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President's Message

One of the most satisfying aspects of being president of the AAV is being part of a decision-making group that brings value to our members. To that extent, I ask you to please visit our newly designed website at www.aav.org. There are many people to thank for their extraordinary dedication of time, effort, and knowledge. Heather Wilson, Laurie Hess, and Scott Echols, in association with our web designer, deserve credit for helping to keep this project on the right track and moving forward. Please take time to thank them when you see them at our conference this year. And, just as important, we owe a great deal of gratitude to Kathy Lyon for maintaining our old website for many years—literally by herself—until we could find the right professional web designer to develop a website that suits our organization. Kathy will also be maintaining the new site.

With our new site, we can utilize communication functions that have not been previously available to us. We can feel proud of how we present ourselves to the world.

How can this new website change the way we communicate? One of the biggest challenges we have as an organization is harnessing and utilizing the strengths of our members. We frequently are asked by members, "How can I do more for the AAV?" The most effective contribution would be active involvement on a committee. Committees benefit from the enthusiasm and experiences of new committee members, but unless one attends the annual conference it can be difficult to figure out who to contact about joining a particular committee. And even at conferences, with their hectic schedules, you may not meet up with the committee chair. More importantly, since only a fraction of AAV members are able to attend our conferences, we know that we miss the chance to connect with about 80% of our members.



How does our new website remedy this situation? Our site gives each committee an area to promote itself. What does it do? What has it accomplished? What would it *like* to accomplish? You can find a list of the committee chairs and current members. Chairs can list current projects that need a helping hand. And they can blog about the month-to-month progress of their agenda items. It is now easier to find a committee that is right for your talents and interests. Some committees ask for very little of your time; others require more hands-on involvement. I cannot emphasize this enough: we need people of all skill levels in avian medicine to help with our committees. Please consider joining a committee even if you are a recent graduate and have not yet seen your first avian patient! The most important message is this: No longer do you have to be at the AAV annual conference to feel connected to your committee; everyone can communicate via the website.

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Our website is also a place to exchange information with colleagues. We hope to have our listserv up and running in the next few months. Our goal is to provide a forum to exchange ideas, to pose questions about cases, and to provide up-to-date information on the medical and surgical options available for our patients.

Our new website is owned by you. Your association dues helped fund this site. Please use it frequently. Let us know what you think. Let us know if you find it helpful and what you like and don't like. What can we do better? What else do you want to see there? What could we do on the website that helps you practice better medicine?

Thank you so much for your support and patience over the years while we worked hard to bring to you

a website that reflects the AAV's goals and ideals.

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AAV Committees Need YOU!: The AAV offers a lot in terms of supporting research, scientific communication, avian conservation, and continuing educational opportunities. Did you know that most of this is accomplished by volunteer members? Your voice (and manpower) counts! Committees are the member's chance to have an impact on global avian health, welfare, and conservation issues. Please consider joining a committee today or attending a committee meeting at the annual conference. The standing meetings are open to all members including students. A list of committees and chairpersons can be found in the front of your membership directory or at www.aav.org, or contact the Central Office at aavctrlofc@aol.com.

IN-MEMORIAM CARDS SHOW YOUR CLIENTS YOU CARE WHILE YOU DONATE TO RESEARCH

The AAV offers beautiful cards to send to your clients after the loss of a beloved pet. The cards are heavy weight, are on off-white card stock, and each has its own gold foil-lined envelopes.

You may purchase a set of six cards for \$30. Clients appreciate that you care and that you are contributing to the research that can save other pets.

At the same time, you are supporting the AAV research fund that was started in 1980. A list of studies receiving AAV grants is published on the AAV Web site.

You may contact the publications office directly to order these cards, or print out the publications order form from the AAV site (www.aav.org).



AAV Clinical Forum Submissions

The Clinical Forum invites submissions related to clinical practice, case reports, and items of interest to practitioners. Submissions should be in Word format. E-mail as an attachment to: AAVPublications@aav.org.

Special Products for the AAV Member

AAV prints two forms to assist you in your practice—a pad of 250 two-sided sheets of **Avian History** forms, and a two-copy carbonless form pad with 100 sets of our **Certificate of Veterinary Exam**. Also, you may purchase a set of six **In-Memoriam** cards to send to clients who have lost a pet, the card indicates that a donation has been made to avian research in the pet's memory.

Publication Order Forms are available on the AAV Website and in the *AAV Clinical Forum*. Fax your order to 817-599-0088.



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October 15-17 2009

The meeting of the AAVAC will take place in Adelaide October 15-17 2009. Our key note speaker is Dr John Chitty, BVetMed, CertZooMed, CBiol, MIBiol, MRCVS, of Strathmore Veterinary Clinic. John graduated from the Royal Veterinary College 1990 and then later gained his RCVS Certificate in Zoological Medicine in 2000. John has been involved in numerous publications including co-editor of *BSAVA Manual of Psittacine Birds 2nd Edition* and co-editor of *Journal of the Association of Exotic Mammal Veterinarians*. Adelaide is the capital of the Australian state of South Australia, and is the fifth largest city in Australia, with a population of more than 1.1 million. It is a coastal city situated on the eastern side of St Vincent's Gulf, between St. Vincent's Gulf and the low-lying Mount Lofty Ranges to the

West. Adelaide is known for its many festivals as well as for its wine, arts and sports. Adelaide Zoo is home to over 1,800 animals and almost 300 species of exotic and native mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates and fish exhibited in magnificent botanic surroundings now expanded to 8 hectares. It has active conservation projects with threatened and vulnerable Native species including the Black-flanked Rock Wallaby (Warru), Brush-tailed Rock Wallaby, Eastern Barred Bandicoot, Gilberts Potoroo, Greater Bilby, Tammar Wallaby, Orange-bellied Parrot, Regent Honeyeater, Southern Hairy-Nosed Wombat, Woma Python and yellow-footed Rock Wallaby.

Proposals for talks are now being accepted. Please reply to me at shraidal@csu.edu.au, before **Friday May 15 2009**, giving the title of your presentation, and the time you will require, including 5 minutes for discussion. You will be required to submit a manuscript for inclusion in the Proceedings. The Editor will contact you with requirements for your manuscript. Accepted manuscripts must

then be submitted by July 17th for AAVAC Conferences are peer reviewed.

Proposals for all aspects of Avian Medicine and Surgery are welcome. These include results of original research, case reports, clinical studies, review articles in any of these categories: anaesthesia, surgery, behavioural, capture management, conservation, diagnostics, infectious diseases, nutrition, pathology, pharmacokinetics and therapeutics, welfare and epidemiology, avian biology and ecology.

We look forward to hearing from you.
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Conference Corner

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If you have one conference choice this year, make it Milwaukee's Best! Here's why:

- You will be able to obtain your entire exotic animal CE at one scientific meeting.
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- You will be able to attend the Round Table Discussions for all species.
- We have great events planned: Kick-Off at the Milwaukee Zoo, Ice-cream Social, Conservation Tour, Guest Program.
- The Hyatt hotel is discounted to a rate of \$154 per night for a single or double room. The average rate at the Hyatt in August is \$200-\$250! **Watch for details on the AAV conference website: www.ConferenceOffice.com/aav**

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