Happy Summer and I hope everyone had a safe, albeit hot, Fourth of July!!

As we honored our nation’s birthday this month, I would like to also alert you to the fact that the Army Veterinary Corps marked their 100 year anniversary. As a former member of the Veterinary Corps, it was a privilege and honor to serve this nation in a profession I feel blessed to be a part of. Military veterinarians are on the front lines of biosecurity, public health, and food safety in addition to keeping the Working Dogs healthy and viable in order to protect the lives of countless civilians and soldiers. To mark this tremendous occasion, a bronze statue was unveiled at the U.S. Army Medical Department Museum at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. Its commemorative name is “A Century of History in Bronze.” This museum is open to the public and tells the history of not just the Veterinary Corps but the entire Army Medical Department. It is definitely a worthwhile trip if you are ever in the San Antonio area.

We are thrilled to continue to keep the Association progressive by kicking off the Power of 10 Program. We feel this is an outstanding program for leadership development in our new generation veterinary professionals. If you are interested in this fantastic opportunity, please visit the LVMA website for more information. The official announcement went out in our last newsletter and the applications will be available October 1st on the LVMA Website. The class will be introduced at the 2017 Winter Meeting in Baton Rouge.

Let us all continue to make this profession the respected one it is and take the time to get to know your fellow veterinarians by attending local meetings or even just picking up the phone and introducing yourself. The camaraderie we share helps us all to get through the ups and downs that our daily practice can bring with it. Remember we are all doing the best job we can and we all have different experiences and insight. Let us use this knowledge to help others and never as a tool to degrade another professional. When we do this it makes our profession so much stronger and maintains its respectability to the public eye.

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Executive Director’s Report

MEETINGS, AWARDS, BUDGETS, POLITICS……...IT’S A SLOW SUMMER……

The Southwest Veterinary Symposium is almost upon us. Please see the advertisement below and register now for this exciting meeting. The LVMA is in partnership with the Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and New Mexico veterinary medical associations (VMAs) in conducting the SWVS and several other VMAs are affiliated. If you are looking for a great “big meeting” experience, the SWVS is a great choice!

Plan now to attend the LVMA Winter Meeting at the Baton Rouge Crowne Plaza, January 20-22, 2017! Although our usual geographically clockwise rotation would have us in New Orleans in 2017, hotel availability in the Crescent City (or lack thereof in 2017) has us doubling back to New Orleans in 2018. Drs. John Mauterer, Kirk Ryan and Dale Peyroux are working hard to assemble a great program. The LVMA Winter Meeting is always the premier annual event for Louisiana veterinarians to gather together for continuing education, business and social discussion, and encounters with veterinary industry vendors in a relaxed but professional environment. Mark your calendars now for this important meeting!

Power of Ten Lead Facilitator Dr. Marc Bordelon is working on the schedule for the inaugural LVMA 2017 program, which will include a kickoff weekend in February and six Tuesday sessions during the year. The Program is patterned after other highly successful professional and leadership Power of Ten programs in use throughout the country for recently graduated (2010 and after) veterinarians. Applications will be available by October 1, 2016.

Nominations are now being sought for LVMA awards and nomination forms are in this Newsletter. Each year the LVMA recognizes and honors people that have made important contributions to veterinary medicine, the veterinary community and/or animal health, as well as an animal that has distinguished itself in a special way.

The LVMA Board met on Sunday, July 17 to deliberate on the budget for the upcoming year. It is always a privilege to work with the dedicated and thoughtful LVMA leadership in their process of evaluating and prioritizing the Association’s resource commitments.

The social and political event of the upcoming Fall season is the Commissioner Mike Strain, DVM Campaign’s Fall Ball which will be held at the Old Governor’s Mansion on October 20, 2016. This should be a must-attend event for every veterinarian who values effective legislative and regulatory advocacy for the veterinary profession in Louisiana. Information on tickets and sponsorships is available at www.mikestrain.org and the Campaign office’s telephone number is 225-771-8942. I will be there and hope to see you there.

Stay well and stay connected!

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Tyrosine kinase inhibitors (TKIs) such as Gleevec and Sutent have been increasingly used in human oncology over the last 10 years for several cancer types including chronic myelogenous leukemia, gastrointestinal stromal tumors, and carcinomas. Palladia (toceranib phosphate) was the first TKI approved for use in dogs with cancer in the US in 2009. TKIs competitively inhibit activation of various tyrosine kinase receptors on cell surface Membranes including VEGFR, PDGFR, Kit, CSF-1, and Flt-3. Inhibition of VEGF (vascular endothelial growth factor) and PDGF (platelet-derived growth factor) decreases angiogenesis, therefore slowing tumor progression. Inhibition of the split kinase receptor KIT (which is mutated in approximately 30% of MCTs) provides direct antitumor activity against mast cell tumors. With both direct antitumor and antiangiogenic activity, TKIs have been shown to be effective against a variety of tumor types including anal sac adenocarcinomas, thyroid carcinomas, nasal adenocarcinomas, pulmonary carcinomas, transitional cell carcinomas, osteosarcomas, soft tissue sarcomas, metastatic melanomas, and squamous cell carcinomas, in addition to mast cell tumors. In a placebo controlled randomized study of 145 dogs with non-resectable grade II and III MCTs, there was an overall response rate of 43%. Dogs with Kit mutations had an 82% response rate vs. dogs without the Kit mutation having a 55% response rate. In a retrospective study evaluating the dosage of and response to Palladia in 85 dogs with solid tumors, there was an overall clinical benefit (complete remission, partial remission, or stable disease) in 74% of cases.

The initial dose of Palladia for dogs favored by MedVet Louisiana oncologists is generally 2.5-2.8 mg/kg EOD or M,W,F. A study of dogs with solid tumors comparing overall biologic activity showed that dosages around 2.5 mg/kg EOD were as effective and better tolerated with less toxicity, better owner compliance and longer term therapy, compared to higher dosages recommended on the package insert. The most common adverse effects of Palladia are gastrointestinal effects (vomiting, diarrhea, anorexia), with mild neutropenia, protein losing nephropathy and bone pain being less common. Baseline diagnostics including a CBC, Chemistry profile, urinalysis, UPC ratio, and Blood pressure should be attained. Recheck a CBC at 2 weeks followed by CBC, chemistry profile, UA +/- UPC and blood pressure every 4-6 weeks. Owners should be instructed to monitor for any adverse effects and to stop the drug immediately if any are noticed. Concomitant medications for prevention/management of side effects are recommended including antacids (famotidine, omeprazole), antihistamines (diphenhydramine), steroids (prednisone daily or on Palladia “off” days), sucralfate, antiemetics (metoclopramide, ondansetron, maropitant), and anti diarrheals (loperamide). When possible, decreasing tumor burden via debulking surgery can be considered to try to minimize adverse effects. NSAIDS can be used with caution and but not be given on the same day as Palladia.

A retrospective study of 46 cats showed that Palladia may have activity against squamous cell carcinoma, vaccine associated sarcomas, and mast cell tumor. Cats were treated with a median dosage of 2.8 mg/kg EOD or M,W,F with the most common adverse effects being weight loss, vomiting, hiding, and tumor necrosis/ulceration.

Palladia provides an additional treatment option for several solid tumors, which has given many patients of MedVet Louisiana extended survival with excellent quality of life. Ongoing clinical trials will better define its role and efficacy in treating various tumor types in both dogs and cats.

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If you have any questions, please reach out to the MedVet Louisiana Oncology Team at MedVet Mandeville or MedVet New Orleans. [www.medvetforpets.com](http://www.medvetforpets.com)

**Figure 1.** Cutaneous Squamous cell carcinoma pre-Palladia treatment

**Figure 2.** Cutaneous SCC - Week 8 of Palladia treatment

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2016 AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

2016 RALPH C. COOPER VETERINARIAN OF THE YEAR

The Ralph C. Cooper Veterinarian of the Year Award is given annually to the person who is recognized by his or her colleagues as having given the most of themselves in time, energy, and ideas to the veterinary profession in the state of Louisiana.

Nominee Information:

Name ____________________________________________________________

Address ________________________________________________________

City ___________________ State _____ Zip _________________________

Office Phone _____________________________

Year of Graduation _______________________

Veterinary School _________________________

Specialty or area of practice _______________

Local, state and national committees served on and positions held:

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Describe nominee participation in promoting animal health and welfare:

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Describe any other activity which should make this individual a good candidate for the Veterinarian of the Year:

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Criteria for Nomination:

1. Nominee must be a member in good standing in the LVMA.
2. Nominee must have had a positive influence in promoting animal health and welfare in the community as well as within the profession.
3. Nominee should be of good character and well respected by colleagues.
4. Nominee should be presently or previously active in local, state, and/or national veterinary associations.
5. Nominee should have shown an outstanding contribution to organized veterinary medicine either through their work or through their actions and public awareness.
6. Current LVMA Board members are not eligible for nomination.

2016 DR. EVERETT D. BESCH SERVICE AWARD

This award was formerly the LVMA Service Award. It is awarded annually to persons in recognition of outstanding service to the community and to the veterinary profession.

Nominee Information:

Name ____________________________________________________________

Employer ________________________________________________________

Address ________________________________________________________

City ___________________ State _____ Zip _________________________

Office Phone _____________________________

Describe an outstanding contribution to the community (if nominee is a veterinarian):

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Describe an outstanding contribution to veterinary medicine (if nominee is not a veterinarian):

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The LVMA’s Dr. Everett D. Besch Distinguished Service Award was established to recognize outstanding service to the community and veterinary profession.

Recommendations for this award must be made in writing by two LVMA members. If you wish to nominate someone, please send your recommendation to the LVMA office by November 11, 2016.

Those eligible for the award are in two categories:

1. Veterinarians who have made an outstanding contribution to their community.
2. Non-veterinarians who have made an outstanding contribution to veterinary medicine.

Nominated by:

Veterinarian: __________________________________________________

Phone: _________________________________________________________
2016 Pet of the Year

In an effort to recognize animals throughout the state of Louisiana for their special talents or heroic deeds, the LVMA has established the "Pet of the Year" award. This award recipient will be selected from nominations made by veterinarians who are aware of or witnessed these animals in their area of practice. Examples of such animals might include pets that have saved their owner’s lives or were instrumental in helping their owner overcome overwhelming odds, physical handicaps, or serve the public in any way for many years.

Nominee Information:
Pet’s Name ____________________________
Species ______ Breed _____ Sex _____ Age _____
Description ____________________________
Owner’s Name __________________________
Address ________________________________
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Description of pet’s accomplishments ____________________________

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Please include photos you may have.

Nominated by:
Veterinarian: ____________________________
Phone: ____________________________

2016 Support Person of the Year

The LVMA Support Person of the Year Award is presented annually to a veterinary technician, office management, kennel or other staff person with a minimum of two years of experience who has distinguished himself or herself in actively promoting animal health and welfare on the job and in the community.

Nominee Information:
Name ____________________________
Employer ____________________________
Position Held ____________________________
Length of Employment ____________________________
Educational Background ____________________________

Professional Experience ____________________________

Service to the Profession ____________________________

Professional Experience ____________________________

Service to the Community ____________________________

Organizations ____________________________

Other Comments ____________________________

Criteria for Nomination:
1. Nominee must be employed by a member in good standing of the LVMA.
2. The individual should be active in promoting animal health and welfare on the job and in the community.
3. The individual should have a minimum of two years experience as a working veterinary technician, office management, or kennel help, etc.
4. Nominations are to be made in writing and should include employment information, educational background, professional service and community service accomplishments.

Nominated by:
Veterinarian: ____________________________
Phone: ____________________________

SEND NOMINATION FORMS TO:
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Nominations Due November 11th!

NOTE: Additional pages may be added with other necessary information about nominee.
The Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine would like to remind you of the 2016-2017 Renewal Period

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All licenses/certificates expire September 30, 2016.

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### Save the Date—2017 Winter Meeting

The LVMA Annual Winter Meeting will take place January 19-22, 2017 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge. Your program committees are already working to plan for speakers and topics you are sure to be pleased with. More information will come to your mailbox but be sure to mark your calendars now! You don’t want to miss out on this great opportunity to acquire hours of CE while networking with other veterinarians, technicians and exhibitors right in your backyard.

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