

Jörg Mayer

I have been involved with the AEMV from the very beginning. From the first time I heard about the idea of forming this organization when it was put forward by Dr. Mike Dutton a few years ago, I immediately realized that this group was much needed in the veterinary community. I volunteered to serve as the treasurer for 6 years and have been involved with many other organizational issues. When the opportunity arose to take the exotic companion mammal board exam, I was part of the first group of examinees and successfully passed the test. Recently, I have been elected to head the research committee which put out the first call for research proposals and will fund its first project this year. I am currently involved in securing sustainable funding to ensure future funding of AEMV sponsored research to benefit exotic companion mammals.

My primary interest in serving as the president of the organization is to be part of the AEMV during these exciting times of defining the organization for its members. I see the AEMV as an organization which can have a significant impact on the captive mammal population and on the veterinary community as a whole. Recent statistics have shown that pet exotic mammals are among the fastest growing pet populations. In light of the fast-paced growth of the pet industry, the veterinary community needs to both stay on top of newly described disease conditions, and catch up in describing conditions which are seen less frequently.

As president, one of my primary goals would be to create an infrastructure through which data can be collected, analyzed and used to transform individual observations into descriptions of disease patterns and cluster appearances. The organization has many members who see many exotic mammals on a regular basis. With the help of the organization we can create a system which will have mutual benefits for the individual reporting a disease, the organization collecting and sorting data, and the exotic pet mammal population.

I would also continue the ongoing effort to shape the format of the yearly meeting in ways to make it a consistently fun and educational event.

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Mayer', written in a cursive style.