From the Heartland to the World

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The Student American Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA) Symposium will be held at Iowa State University March 8th, 9th, and 10th, 2001. SAVMA Symposium is an annual event that is rotated amongst the twenty-seven veterinary colleges in the United States. A school is awarded the honor to host Symposium based from bids submitted to the SAVMA House of Delegates two summers prior to the Symposium they wish to hold.

Symposium is two and a half days packed full of a variety of events. Most important are the lectures, wet labs, and academic competitions. We have planned over 100 hours of lecture to be presented on Friday and Saturday. The topics of these lectures range from wildlife anesthesiology to canine aquatherapy to employment contracts. Our wet labs will also provide a broad array of opportunities for students in a hands on environment. Academic competitions provide an opportunity for schools to square off and show their mental toughness in breed identification, equine aging, microbiology/parasitology, anatomy/histology, and bovine palpation.

Opportunities are abound for networking and friendship. Athletic events allow for a little less serious competition amongst schools and individuals. By the end of a day full of earnest learning and lively competitions, most students are ready to kick back and have a good time. The evening parties provide this opportunity. Our first two evenings will be themed parties. The first night will be a Luau and the second night will celebrate the annual State Fair. The final evening will be an awards banquet with a keynote address by Lowell Catlett, Ph.D., whose topic will be Veterinary Medicine — A Futuristic Look.

Both the Student Body and College are very excited about this opportunity to show case Iowa State University. Many hours have been spent by a large number of students and staff in preparation for SAVMA Symposium and many more tasks yet to accomplish. This is our time to shine and your help will be noticed — so get involved! We are currently contacting potential sponsors to fund our event. Over 80% of SAVMA Symposium is funded by sponsorship and donations in kind from companies, organization, and private sources.

Please visit our website for further information. See you at Symposium.

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