these days and we're honored that you chose to obtain your CE at the ABVP Symposium. Thank you for your support!



The Symposium hosted several firsts this year. We had our first food animal lab; Dr. Jan Shearer provided excellent instruction on bovine foot trimming. We also had our first live animal lab with Dr. Greg Lisciandro. Dr. Lisciandro's seminar on canine FAST ultrasound was so popular that it will be repeated in 2016! The American Association of Feline Practitioners sponsored a track on feline anesthesia on Thursday afternoon, which was immensely popular. Stay tuned for another interesting AAFP-sponsored feline topic next year!

Thanks to all who completed the post-Symposium survey. The results and comments are reviewed by the Symposium Committee as well as the Council of Regents and we rely on your input to improve future Symposia. We're pleased to say that we received overwhelmingly positive comments. Once again, while CE hours and topics were the top 2 reasons for attending the Symposium, networking with colleagues was the third most

organizations and was president of AABP in 1985. A few of Britt's many honors and awards include the AABP Practitioner of the Year Award in 1992 and the AABP Mentor Award in 2011.

Wilson Named 2015 Person of the Year

The North Salem (NY) Chamber of Commerce recently [honored Dr. John A. Wilson, DVM, DABVP \(Canine/Feline\) of the Brewster Veterinary Hospital as its 2015 Person of the Year](#). Wilson and his wife Tobé are long-time residents of North Salem and active in the community.

Wilson has been an ABVP Diplomate since 1984. He is the recipient of numerous awards for his work with wild animals and endangered species, among them the New York State Humane Association "Tribute for Special Veterinary Services for the benefit of Wildlife and for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals."

Rosen Appointed to Parnell Board of Directors

David K. Rosen, DMV, DABVP (Feline) has been [appointed to Parnell Pharmaceuticals Board of Directors](#).

Geller Article Published in The Coloradoan

Jon Geller, DVM, DABVP (Canine/Feline) [wrote an article about the day in the life of a veterinarian who makes house calls](#) that was published in *The Coloradoan* last month.



Calendar of Events

common reason. The camaraderie among ABVP Diplomates, and all Symposium attendees, continues to be a special aspect of our meeting. The Symposium also offers the opportunity to interact with veterinarians practicing on a wide variety of species, large, small and exotic. This is most evident in our unique cross-species session. We grew faster than anticipated this year, which created some space issues, but we've worked to address our growing numbers in 2016.

We're looking forward to the 2016 Symposium in San Antonio, Texas! The Riverwalk is always a popular destination with great restaurants, interesting shops and, of course, wonderful Texan hospitality. Dr. Amy Garrou, from Houston, will be the 2016 Symposium Chair. Amy has been a valuable member of the Symposium team for several years, most notably as the Marketing Vice-chair. Her hard work has contributed to the Symposium's growth over the years. Amy and I will continue to provide clinically relevant, high quality CE as well as helpful workshops, fun social events and an expanded exhibit hall. So please join us October 6-9, 2016. We look forward to seeing you in San Antonio!

Sincerely,

Dr. Paula Colletti, CE Committee Chair

Dr. Craig Datz, 2015 Symposium Chair

Dr. Amy Garrou, 2016 Symposium Chair

ABVP Foundation Report

The ABVP Foundation was started in 2012 with the mission of promoting excellence in species oriented veterinary medicine in clinical practice and in academia. The foundation will achieve this by utilizing fund raising efforts not only to support students in their efforts to fulfill their academic requirements and clinical knowledge, but also by building awareness of animal owners to utilize veterinarians with species specific knowledge and skills.



In order to achieve these goals, first the foundation must raise enough funds to be able to distribute gifts and grants to deserving candidates. The board of the foundation has set a goal of \$100,000 as a minimum to have in hand before any gifts are awarded.

The main way funds have been raised to date has been the foundation auction, which is always conducted following the annual awards banquet during the ABVP symposium. The auction

January 15, 2016

-Credentials documentation must be submitted via your online account by 11:59 PM Central Time (for both initial applications and re-applications)

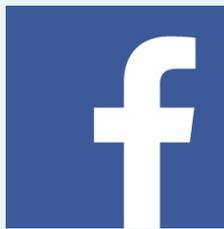
-Maintenance of Certification application and documentation must be completed and submitted via your online account by 11:59 PM Central Time

-Swine Health Management Entry Exam registration must be completed via your online account by 11:59 PM Central Time

-Semi-Annual Residency Logs must be submitted via your online account by 11:59 PM Central Time

October 6-9, 2016

21st Annual ABVP Symposium, San Antonio, Texas, San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter



We Want to Promote You!

We want to continue to profile a Diplomate every other week on our Facebook page, but have run out of profiles! If you would like to be profiled, please send an email to abvp@xmi-amc.com along with a photo of yourself. We will, in turn, send you a list of questions to complete before we feature you.

consists of a live and a silent auction. The silent auction always has many consignments of books, jewelry, artwork, etc. The items are available for viewing for most of two days during the symposium and this has created a friendly bidding competition between veterinarians through those two days. The live auction is the crown jewel of our fund raising efforts. Although there are fewer items up for bid than the silent auction, these items always are more valuable and always bring spirited bidding and ultimately larger total donations for the foundation's account. Examples of the offers during the live auction include wonderful fishing and hunting trips, original animal and veterinary artwork, and other one of a kind items.

A 50/50 raffle was held for the first time at the 2015 symposium and raised over \$1,700 towards our \$100,000 goal. The total amount raised for the foundation at the 2015 symposium was over \$11,000. We are now just under \$50,000 in the foundation asset fund.

As the foundation matures, the board will continue to solicit donations and bequests from veterinarians, animal owners, corporate sponsors, and other interested parties. These donations can be made as lump sums or in installments and can be sent to the ABVP office or can be set up as automatic withdrawals from a banking account of your choice.

The foundation has a pamphlet available to print and use as a counter display in your veterinary clinic. This pamphlet further explains the foundation and its goals. There is also a link on the ABVP website to the foundation. The foundation website should be able to answer other questions you have. If these resources do not fully answer your questions on the foundation, please contact the ABVP office or one of the members of the ABVP foundation board of directors. By all means, if you have input or suggestions for the foundation, please contact one of the board members.

The ABVP foundation directors are as follows:

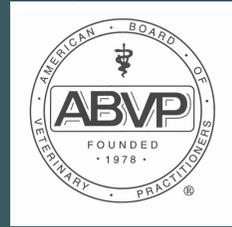
James Kober, DVM (SHM), president
Lorraine Jarboe, DVM (Canine/feline, feline), secretary
Richard Wearing, DVM (Canine/feline), treasurer
Kimberly Buck, DVM (canine/feline, avian)
Deborah Adams, DVM (Canine/feline)
Vanessa Aberman, DVM (Canine/feline)
A. Jacques Fusilier, DVM (Food animal)

Best Regards,

- James A. Kober, DVM
President, ABVP Foundation
Board of Directors

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The American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP) advances the quality of veterinary medicine through certification of veterinarians who demonstrate excellence in species-oriented clinical practice.



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