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WHAT IS THE CVMA’S ROLE IN ACCREDITATION, AND WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE TO PRACTITIONERS?
Dr. Peter Conlon, a Professor and Associate Dean at the Ontario Veterinary College, will present on the history of CVMA’s partnership with the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) in regards to accreditation, CVMA’s representatives on the Council of Education (COE) and as site visitors, and the accreditation process as applied to Canadian schools.

AVMA’S PERSPECTIVE ON ACCREDITATION AND COMPETENCY OF NEW GRADS
Dr. Karen Martens Brandt, Director of the Education and Research Division at the AVMA, will speak about the COE’s use of a peer review process to provide quality assurance and continuous quality improvement of veterinary medical educational programs in the United States and Canada. The discussion will include a primer on accreditation and how the COE implements this process, the maintenance of quality veterinary medical programs, accreditation and licensing, and the development of the Standards of Accreditation. In addition, the discussion will touch on the accreditation of veterinary medical colleges outside the United States and Canada.

EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVES ON ACCREDITATION AND COMPETENCY OF NEW VETERINARY GRADUATES
Dr. Hans Henrik Dietz, Head of the Department of Large Animal Sciences at the University of Copenhagen in Denmark, will focus his presentation on the challenges of evaluation and accreditation of veterinary schools within the European Union (EU) with 28 member countries. Many of the countries have a different educational system with inborn different traditions, curricula, textbooks, and a different focus on disease eradication including surveillance and recording. In general, the EU countries share a global view on the perspectives of the veterinary profession based on principles of modern veterinary education and training.

WHY ARE VETERINARY CREDENTIALS IMPORTANT IN LICENSURE IN CANADA?
Dr. Darrell Dalton, Registrar and Chief Executive Officer from the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, will discuss the existence of the Canadian national standard, which allows for a consistent standard of education for veterinarians across the country as well as the relatively easy movement of veterinarians between provinces. The benefits of this system will be discussed and compared to other professions.