

Veterinary Assessment In Focus

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“What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.”

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

The NBVME has undergone name changes in the past in order to align its name with the function of the organization. As 2016 comes to a close, the NBVME will become the International Council for Veterinary Assessment.

With this change comes renewed commitment to veterinary assessments and helping veterinary medicine protect animal and human health and welfare. It also reflects who we are as an organization and authentically represents our vision, mission, and priorities as we strive to be the world leader in veterinary assessments.

The International Council for Veterinary Assessment has aspirational goals for its role in veterinary assessments. As we move forward with this new image, we have renewal in our passion and focus for strengthening veterinary medicine.

NBVME IS NOW ICVA

Welcome to our new look and name! The National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners is now the International Council for Veterinary Assessment. Over the past several months, we have been telling you about our rebranding process with 88 Brand Partners located in Chicago, IL. Well now, our new brand is coming to life. If you would like to learn more about it - why we made the changes and what they mean to you - please visit our new [microsite](#).

The reason for the rebrand is that research showed that most of us in veterinary-related fields have low awareness of what the NBVME does and the role it plays in veterinary medicine. The name change to International Council for Veterinary Assessment is a more accurate reflection of what the organization already does, rather than changes coming. What will never change is our commitment to helping prepare qualified veterinarians to protect human and animal health and welfare.



ICVA Vision (2015-2018)

The world leader in veterinary assessments.

ICVA Mission (2015-2018)

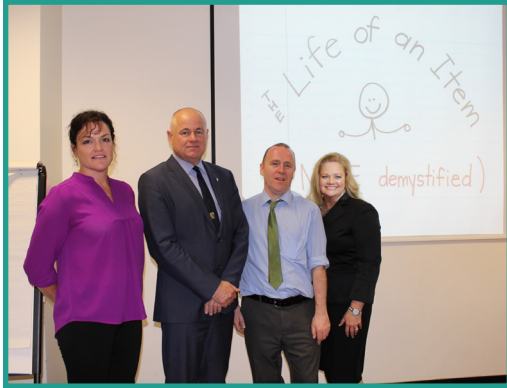
Provide world-class examinations and other assessment tools to protect the public, and animal health and welfare.

Provide leadership and facilitate collaboration throughout veterinary medicine.

THE LIFE OF AN ITEM

The Life of an Item is a presentation created for veterinary school students to demystify the NAVLE®. It provides an overview of the International Council for Veterinary Assessment, the creation of NAVLE® items, and administration.

This fall the presentation was given at six veterinary schools. Dr. Jack Wilson, Past-Chair, presented at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on September 20. Dr. Jay Hedrick presented at the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine on October 17.



In October, Drs. Karen Lehe, Chair, and Heather Case, Executive Director, had the opportunity to travel to Ireland and throughout the United Kingdom. During their weeklong journey, Drs. Lehe and Case presented the Life of an Item and met with faculty at the University College Dublin School of Veterinary Medicine in Ireland, University of Edinburgh The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies and the University of Glasgow School of Veterinary Medicine in Scotland, and The Royal Veterinary College in England.

Photo L-R: Dr. Karen Lehe, ICVA Chair; Professor Michael Doherty, Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine at University College Dublin; Mr. John Buckley, University College Dublin; Dr. Heather Case, ICVA Executive Director

AAVSB ANNUAL MEETING

ICVA Board members and staff attended the AAVSB Annual Meeting September 22-24, 2016 in Scottsdale, AZ. The meeting provided networking opportunities with veterinary regulators, presentations and open forums covering veterinary licensure-related issues, in addition to the AAVSB business sessions with state and provincial licensing board delegates. Dr. Karen Lehe had the opportunity to present during the Executive Director training session and provide an update on ICVA activities in the General Session.



The AAVSB, AVMA, and ICVA held a joint leadership meeting during the conference to discuss overlapping issues affecting veterinary medicine and ways to foster collaboration.

Photo L-R: Adrian Hochstadt, AVMA Deputy CEO; Jim Penrod, AAVSB Executive Director; Dr. Karen Lehe, ICVA Chair; Dr. Frank Walker, AAVSB Chair; Dr. Lori Teller, AVMA Board of Directors; Dr. Thomas Meyer, AVMA President; Dr. Janet Donlin, AVMA CEO; Dr. Heather Case, ICVA Executive Director; Dr. Jon Betts, ICVA Chair-Elect

JANUARY 2017 BOARD MEETING PREVIEW

The Board of Directors will meet in San Antonio, TX on January 20-21, 2017. The meeting will be chaired by Dr. Karen Lehe, the American Association of Swine Veterinarians designee. Board members will hear reports on the Collaboration for Veterinary Assessments Governance Committee, the NAVLE® and on-going practice analysis, NAVLE® Self-Assessments, the Veterinary Educational Assessment, and Species Specific Examinations. The Board will also be considering changes to the ICVA by-laws as presented by the Governance Working Group facilitated by Harrison Coerver and Associates.

Persons interested in attending should contact the ICVA for additional information.

NAVLE® Item Review

Item writers met at the NBME Headquarters on November 10-11 to review NAVLE® items written and submitted earlier this year. New items were approved for addition to the NAVLE® item bank. Each NAVLE® form includes 300 scored items and 60 pretest items. All new items are pretested to determine if they are suitable to be used as scored items in later administrations. Pretesting ensures that all scored items have acceptable performance statistics. New items approved at the November 2016 meeting will appear for the first time as pretest items on examination forms developed during the 2017-2018 testing cycle. NAVLE® item writers are appointed by the Examination Development Advisory Board according to the main content areas of the examination.

2016 NAVLE® Item Writers

Canine: Drs. Allan Corber, Julie Fixman, Christine Savidge, and Karen Teft

Feline: Drs. Steven Bailey, Serge Chaloub, Ryane Englar, Gretchen Schoeffler, and Helen Tuzio

Pet Bird: Dr. Amanda Marino

Other Small Animal: Dr. Karen Rosenthal

Bovine: Drs. Arn Anderson, Stephen Foulke, and Keith Poulsen

Small Ruminant: Dr. Phillipa Gibbons

Poultry: Dr. Patricia Wakenell

Equine: Drs. Lauren Kleine, Kathleen MacMillan, Ramiro Toribio, and David Wilson

Cervids/Camelids: Dr. Trina Westerman

Public Health: Drs. Katie Steneroden and Tegwin Taylor

Professional Behavior, Communications, and Practice Management: Drs. Ruthanne Chun, Jason Coe, Laura Garrett, and Donna Harris-Kober



Front Row L-R: Drs. Ryane Englar, Helen Tuzio, Allan Corber, Julie Fixman, Karen Teft, Christine Savidge, Karen Rosenthal, Patricia Wakenell, and Amanda Marino

Middle Row L-R: Pamela Estel, NBME, Kristin Britton, NBME, Anne Russell NBME, Elizabeth Juarez NBME, Drs. Gretchen Schoeffler, Laura Garrett, David Wilson, Lauren Kleine, Katie Steneroden, Heather Case, ICVA, and Melissa Dudlick, NBME

Back Row L-R: Dustin Haberstumpf, NBME, Drs. Serge Chaloub, Steven Bailey, Ramiro Toribio, Kathleen MacMillan, Jason Coe, Tegwin Taylor, Donna Harris-Kober, Arn Anderson, and Keith Poulsen

Upcoming Events

December 7-8: NAVLE® Pool Review, NBME Headquarters, Philadelphia, PA

December 9: Collaboration for Veterinary Assessments Governance Committee Meeting, NBME Headquarters, Philadelphia, PA

January 1-8: International Veterinary Students' Association Symposium, Raleigh, NC

January 12-15: AVMA Veterinary Leadership Conference, Chicago, IL

January 18-19: NAVLE® Pool Review, San Antonio, TX

January 20-21: ICVA Board of Directors Meeting, San Antonio, TX

January 26-29: Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards Forum, San Antonio, TX

February 6: Life of an Item Presentation at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, Grafton, MA

ICVA EXAMINATION UPDATES

NAVLE®

The November - December 2016 testing window for the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination runs from Monday, November 14 - Saturday, December 10. The ICVA office processed and submitted 4,563 candidate eligibility files for this testing window, 65 more than in November - December 2015. Scores for the November - December testing window will be reported electronically to all candidates and licensing boards by mid-January. Applications for the April 10-22, 2017 testing will be available beginning in early December. The ICVA application receipt deadline for all candidates is February 1, 2017.

VETERINARY EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT

The VEA is 200-item, web-based examination used as a standardized assessment of basic science knowledge for students in veterinary school. The 2016-2017 VEA Bulletin of Information for Candidates is available on the ICVA's website. During the August 29 - September 29, 2016 testing window, the VEA was administered to students from the University of Missouri, Tuskegee University, St. George's University, and Midwestern University. Administrations during the January 9-20, 2017 testing window are scheduled for students at Iowa State University, The University of Tennessee, Purdue University, Ross University, St. George's University, and St. Matthew's University. The final window for the 2016-2017 VEA testing cycle will be May 3-17, 2017. Veterinary schools interested in using the VEA should contact the ICVA office.

SPECIES SPECIFIC EXAMINATIONS

The ICVA offers Species Specific Examinations in companion animal and equine medicine to licensing boards for use in disciplinary cases and other licensure purposes (e.g. licensure by endorsement or when there has been an extended time period between a veterinarian's passage of a national licensing examination and their current application for licensure). There are two 100-item forms for each examination, currently given as paper-and-pencil tests. Licensing boards interested in reviewing or administering the Species Specific Examinations should contact the ICVA office.

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