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### Christopher Byron '98 joins AVMA editorial staff



In September 2011 Dr. Christopher R. Byron BS '94, DVM '98 was appointed assistant editor for the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association (JAVMA) and the American Journal of Veterinary Research (AJVR), premier veterinary science journals published by the American Veterinary Medical Association.

“Throughout my education at Cornell, and during my career as a surgeon, researcher, and veterinary educator, I have been interested in the science of veterinary medicine,” said Byron. “My new role as an assistant editor for the JAVMA and the AJVR fits well with this interest, and will be a natural complement to my prior experiences. The AVMA journals are important vehicles for scientific communications, and I am looking forward to serving the veterinary profession in this new capacity.”

Byron’s appointment is the latest in a string of varied professional experiences as a young equine surgeon. After earning both his undergraduate and veterinary degrees at Cornell University, Byron interned at the Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital in Lexington, KY. He then completed an equine surgery residency and master’s degree program at Michigan State University, becoming a board-certified diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons (ACVS) in 2003, on whose Resident Credentials Committee he now serves.

As an Assistant Professor of Equine Surgery at the University of Illinois for six years, Byron taught veterinary students and residents, practiced clinical equine medicine, and headed a research team publishing papers about shock wave therapy and equine joint disease, including several in JAVMA and AJVR. He then joined the staff of the Ruffian Equine Medical Center, a private equine referral center in Elmont, NY, where he practiced equine surgery until March 2011.

Experience on the review board of the ACVS Veterinary Surgery journal prepared him for his full-time position in Schaumburg, IL. As assistant editor for AVMA’s publications, he will read and review article submissions and prepare them for release to JAVMA and AJVR’s subscribers, informing the veterinary community about the latest developments in veterinary science and clinical innovations.