

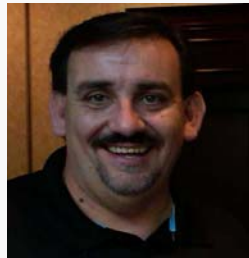


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NAHERC at University of Maryland



The Department of Animal and Avian Sciences at University of Maryland, College Park, has a challenging program for talented students interested in the application of biology and technology to the care, management and study of domestic and aquatic animals. The program emphasizes the traditional farm species of dairy and beef cattle, sheep, swine and poultry. Students are encouraged to gain practical animal management experience by pursuing internships, volunteering or actual employment.

Dr. Sarah Balcom invited NAHERC Coordinator, Tom Cunningham, to speak at her Animal Science 340 class consisting of 37 students, most are pre-vet students.

On April 9, 2013, Tom gave a presentation to the class encompassing the history and benefits of the National Animal Health Emergency Response Corps (NAHERC). The lecture included actions needed and taken by animal health technicians in the event of an emergency, types of animal health emergencies, Incident Command System and USDA coordination between state and federal resources.

The students were engaging and very much interested in what NAHERC could offer in terms of hands on experience.

Tom continues to get the word out to schools, hospitals and clinics that NAHERC is a viable option for those looking to assist in the event of an animal health emergency and gain valuable experience.

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USDA Increasing Awareness on How To Stop Invasive Pests From Spreading



In a news release, dated April 2, 2013, USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service proclaimed April as "Invasive Plant Pest and Disease Awareness Month." All month, APHIS highlighted how invasive species can enter the United States and spread, and how the general public can take simple, specific actions to leave these hungry pests behind.

Invasive pests and diseases are non-native species that cause - or are likely to cause - harm to the economy, the environment or human health.

Visit the Hungry Pests website at www.HungryPests.com to view an interactive map and learn about invasive pests and diseases that are affecting or could affect individual states, and how to report them. To view USDA's news release visit:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/newsroom/2013/04/pest_awareness_month.shtml

NAHERC Strength as of May 2013



VMO	AHT	TOTAL	PA*
955	3100	4055	934

*Number of Members who have signed the Privacy Act Release Form (since May 2010)

Convention Update

NAHERC is tentatively scheduled to attend the CVC East in Washington, DC May 9-13, 2013 (**Booth number 839**), the American Veterinary Medical Association Convention July 19-23, 2013 (**Booth number 221**), the CVC Central in Kansas City, August 23-26, 2013. More information will be provided as these dates draw nearer. We hope to see you at one or more of these events.





National Veterinary Accreditation Program

Accredited veterinarians are urged to visit the National Veterinary Accreditation Program website http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/vet_accreditation/. The site is an exhaustive resource containing over 20 APHIS approved supplemental training modules needed for accreditation renewal, a video presentation on how to apply for accreditation renewal, an interactive map to find your local Veterinary Services Area Office, a list of frequently asked questions, and much more.

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 NAHERC Brochure: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/emergency_management/downloads/brovnet.pdf
 Iowa State University : <https://naherc.sws.iastate.edu>
 Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness Response Plan (FAD PRoP) training : <https://fadprep.lmi.org/>
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