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Should N.C.S.C. Join I.V.S.A.?: Editorial

Just few months ago the National Conference of Student Chapters of the A.V.M.A. (N.C.S.C.) discussed whether to join the International Veterinary Students Association (I.V.S.A.) or not. The decision was not to join I.V.S.A.

Recently, we received an article for publication from Mr. Andy J. Higgins, president of the I.V.S.A. in which he calls on American veterinary students and organizations to join and strength I.V.S.A. We think that this issue of N.C.S.C. joining I.V.S.A. should be examined. Or, at least, we intend to make the reader aware of this matter.

N.C.S.C. had some good reasons for not joining I.V.S.A. N.C.S.C. is a young organization which faces several problems some of which are receiving primary considerations. It is understandable that N.C.S.C., as a students organization, is facing financial limitations where at this point it could not support its delegates to travel overseas for I.V.S.A. Congresses. Also, N.C.S.C. needs time until it accomplishes unity among the U.S.A. and Canadian veterinary colleges it represents. There is no doubt that matters such as liscensing of veterinarians and National Veterinary Board Examinations are of more concern to N.C.S.C. than what is going on in the European, Asian, African and Latin-American veterinary students

organizations. Nevertheless, the question whether N.C.S.C. should limit its interests to U.S.A. and Canadian veterinary problems should be asked and answered.

Mr. Higgins' article, which is published in the following pages, introduces I.V.S.A. and its invitation for N.C.S.C. to join. We feel that Mr. Higgins' article speaks for itself and additional words are superfluous.

We do not mean that N.C.S.C. should abandon its primary objectives and concentrate on international understanding among veterinary students. We feel that N.C.S.C. should strive to strengthen itself up to a point where it could join I.V.S.A. By doing so, both organizations are fortifying themselves by mutually contributing to the development of each other. The financial problems which both N.C.S.C. and I.V.S.A. are facing concerning mutual representation should be solved by both parties mutually. We call on all individuals and organizations concerned not to abandon this matter. We also call on the A.V.M.A. to support N.C.S.C. financially and to encourage N.C.S.C. to join I.V.S.A.

Respectfully yours,
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