

International Activities Committee-Annual Report 2005-2006

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- Dr. Renberg initiated an elective course, taught in the 3rd year, called Global Veterinary Medicine. Current enrollment is about 20 students (see attached lecture schedule). The course hosted a visit by Dr. David Sherman, Dutch Committee for Afghanistan
- We're actively trying to recruit students for slots in the veterinary curriculum. Contact has been made with:
 - Kuwait
 - Mexico
 - Costa Rica
 - Armenia
 - Russia
- The committee is organizing Study Abroad opportunities and contacts, and trying to identify sources of funding. Dr. Kumari is the lead committee member in this effort.
 - http://www.vet.ksu.edu/international/IA/pdf/Study_Abroad.pdf
- Dr. Nguyen led the effort to establish an International Activities website
 - <http://www.vet.ksu.edu/international/IA/index.htm>
- Dr. Nguyen also led the establishment of once-per-semester international buffet lunch meetings, to exchange information throughout the College about International programs. The events also serve to build awareness of the international diversity already present with the College.
- The CVM is involved in a partnership initiative with colleges in Afghanistan and Tajikistan, including the three veterinary schools in Afghanistan. The goal here is to rebuild higher education capabilities and to improve veterinary service delivery and animal agriculture. Drs. Renberg and Ross are exploring a collaboration with Purdue University in this effort.
- Other
 - Invited speakers and groups will visit KSU and will expose students to global animal and human health issues. Three examples-
 - In March, Dr. David Sherman visited the College and delivered two lectures. Dr. Sherman is the Country Program Director of the Dutch Committee for Afghanistan Veterinary Program.
 - In May, a group of faculty and students from Russia visited the College to tour animal production units. This program was coordinated by Dr. Justin Kastner, Diagnostic Medicine and Pathobiology, and Dr. David Franz, who is the Director of KSU's National Agriculture Biosecurity Center.
 - Dr. Valerie Shean, DVM, who works with the Karamjong people in Uganda, visited the College in February. Dr. Shean delivered an all-college presentation, and lectured to the Global Veterinary Medicine class.
- The College has started a "partner school" relationship with the Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University (SVV) in southern India. These relationships are sponsored by the American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges through their GIVE program (Global Initiatives in Veterinary Medicine). Through this program, we hope to develop faculty and student exchanges, and exchange of educational opportunities. Dr. Ganta is the CVM contact person for this program.
- The International Activities Committee participates in visits by individuals and groups

- Guests from the Moscow State Academy of Veterinary Medicine and biotechnology, and the Novosibirsk State Agrarian University
- Guests from the KU Economic Education Group
- Miryam Quadrat, representative from the Afghan Embassy to the U.S.
- Dr. David Sherman, Dutch Committee for Afghanistan
- Guests from the University of Chihuahua, Mexico
- The IA Committee advised the Dean that we should investigate establishing a relationship with Kyunpook National University, S. Korea. Their Dean plans to visit KSU in May to further explore this opportunity.