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PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH VETERINARY LABORATORY DIAGNOSIS
IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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Summary

In the developing world, veterinary laboratory diagnosticians are still facing a wide range of difficulties in taking their right place in the field of veterinary science. Major problems which vary in their importance from place to place are:

1. Social, educational and political factors.
2. Shortage of money (economical) to pay for costly laboratory reagents and equipment.
3. Limited number of good veterinary diagnostic laboratories.
4. Acute shortage of skilful technicians and other laboratory staff.
5. Factors related to communication.
6. Improper planning in the distribution of diagnostic laboratories which lack the assistance and coordination of other institutes, e.g. universities.
7. Inefficient veterinary diagnostic service as a part of a generally inefficient and underdeveloped veterinary service.

Introduction

In this article, and as a veterinary diagnostician, I intend to throw some light on the major problems facing veterinary labora-