

## Council on International Veterinary Medical Education (CIVME): Connecting and supporting Veterinary Educators worldwide

The Council on International Veterinary Medical Education (CIVME) was established by the AAVMC (American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges) in 2016. The goal of the Council is to promote collaboration, foster innovation and share best practices on a worldwide scale to advance the quality of teaching and learning in veterinary medical education. CIVME's existence serves as a constant reminder of the veterinary medical profession's obligation to ensure that the benefits of modern veterinary medicine are accessible to people, animals and the environment around the world.

CIVME comprises representatives from eight major global regions:

- Africa
- Australia/New Zealand
- Asia
- Continental Europe
- Latin America/Caribbean
- Middle East/North Africa
- UK/Ireland
- US/Canada\*

In this short communication, we reflect on achievements during the first 5 years of the council and highlight key initiatives of interest to those involved in the education of future veterinary professionals, specifically:

- Supporting internationally collaborative research in veterinary education through an established small grants program, supporting and raising awareness of veterinary educational research worldwide
- Facilitating partnerships to align global accreditation and quality standards in veterinary education including ongoing work with the World Veterinary Association
- Improving communication to connect and support a global network of veterinary educators through our online connect community, with recent examples focusing on pandemic adaptations and international approaches to Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion
- Supporting developments and initiatives to bring veterinary educators together through regional engagement activities