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**AAEP NEWS**

**AAEP 2014 Convention: Conference recordings now available for purchase**

As an AAEP member, you now have online access to educational sessions from the AAEP's 60th Annual Convention. Most sessions are available for $10-$15 each, and you are able to either view it on your computer or download an MP3 to listen to when you are out on calls. When you checkout for the first time, you will be prompted to create an account allowing you to access the sessions that you purchase as many times as you would like. To get started, click [here](#).

**Member Benefit Spotlight: Relief Veterinarian Network**

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**Equine Veterinary Journal: Featured papers of interest**

Validation and evaluation of VapA-specific IgG and IgG subclass enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays (ELISAs) to identify foals with *Rhodococcus equi* pneumonia - MG Sanz, AF Oliviera, A Loynachan, A Page, VSvansson, SGiguère and DW Horohov
*The VapA specific IgG(T) shows potential to be used as a means of identifying infected foals although the test still requires assessment under field conditions.*

A commercially available immunoglobulin E-based test for food allergy gives inconsistent results in healthy ponies - S Dupont, A De Spiegeleer, DJX Liu, L Lefére, DA van Doorn and M Hesta
*IgE testing for the detection of food allergies in horses was not found to be a consistent or reliable test with positive results found in healthy horses.*

**Important Deadlines:**

- **March 16:** Paper submissions for the 2015 AAEP Annual Convention due - To submit a paper or review the Instructions for Authors, go to the [AAEP website](http://www.aaep.org). All papers must be submitted online by **March 16, 2015, 3 p.m. (ET)** and should adhere to the Instructions for Authors. If you have any questions, contact Carey Ross at [cross@aaep.org](mailto:cross@aaep.org).

- **May 1:** AAEP Foundation Grant applications due - The AAEP Foundation is accepting applications for funding from non-profit organizations that share its mission to improve the welfare of horses through support of equine research, education, benevolence and the equine community until May 1. To learn more [click](http://www.aaep.org)
• **June 1: Nominations Annual AAEP Awards due** - The annual awards which honor individuals and groups serving their profession and the welfare of the horse in extraordinary ways. You can access the award nomination form along with full descriptions of each award [here](#), or by contacting Sue Stivers, executive assistant, at (859) 233-0147; [sstivers@aaep.org](mailto:sstivers@aaep.org).

### REGULATORY NEWS

**Appeals Court rules against USDA on soring penalties**

The 5th District Court of Appeals in Texas has ruled that the USDA does not have the authority to require horse industry organizations (HIOs) to impose minimum penalties for Horse Protection Act (HPA) violators. [Learn more](#).

*Courtesy of [www.thehorse.com](http://www.thehorse.com).*

**British Horseracing Authority’s anabolic steroid regulations take effect March 2**

British Racing’s enhanced, Equine Anti-Doping Rules, which include a zero-tolerance approach to anabolic steroids, go into effect today, March 2. The rules include a ban on the use of anabolic steroids at any time in a racehorse’s life. The complete rules document can be viewed [here](#).

### Get your copy of the 2015 AQHA Rulebook

The 2015 AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations just got easier to use. It’s now available in three, easy-to-use sections and in a variety of convenient formats. The rulebook answers all of your questions regarding AQHA rules, show patterns, horse markings, equipment guidelines and more. [Get it here](#).
FDA acts to boost supply of sterile fluids for treating large animals
The FDA has announced that it is permitting temporary distribution of Hartmann’s IV solution, made by Sypharma Pty Ltd, of Australia. The FDA advises veterinarians to contact Sypharma directly at info@sypharma.com.au for information on how to access the product. Learn more.

Courtesy of atwork.avma.org.

AVMA Council on Education seeks input on Standards of Accreditation
The AVMA Council on Education is seeking input through a survey on the validity and reliability of the 11 Standards of Accreditation. The council uses the standards to assess the educational quality provided by veterinary medical colleges and their ability to produce entry level veterinarians. Visit the AVMA@Work blog for more information and to participate in the survey.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

New Mexico House panel tables horse processing bill
A panel of New Mexico House lawmakers tabled a measure that would prohibit the slaughter of horses and the transportation of horse meat in New Mexico if it's intended for human consumption. Congress effectively put the brakes on horse slaughter in December by not including money for federal inspectors in a $1.1 trillion spending bill. More.

Courtesy of gazette.com.

EQUINE DISEASE NEWS

USDA-APHIS vesicular stomatitis update
USDA-APHIS is monitoring active vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV) transmission in
horses in southern Arizona. The most recent VSV Situation Report and maps are available [here](link) on the USDA-APHIS-Veterinary Services website.

**Neurologic EHV-1 confirmed in Ontario Horse**
The Ontario, Canada, Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) has reported that a horse in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo has tested positive for the neurologic strain of equine herpesvirus-1 (EHV). This is the first case diagnosed in Ontario this year. [More](link).

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**Related:**

- [EHV found on Minnesota farm](link) - _Courtesy of [www.kaaltv.com](http://www.kaaltv.com)._  
- [New Jersey horse farm quarantined due to equine herpesvirus case](link)  
- [Texas EHV-1 update](link)

**AAEP FOUNDATION**

**Horse community planning, zoning resources available**
With support from the AAEP Foundation, Dudley T. Dougherty Foundation, Mars Foundation, and a recent crowd funding campaign new horse community resources are now available online. The information is designed to help horsemen activate their equine community and to educate planners and decision makers on the benefits of horses in their communities. [Find out more here](link).

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**OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS**

- The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) is seeking veterinarians to be a part of a team to support the U.S. Dressage Program. The USEF is looking to develop a network of knowledgeable individuals to assist the dressage team veterinarian and to attend key events with dressage athletes/teams in the U.S. and overseas. Additionally, these individuals would provide overall veterinary guidance and communication with the dressage athletes, staff, and coaches while working
with athlete’s personal veterinarians, farriers, and physiotherapists. All applicants are expected to have demonstrated an understanding of FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations. Any veterinarian traveling with the dressage team to FEI events would be required to meet FEI requirements and must be either an FEI Official Veterinarian or Permitted Treating Veterinarian. Interested individuals should send their intent along with a curriculum vitae and references to Jenny Van Wieren-Page at ivanwieren@usef.org by March 6, 2015.