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CVM Food Animal Veterinarian Takes on Advisory Role with AVMA Council on Research

MU College of Veterinary Medicine Professor John R. Middleton, DVM, PhD, DACVIM, has been appointed as a veterinary medical research representative on the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) [Council on Research](#). The committee advises the AVMA Board of Directors on scientific research and discovery that impacts the veterinary profession in order to sustain and advance the scientific basis of veterinary medicine. Middleton said he was interested in the position because it fits with his professional goals.

"I enjoy applying my knowledge and skills to help the profession constantly evolve to meet the needs of society. Applying my knowledge of agricultural animal research and innovation on this council allows me to give back to the profession," he said.

Middleton is a professor of food animal medicine and surgery and assistant director of the MU Agricultural Experiment Station. He earned his doctor of veterinary medicine and PhD from Washington State University. He went on to earn board certification in large animal internal medicine, and he is an associate member of the European College of Bovine Health Management.

He has more than 23 years of experience in clinical practice and more than 20 years in veterinary research with a focus on mastitis and milk quality in dairy cattle and goats. He serves as the chair of the USDA NCAC-02 Animal Health Advisory Committee for the North Central Region and is a past president of both the National Mastitis Council and National Mastitis Research Foundation. He has also represented MU at Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges Research Committee meetings for the past five years. He has published more than 75 peer-reviewed manuscripts primarily on food animal species, more than 170 abstracts/proceedings and several book chapters.

It was his work with the USDA NCAC-02 and attendance of the AAVMC research committee that prompted Erle Douglas "Ed" Murphey III, DVM, AVMA assistant director in the Education and Research Division, to ask Middleton to serve on the Council on Research. Richard Antweiler, executive director of the Missouri Veterinary Medical Association, nominated him to the post.



Professor John R. Middleton

His first meeting with the Council on Research took place in October. Middleton said, "There are a number of activities relevant to the AVMA membership and veterinary research community that the council is engaged in, including developing internal policies, providing liaisons to other professional organizations with similar objectives, and working with government regulatory and funding agencies to improve policy, regulation and opportunities for veterinarians and veterinary researchers."

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