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Results from the Successful AAV Conference Hawaii, September 1987

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The Association of Avian Veterinarians is an organization for veterinarians and allied health professions with an interest in avian medicine and surgery. This group acts as a spokesman for avian veterinarians as well as providing an avenue for continuing education of those veterinarians interested in avian medicine. Conferences are to be held on an annual basis. This year's AAV conference was held in conjunction with another group of veterinarians, the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians. This conference thus constituted the First International Conference on Zoological and Avian Medicine.

The AAV passed several proposals and approved a number of research grants that may be of interest to aviculturists.

The three research committee proposals that were approved are: 1) Development of a competitive Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay and a dot-immunobinding technique for the diagnosis of avian chlamydiosis (Drs. Newman and Brown); 2) Diagnosis and therapeutic management of lead intoxication (Drs. Bell and Mautino), and 3) Plasma concentrations and effects of piperacillin and ceftriaxone in psittacine birds (Drs. Flammer and Avocin). Money thus has been granted by the AAV for these

endeavors.

The first proposal passed that may be of interest to aviculturists is as follows: Whereas, the specific nutritional requirements of any pet bird species have not yet been determined, the membership of the AAV objects to claims by commercial pet bird food manufacturers that their ration is "complete nutrition."

The second proposal supports the concept of improved standards of husbandry for aviculture. The proposal states: AAV supports the concept of improved standards of husbandry for aviculture. Suggested standards and guidelines for establishment of an effective improvement plan for aviculture will therefore be compiled by AAV for reference by aviculturists interested in the development of a self policing voluntary plan.

It is hoped that all veterinarians interested in treating birds were either in attendance or have ordered copies of our conference papers. Please ask your veterinarian if he or she is a member of AAV and if he or she has kept up with our annual conferences. Our central office can be contacted for either membership applications or copies of our conference papers. The address is Association of Avian Veterinarians, P.O. Box 299, Northport, NY 11731. ●



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