

Perspectives in Veterinary Medicine

Leadership Workshop at the Boston AVMA Convention

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AVMA attendees, don't miss out on the chance to enroll in the Women's Leadership Development Workshop at the 2015 AVMA Convention in Boston, Friday, July 10, 1:00-4:50 pm. This was a top-rated workshop at the 2014 AVMA Convention!

This engaging study in women's leadership is designed for veterinarians (men, as well as women), veterinary students, animal health technicians, and those involved in organized veterinary medicine at the state and national level (for example, executive directors and other state VMA staff members).

Workshop themes include:

- The Critical Role of Women in Veterinary Leadership
- The Role of Mentoring in Career Advancement
- Overcoming the Perfection Complex and Taking the Next Step

Benefits of attending include the opportunity to learn about prevailing leadership issues in veterinary medicine and to develop essential skills to advancement as early- and mid-career practitioners. In an environment that combines instructive lecture, small group problem-solving sessions, and experiential training through simulated and real-life situations, the workshop encourages students to connect with individuals already in the field while building leadership understanding and skills. Dean Emeritus Donald F. Smith shares insights gained through more than 40 years in the profession, which is aptly complemented by Julie Kumble's expertise in leadership and closing the gender gap in professional settings.

FAQs:

Is this workshop for women only?

Though some of the material and many of the examples relate to women, this will definitely benefit **both** women and men. It is about LEADERSHIP, a topic of benefit to anyone interested in advancing their career or the career of others. Men have a role in helping to develop our future women leaders.

Are scholarships available again this year?

Yes. A few scholarships to cover the cost of workshop registration remain for veterinary students and recent graduates. These scholarships partially cover the cost of registration for this workshop.

Who are the workshop presenters?

- Julie Kumble, MEd, leadership consultant
 - Donald Smith, DVM, Professor of Surgery and Dean Emeritus, Cornell University
- Kumble and Smith are both founding members of the Women's Veterinary Leadership Development Initiative.

What is the workshop information and how can I register?

What: [Women's Leadership Development Workshop](#) (AVMA number 1206)

When: Friday, July 10th, 1:00 – 4:50 pm

Attendees: Veterinarians, veterinary students, technicians, and administrators in organized veterinary medicine. Both MEN and women are welcomed.

Cost of Workshop: \$170 before June 12 (See above for scholarship information).

How to Register: Go to the [AVMA Registration](#) page for Interactive Labs and Workshops.

How can I get more information?

Email Dr. Smith (dfs6@cornell.edu) or Ms Kumble (juliekumble@yahoo.com)

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TOPIC:

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LEADING QUESTION:

What is the purpose of the leadership workshop at the 2015 AVMA convention?

META-SUMMARY:

The AVMA's offers the 2015 Women's Leadership Development Workshop for both men and women.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS:

Dr. Donald F. Smith, Dean Emeritus of the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, had a passion for the value of the history of veterinary medicine as a gateway for understanding the present and the future of the profession.

Throughout his many professional roles from professor of surgery, to Department Chair of Clinical Sciences, Associate Dean of Education and of Academic Programs and Dean, he spearheaded changes in curriculum, clinical services, diagnostic services and more. He was a diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons and a member of the National Academy of Practices. Most recently he played a major role in increasing the role of women in veterinary leadership.

Perspectives in Veterinary Medicine is one of his projects where he was able to share his vast knowledge of the profession.

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