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AAAP SCIENTIFIC LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT

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The Scientific Liaison committee had limited activity this past year. Four areas of activity was considered.

Area I

When the need arrives this committee would encourage the president of AAAP to solicit the chairman of the concerned committee to prepare a statement on the position of AAAP regarding a current regional or national disease problem. A public position or statement by the officials of AAAP would be helpful to the industry, universities and government agencies. A good example of such a problem is the exotic Newcastle disease outbreak in the United States. AAAP and AVMA have taken the position that this strain of Newcastle virus should be eradicated. One ~~should~~ <sup>successful</sup> official news release was published in FEEDSTUFFS on November 20, 1972. The USDA formed a scientific advisory committee to help them evaluate this disease problem. Members of AAAP were on this committee. The committee feels this type of activity by AAAP is good and should be continued.

Area II

Develop the mechanics of organizing a reference book for universities, industry and news media personnel to use in knowing who to contact in AAAP on specific areas and problems.

This problem has been partly solved by the publication of "Directory of Environmental Scientists in Agriculture." This publication was by the Council of Agriculture Science and ~~Science~~ <sup>Technology</sup> composed of 32 scientific societies and chairman by Dr. C. A. Black of Iowa State College. The American Veterinary Medical Association is a member and this committee recommends that AAAP participate. The additional expertise furnished by member of AAAP would strengthen this directory.

Another area to be developed is better use of the available public relations personnel of drug companies, universities and industry (poultry).

Area III

Use of seminars to develop liaison between various facets of the industry, universities and government.

The Newcastle disease problem is being well covered this year at the AVMA annual scientific program. The committee suggests a seminar could be developed on the use of antibiotics in poultry feed and water especially in light of the FDA task force report.

Area IV

A manual of procedure<sup>3</sup> in handling emergencies or for the systematic distribution of information.

No activity on this area.

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