

Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and Other Health Professions

To Our Readers

We hope this Newsletter will suit your interests and information needs. Please communicate any comments and suggestions to the CAAM-HP Secretariat.

CAAM-HP Moves to Veterinary Education Programmes

The Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and Other Health Professions (CAAM-HP) began the accreditation of other health professions when it undertook the assessment of the education programme of the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of the West Indies (UWI).



This site visit to the school which is located on the UWI's St. Augustine Campus in Trinidad & Tobago, took place from January 30 to February 4, 2009. It involved a six member team comprising the following persons: Ms. Lynn Hill of

Langford Veterinary Services in Bristol, UK (Team Chair); Dr. Graham Brown of Animalcare Veterinary Services Ltd, Jamaica; Dr. David DeYoung of Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine, St. Kitts; Mrs. Patricia Jill Nute of the Veterinary Surgery in Cornwall, UK; Professor Susan Margaret Rhind of the University of Edinburgh, Scotland; and Professor Lorin Warnick of Cornell University, USA.



CAAM-HP will determine the accreditation status of the school's DVM programme at its next meeting later this year.

International Conferences

The CAAM-HP Executive Director was invited to make a presentation at the Administrators in Medicine (AIM) Seminar held in Kansas City in November of 2008. The Executive Director also presented a paper entitled 'Quality Assurance of medical education programmes in the Anglophone Caribbean: Accreditation by the CAAM-HP as one method of assuring quality' at the 10th Biennial Conference of the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE), March 30 to April 2, 2009 in Abu Dhabi.

Journal Publication

A manuscript titled 'Accreditation of Undergraduate Medical Education in the Caribbean: Report on the CAAM-HP' and co-authored by staff from the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), the World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) and the CAAM-HP has been accepted for publication in the June issue of **Academic Medicine**.

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CAAM-HP Noted in Articles Appearing in Top Journals

CAAM-HP is pleased to note that recent articles dealing with medical education in the Caribbean and appearing in reputable medical journals, have made reference to the role and possibilities of the CAAM-HP in a positive light. CAAM-HP has been numbered among 'allies' which bring extensive expertise to international medical education from which objective information on international schools can be obtained.

Accreditation of Dental Education Programmes

Standards for the accreditation of dental education programmes have been developed and CAAM-HP has advised dental schools in the region of its readiness to undertake the accreditation of these programmes.

Expansion of CAAM-HP Membership

In keeping with the provisions of the Agreement establishing the CAAM-HP, its membership has been expanded to include two professionals nominated by two of the academic institutions offering training in Veterinary Medicine as well as two students enrolled in these programmes.

Membership of the CAAM-HP will also be expanded to include dental professionals and students.

Most Recent Site Visit to a Medical School

The medical education programme of **Ross University School of Medicine** was reviewed by CAAM-HP from June 7-14, 2008. The university is located on the island of Dominica in the Eastern Caribbean with clinical training sites in the US. The following persons comprised the six member team which carried out the site visit:

Dr. Kim Blake
Dr. Robert Carroll (Team Chair)
Dr. Marhtelise Eersel
Dr. Trevor McCartney
Dr. Jørgen Nystrup
Dr. Sharon Peters

The team's report was considered by CAAM-HP at its last meeting. However a determination of the accreditation status of the programme is pending submission of additional information.

CAAM-HP has conducted eight site visits since its establishment in 2003. For details, please visit the website.

Accreditation Requests and Upcoming Visits

The following schools have submitted requests to the CAAM-HP for accreditation:

- ◆ **Xavier University School of Medicine**, a new school proposed to be set up on the island of Bonaire: further response from the school is being awaited.
- ◆ **American University of Antigua**, located in Antigua: further response from the school is being awaited.
- ◆ The **All American Institute of Medical Sciences** is seeking initial provisional accreditation to set up in Jamaica.
- ◆ The **School of Dentistry** at the **University of the West Indies** is in the process of compiling its database and self-study. However no date has yet been set for the visit.
- ◆ **Spartan Health Sciences University, School of Medicine**, located in Vieux Fort, St. Lucia has recently indicated its interest in accreditation by the CAAM-HP.

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