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The Student American Veterinary Medical Association Symposium is coming to Iowa State University March 8, 9, and 10, 2001.

Students at the ISU College of Veterinary Medicine are excited about the opportunity to showcase our college, university, and the state of Iowa.

SAVMA Symposium is an event held annually at one of the 27 Veterinary Colleges in the United States. This event is organized and run by students of the host college. SAVMA Symposium requires a large time and financial commitment from all involved. ISU students are busy preparing to make this the most exciting and educational Symposium ever.

Small Animal, Production Animal, Wildlife/Exotic, and Equine Lectures and Wet Labs will all be held. With many of the changes that have occurred in veterinary medicine in recent years, it is more important than ever to have a better knowledge of business and related topics. To emphasize these areas we will offer a program in veterinary entrepreneurship and management.

We hope for attendance to exceed one thousand people, since ISU is centrally located for the other colleges of veterinary medicine. We will have academic as well as athletic competitions between the colleges. Dinner and social events will be held nightly for all attendees. These evening activities will be held at Hilton Coliseum in Ames, Iowa. Hopefully, by the time everyone leaves they will see that Hilton Magic is not just limited to the basketball court.

Since this event represents students, alumni, and the entire ISU community, we welcome any suggestions or comments.

A preliminary Web page was set up in April, and includes contact information. The internet address is: www.vetmed.iastate.edu/Symposium

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