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Dr. Richard LeCouteur Named VP of Scientific Content/Chief Veterinary Officer of the NAVC

GAINESVILLE, FL—As the North American Veterinary Community (NAVC) expands into the largest veterinary professional development resource through its online materials, live events, scholarship programs and global community outreach, it has created the new position of Vice President of Scientific Content/Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO). Richard A. LeCouteur, BVSc, PhD., Dipl ACVIM (Neurology), Dipl ECVN, and Vice President of the NAVC Board of Directors, has been named to this progressive and visionary leadership role, ensuring that the most up to date, reliable and leading-edge medical information is shared throughout all NAVC products and services.

Tom Bohn, NAVC Chief Executive Officer, stated, “We’re delighted that Rick has accepted this new position to serve as the ‘face’ and ‘voice’ for NAVC technical and scientific issues in accordance with generally accepted best practices. He brings an extensive and highly respected background as a practicing veterinarian, writer, educator and advisor. Working closely with the NAVC staff, volunteers and speakers in North America and through our global partners, Rick will lead the charge in enhancing the quality of NAVC learning programs.”

Dr. LeCouteur has spent many years in private veterinary practice and in a University teaching hospital (currently he’s the Professor of Neurology and Neurosurgery, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis). He has extensive experience in writing and editing veterinary healthcare articles; presenting and leading educational course and programs; and participating in educational programs in more than 50 countries. He’s also the Editor-in-Chief for NAVC *Clinician’s Brief*.

In his new role, Dr. LeCouteur will lead potential research activities undertaken by NAVC and its partners, serve as the Editor-in-Chief for all in-house NAVC developed content, and oversee many of the NAVC professional development programs, including the OnCampus Program, NAVC Institute, NAVC Expeditions and Online Learning Program... as well as International programs, relationships and the speaker exchange. Dr. LeCouteur resides in California.

Details on the NAVC’s veterinary professional development programs can be found at NAVc.com.

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Founded in 1982 and headquartered in Gainesville, Florida, the North American Veterinary Community (NAVC) is a nonprofit association that provides world-class professional development for the global veterinary healthcare community. The association's largest educational initiative, the annual NAVC Conference, hosts 16,000 attendees, 650 exhibiting companies and 350 speakers from more than 70 countries each year. Other educational offerings include the NAVC Institute, NAVC Expeditions and NAVC *Clinician's Brief*, the official journal of the NAVC. The NAVC's international conference partners include the Latin American Veterinary Conference (LAVC), Southern European Veterinary Conference (SEVC) and the Asian Pacific Veterinary Conference (APVC). Visit NAVc.com for more information.