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From the President



Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends,

The World Veterinary Association, founded in 1863 in Hamburg, Germany is celebrating this year its 150th birthday and will organize the 31st World Veterinary Congress and the 2nd World Veterinary Summit in Prague from 17th to 20th September, 2013.

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WVA is recognized as the global representative of the veterinary profession and unites the global veterinary profession in the interest of the health and welfare of animals and people as well as the interest of its member organisations and their members.

The WVA has been more and more visible by signing collaborative documents with international organisations, partners and global and regional associations.

The WVA tried to attend and share during these last months, some important events such as the Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations Congress in Taipei, the NAVC conference in Orlando, the WSAVA Congress and General Assembly in Auckland, the Philippine Veterinary Medical Association Congress and the Asia VIV Exhibition in Bangkok, to better promote the veterinary profession worldwide and strengthen the links and close collaboration with its members and partners.



WVA President with WSAVA President Professor Jolle Kirpensteijn at the WSAVA Congress in Auckland, New Zealand

During most events attended, the WVA promoted its new vision and ambitious action plan to bring veterinarians from all over the world together to share experiences to exchange ideas and to join forces for the promotion and development of veterinary medicine.

More than ever veterinary medicine is a global matter. Disease prevention and control, food security and food safety, animal welfare and availability of efficient medicinal products have all become global issues that need a global approach.

Regardless of all achievements made over these years, international veterinary collaboration is increasingly crucial for the promotion of the health and welfare of animals and the health and well-being of people.

On April 3rd, the veterinary profession will celebrate the 100th birthday of Dr James Harlan Steele, Professor Emeritus and WVA Honorary Member for his numerous contributions to the profession. Our distinguished colleague James H. Steele pioneered the field of public health and who became known as the father of veterinary public health and by promoting many years ago the One health concept and enhanced the lives of animals and humans.

On behalf of all the veterinarians I would like to take this opportunity to send him and to his family our best and sincere wishes of the veterinarians for a happy and prosperous 100th birthday.

Finally, I would like to remind all our members to celebrate World Veterinary Day this month on 27th April, to focus on the theme: "Vaccination of animals helps people to protect their livestock and their companion animals as well as themselves in case of zoonotic diseases".

Good luck and best regards to all.

Dr. Faouzi Kechrid President World Veterinary Association



Scientific Program

The Prague World Veterinary Congress 2013 Organizing Committee team have paid much attention to design of the Congress Scientific Program addressing current hot topics in a number of areas.

Therefore we are pleased to present clinical and applied science advancements in most of the Congress programme streams to bring new views for colleagues coming both from public and private sector of the veterinary profession.

Canine & Feline Medicine, with star names of David A. Wilkie in ophthalmology, Barbara E. Kitchell in canine oncology among others;

Canine and Feline Surgery stream is to highlight up to date knowledge, with Theresa W. Fossum in soft tissue surgery, Catriona M. MacPhail in thoracic surgery and Donald A. Hulse in bone surgery among others in the highly attractive programme stream;

Equine stream is to cover state of the art knowledge of equine orthopaedics, with Anton Fuerst and Michael Schramme; and among others also highly attractive lectures in gastroenterology with Christopher Proudman and Barbora Bezděková.

Bovine Medicine stream will bring as top lecturers Walter Baumgartner, Peter D. Constable, Geert Opsomer and other well known experts;

Porcine Medicine being associated with renowned names as Joaquim Segalés, Hans Nauwynck, Dominiek Maes, Thomas Blaha, Paolo Martelli and others;

Exotic Animals Medicine progress will be reflected by Frank Pasmans, Gerry M. Dorrestein, Charles Innis and Zdeněk Knotek;

Poultry Medicine with H.M. Hafez, Michael Hess, Stefan Soback

Aquatic Medicine with names of Mohamed Faisal, Birgit Oidtmann and Dušan Palić

All this gives strong promise of high value professional and social event enjoying unforgettable standards.

Welfare Stream quality guaranteed by names as Linda Keeling, David Fraser, Andrea Gavinelli and others:

Epidemiology Stream conducted and lectured by Franz J. Conraths, Chris Oura and J.M. Sánchez – Vizcaino;

Food Hygiene including Meat Hygiene with renowned experts as K. Prusa and E. Silveira or Milk Hygiene with M. Wagner



The world-known names of top clinicians and researchers will be accompanied by independent young scientists, presenting their original papers and oral presentations. We do hope that many new papers and very recent scientific contributions may bring attention to important arising trends in different areas and may also serve as leading indicators for future scientific advancements.

For detailed program go to: www.wvc2013.com/en/scientific-programme

Registration

For the on-line registration form go to: www.wvc2013.com/en/registration

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Apart of the vast scientific program, the WVC 2013 also includes the:

- Global Veterinary Seminar on Animal Welfare (organized together with EU Commission).
- **❖** Global Summit (organized together with FAO, OIE and WHO).
- **❖** WVA 150th Anniversary Celebration event.
- John Gamgee Award
- **❖** World Veterinary day Award

World Veterinary Day

Selected Theme 2013: Vaccination "Vaccination to prevent and protect"

We want you to join in the World Veterinary Day celebrations



You can join in World Veterinary Day celebrations

The World Veterinary Association (WVA) encourages veterinarians throughout the World to join us and celebrate World Veterinary Day.

Many of us throughout the veterinary profession use vaccination of companion and production animals to prevent and protect animals from diseases that can affect not only animals, but also in some cases also affect humans (zoonoses).

If you work in clinical practice, you can promote vaccination on World Veterinary Day to your community and clients. You could hold a special vaccination clinic.

If you work in large animal practice, you can promote the value of vaccination to your clients. Successful farming of production animals requires proper

protection against disease to prevent outbreaks and maximize production.

In regulatory medicine, vaccination is used to prevent regional, national and transboundary outbreaks of disease.

World Veterinary Day is the opportunity for us all to show our communities the protection that we can provide their animals to the benefit of those animals and all of us.

For those who are members of the WVA and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), there is also the opportunity to enter for the annual World Veterinary Day award. Read more about the award at: www.worldvet.org/node/10403



WORLD VETERINARY ASSOCIATION



Please advise us of your celebration of World Veterinary Day so that we can publicize it on the WVA website. Send your contributions to the Editor at: editor@worldvet.org.

Let's all get together on World Veterinary Day to show the World the value of our work!



WVA Activities



On the 27th February 2013, the WVA EXCOM held a call conference.

The main issue of discussion was the communication of the new WVA draft rules to the WVA members in order to facilitate their adoption by the PA. The EXCOM agreed that the WVA secretariat will prepare an information package to the WVA members to be disseminated electronically as well as by WVA Councilors in the different regional conferences and events.

The WVA Position on Identifying a Veterinarian was adopted recently by the WVA Council. See: www.worldvet.org/sites/worldvet.org/files/001_WVA_Position_paper_Identifying_a_Vet.pdf

WVA introductory presentation

[www.worldvet.org/sites/worldvet.org/files/WVA_basic_presentation_Feb_2013.pdf] gives a short but informative introduction regarding the WVA.

WVA Working Groups

During the WVA Council meeting on the 6th of January 2013, the WVA Council established new WVA Working Groups (WG):

- WVA Policies and Procedures
 Manual. The aim of this WG is to
 review, reorganize, and update the
 current WVA Policies and Procedures
 Manual which will accompany the
 new proposal for WVA Constitutions
 and By-Laws.
- The WVA 150th Celebration year's event. The aim of this WG is to prepare the program for the WVA 150th Anniversary celebration which will take place on 19th September 2013 immediately after the WVA Presidents Assembly during the WVC 2013.
- The future WVC. After the adoption by the Council of the new set of principles for the future World Veterinary Congress, the WG is now preparing for a prompt implementation of these rules after the possible adoption by the PA.

New WVA website



The WVA Secretariat is currently working on the creation of a new WVA Website.

The new website will be launched later on this year.

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World Veterinary Association at OIE Global Conference

It is well known that concern about bacterial resistance to antimicrobial drugs is an escalating issue in the human health field. This concern is also shared by the animal health sector because antimicrobials are a cornerstone in veterinary medical practice and animal production.

The World Veterinary Association was very pleased to be invited to participate in the OIE Global Conference for the Responsible and Prudent Use of Antimicrobial Agents for Animals, Paris, France 13th – 15th March, 2013.



This three day event highlighted the issue from the perspective of a wide range of interested stakeholders. It is clear that no one is immune from concern and that a solution cannot be found without collaboration and universal participation by all parties.

The presentations made at the conference and the concluding recommendations can be found on the OIE website and we all need to pay close attention to these. Many of the directions are aimed at the OIE, FAO WHO as a collaborative group. There is also a range of recommendations to OIE member countries and veterinary statutory bodies in these countries.

It is important for the WVA to continue to remind its member organizations and their individual veterinary members that veterinary practitioners are a key player in safeguarding the effectiveness of antimicrobials in both human and animal medicine. It is clear that there is a need for enhanced responsible behavior. These changes will be defined in codes of practice and will center on veterinary oversight of antimicrobial use.

It is expected that all antimicrobial use will require veterinary engagement. There is a

need for an agreement between the producer and the veterinarian regarding prescriptive use of antimicrobial.

The veterinarian will need to take specific investigative steps in order to determine the medical need for the products before authorizing their sale and use. These steps will include, among other things:

- examinations of animals, study of farm production records,
- knowledge of local disease surveillance information, consultation with farm managers, post-mortem examinations and bacterial culture and sensitivity testing.

Additionally, the veterinarian will be responsible for keeping detailed records of what drugs and quantity of drugs they directed to be used and why they were indicated.

There is a more global need for systems to be in place to collect anonymously and analyse the information provided by veterinarians regarding drug use patterns. This data must be correlated with species specific sales date collected from pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors.

It appears that we are no longer discussing why we need responsible use but are focusing on how we actually do that. It is imperative that good data be collected and used. Someone said that "policy created in absence of good data, is policy created in ignorance." The veterinary profession needs to contribute to the collection of good data so that good policy and legislation may follow.

Respectfully Submitted Dr. Duane Landals Vice President World Veterinary Association

John Gamgee Award 2013 for Outstanding Contributions to Veterinary Science and the Veterinary Profession



In April 1863, Professor John Gamgee (1831-1894) from the college of Edinburgh, UK took the initiative to invite professors of veterinary medicine and veterinarians from all over Europe to a general meeting in Hamburg, Germany. The aim of the meeting was mainly to discuss a system to combat epizootic diseases and to devise common rules for the trade of cattle and to recommend adoption of the rules by all European countries. 103 veterinarians from 10 countries attended the first International Veterinary Congress. The main topic was Rinderpest, a devastating disease that has been eradicated worldwide through targeted veterinary action.

In 1963, the 17th World Veterinary Congress (WVC) took place in Hanover, Germany from 14th - 21st August, 1963. On that occasion, the WVC celebrated 100 years of Veterinary Congresses and in the honour of Prof. John Gamgee, a gold medal was designed to serve as an award to selected veterinarians in recognition of their outstanding and exemplary services to the veterinary science and to the veterinary profession.

Only three great persons had the honour to receive the John Gamgee Award:

- The first recipient was Sir T. Dalling (FAO) in 1963.
- The second recipient was Prof W.I.B. Beveridge from Australia in 1975.
- The third recipient was Prof R.
 Vuillaume from France in 1983.

In the light of the 150 years of World Veterinary Congresses and 30 years after the last time that this award was given, the fourth John Gamgee Award will be given to the selected veterinarian in the WVA 150th Anniversary celebration during WVC 2013 in Prague, Czech Republic, 17th – 20th September, 2013.

The WVA is delighted to announce a call for nominations for the John Gamgee Award for outstanding contributions to veterinary science and for the veterinary profession.

The winner of the John Gamgee Award 2013 will be decided by the WVA Council in May 2013 and will be invited to the World Veterinary Congress in Prague in September 2013, where he/she will receive the award.

Eligible nominees: Nominees must be veterinarians. Nominations can be submitted by the WVA member organizations.

Nomination submission

Nominations should consist of the following:

- 1. Completed Nomination Form.
- 2. Nominating letter describing the nominee's contributions to veterinary science and the veterinary profession.
- 3. The nominee's current resume or CV.
- 4. Supporting letter from the nominator who is familiar with the nominee's contributions in the veterinary field giving a motivation for its nomination.

Deadline

Completed nominations must be submitted by Tuesday, 30th April 2013 to secretariat@worldvet.org or to Dr. Zeev Noga, Veterinary Policy Officer, World Veterinary Association, Avenue de Tervueren 12, B-1040 Brussels, Belgium.

Dr. James H. Steele 100th Birthday Celebrations



(AVMA Member for over 70 years)

Dr James H Steele was made an Honorary Member of the World Veterinary Association in 1975.

100th birthday celebrations are planned for Dr. James H. Steele of Houston, Texas. Dr. Steele would very much like to see you there. "As I begin my second century of life, I would like

to invite my colleagues and friends to Houston in April and Chicago in July to help me celebrate One Health and my birthday!"

- Tue April 2nd, 2013, 12-2 pm Dr. Lonnie King, Dean, The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine, *Annual James Lecture*, University of Texas School of Public Health, Houston, Texas.
- Fri July 19th, 2013 6 pm Dr. Steele to be honored at the 150th AVMA Opening McCormick Place, Chicago, IL
- Mon July 22nd, 2013 10-2 pm James Steele 100th Birthday Scientific Session, Hyatt McCormick Place, room to be announced

Dr. James Steele received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Michigan State College in 1941 and a Master's of Public Health from Harvard University in 1942. He went on to establish the veterinary division of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in 1947. He then boldly introduced the principles of Veterinary Public Health to the U.S. and countries all around the globe.

His outstanding medical achievements have saved countless human and animal lives and has helped the world to realize higher standards of living through a better understanding of the epidemiology of diseases shared by animals and man—the zoonoses.

As a U.S. Public Health Service officer, he became the first Assistant Surgeon General for Veterinary Affairs and later was appointed as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health & Human Services at the rank of Admiral (two stars).

He has received numerous awards over his illustrious career to include the Surgeon General's Medallion in 2006, presented by SG

Richard H. Carmona. In 2012, Dr. Steele received the OIE (World Animal Health Organization) Medal of Merit. Through the years, he has been a brilliant veterinary leader and supporter of the philosophy of One Health, aspiring to improved quality of life for people and animals around the world. *Dr. Steele founded the American Board of Veterinary Public Health in 1950 which later became the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine!*

A biography of Dr. Steele's life and career entitled: *One Man, One Medicine, One Health: The James H. Steele Story* is now available through Amazon.com. All proceeds of sales go to the Dr. Steele's student endowments at the University of Texas School of Public Health.

You may also support future programs of Dr. Steele's *American Veterinary Epidemiology Society* (AVES) with a pledge to: AVES, P.O. Box 11093, Lexington, KY 40512. Please contact Craig Carter at craig.carter@uky.edu with any questions.

BVA Northern Ireland Branch elects first President and Officers



Following many months of discussion with members and veterinary associations in Northern Ireland, the BVA Northern Ireland Branch held its inaugural meeting in Belfast on Tuesday 12th February.



(Left to right) Pat Hart, Carl Padgett, Sandra Dunbar, Bert Allison, Jean Wales

At the meeting Sandra Dunbar, a veterinary surgeon working in the Department for Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD), was unanimously elected as the first President of the Branch. The full Officer Team is:

President Sandra Dunbar
President Elect Pat Hart
Hon Secretary Jean Wales

The creation of BVA NI Branch follows the reinvigoration of BVA Scottish Branch and the creation of BVA Welsh Branch in recent years and will ensure that all sectors of the veterinary profession in Northern Ireland and all individual BVA members resident in the region have a strong voice on BVA policy matters.

Every BVA member in Northern Ireland is automatically a member of BVA NI Branch, regardless of their membership of other associations. The Officer Team are part of a larger Branch Council which will be made up of representatives covering different areas of expertise and specialism.

The inaugural meeting was addressed by NI Chief Veterinary Officer Bert Houston who welcomed the formation of the Branch. He said: "This seems to me to be a logical

progression of the excellent work of the other veterinary associations in establishing VetNI, and will further expand the ability of the profession to make their views known even more effectively to Government, the agri-food industry and the public.

"In the recent past the assistance of the BVA has been provided informally in helping the local associations present the veterinary view to our politicians on such issues as docking of dogs' tails or microchipping. While the profession's view has not always held sway in the eventual outcomes, it has always been valuable and all the more so when it is able to robustly reflect broad support within the entire profession in the UK."

Upon her election as Branch President, Sandra Dunbar said: "I'm delighted and honoured to lead the BVA Northern Ireland Branch in its first year, with the help and support of an exceptional Officer team and Branch Council, not to mention the BVA secretariat in London.

"This new mechanism for all the existing associations and veterinary groups, alongside individual BVA members resident in the region, to channel their views and work more effectively together as a whole, will lead to a much stronger voice for the profession on matters of animal health and welfare. I'm looking forward to seeing how it will develop."

BVA Past President Carl Padgett has responsibility for NI issues amongst the BVA Officer Team. He attended the meeting and said:

"The BVA NI Branch has been a long time in the making but it has been vitally important for us to spend time listening to the views of the local associations and our members to make sure that the Branch will be a success.

"I am absolutely delighted at the election of Sandra Dunbar as the inaugural president and I very much look forward to working closely with Sandra and the team on important issues such as bovine TB and other endemic disease programmes, pet animal welfare, and research."

Financial planning, a guide to how it can change your work-life balance





Retirement planning can wait until the later years, right? Wrong. You might miss great opportunities to change your life if you do.

Very few people on their death beds wished they had spent more time at work which is where the newly launched 'BVA guide to planning your last 10 years in practice' can help vets. It advises on making the right financial and professional decisions to ensure the work-life balance that best suits them and avoids burnout.

The guide emphasises the importance of financial planning for retirement from a young age which makes this a useful resource for vets at any and every stage of their careers as well as those approaching retirement. With options for changing role or career path within the profession, even in the run up to retirement, vets will find a wealth of ideas for action and help for planning a clear route through the maze of financial decisions they come across.

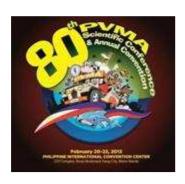
One of the first BVA members to use the guide was Joerg Niehoegen MRCVS, he said: "The new BVA guide to planning for your last 10 years in practice is a 'must read' for everybody getting close to retirement. It discusses issues you did not even think relevant. Not only will us old-timers find plenty of food for thought, younger vets will find stacks of good ideas and I wish I had known these things earlier."

Another BVA member said: "The guide gave me the confidence to negotiate a reduced working week and retain my partnership which I thought was impossible. I am much happier with a better work-life balance now."

The cost for BVA members is £25 and for non-members it is £50. Prices include postage and VAT does not apply. To order contact marketing@bva.co.uk or call 020 7908 6362.

The BVA guide is supported by a CPD course of the same name held in Liverpool on 27th of June, see www.bva.co.uk/events/ for further information.

80th PVMA Annual Convention and Scientific Conference



On 20th - 22nd February 2013, the Philippine Veterinary Medical Association held its 80th Scientific Conference and Annual Convention in Manila, the Philippines with great success.

WVA President, Dr. Faouzi Kechrid participated and delivered a presentation, introducing the WVA to the conference participants. More information regarding the 80th PVMA Annual Convention and Scientific Conference can be found at: www.pvma.com.ph/events

Peter Jinman becomes FAWC's new chairman





We were delighted to hear that Peter Jinman, one of our Council members and an RCVS pastPresident, has been appointed the new Chairman of the Farm Animal Welfare Committee (FAWC).

The FAWC is an expert committee of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Devolved Administrations in Scotland and Wales.

Established in 2011, it provides advice to Defra and the Devolved Administrations in Scotland and Wales on the welfare of farmed animals.

Peter has spent most of his working life in practice in Herefordshire, and is also a past-President of the British Veterinary Association.

He replaces Professor Christopher Wathes, who retired as FAWC Chairman at the end of 2012.

Read more about Peter Jinman at: www.rcvs.org.uk/about-us/rcvs-council/council-members/peter-jinman/

CVMA Encourages Prudent Use of Antimicrobials in Animals



A report released by the Ontario Medical Association recommends that the federal government and the Government of Ontario should close the legal loopholes that currently allow animal owners to access veterinary pharmaceutical products for their own personal use without surveillance or regulation. The report says a veterinary prescription-only standard of access to antibiotics for animals must be instituted. The report also suggests a ban on the prophylactic or growth-promoting use of antibiotics in food animal production.

For many years, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) has been urging the federal government to implement a legislative change that closes the loophole in Health Canada's Own Use Importation (OUI) policy, particularly for antimicrobials. OUI importation of veterinary products carries inherent food safety, public and animal health risks. Read the CVMA's Position Statement on the Importation of Veterinary Products.

The CVMA supports and encourages all veterinarians to use antimicrobials prudently. Read the CVMA's Position Statement on Antimicrobial Use in Animals. To provide veterinarians with guidance on this important issue, in 2008 the CVMA developed Antimicrobial Prudent Use Guidelines for Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Poultry and Swine. Development of similar CVMA guidelines for the use of antimicrobials in companion animals is currently in progress.

News from the OIE

Launch meeting for the project 'Vaccine Standards and Pilot Approach to Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) Control in Africa'



The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) together with the African Union (AU) held a launch meeting for the project "Vaccine Standards and Pilot Approach to Peste des Petits Ruminants Control in Africa" at the AU Headquarters in Addis-Ababa (Ethiopia) from 11th to 12th February, 2013.

The project "Vaccine Standards and Pilot Approach to PPR Control in Africa" aims to establish a Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) Regional Vaccine Bank and develop a pilot strategy to control the disease in selected countries in Western Africa. It also intends to strengthen the capacities of the Pan African Veterinary Vaccine Centre of the African Union (AU-PANVAC) to improve the quality control of PPR vaccines produced and used in Africa.

The meeting was a determining step forward in the effective deployment of the three components of the project and addressed the following:

Vaccine quality control component with discussions between laboratories producing PPR vaccines in Africa and AU-PANVAC; Vaccine Bank with the Botswana Vaccine Institute (BVI), which was chosen to supply the PPR vaccines following an OIE international call for tender launched in

October 2012. Among others, BVI will be responsible for delivering high quality vaccines and ensuring the rapid and smooth transportation of the vaccines requested to the countries of destination; an estimated 10 million vaccine doses will be delivered primarily to Burkina Faso and Ghana, as well as to other selected West African countries;

Development of a PPR control strategy: the protocol of the pilot field studies to be implemented in Burkina Faso and Ghana was presented, with the aim to provide countries and partners with PPR control methods relevant for all regional ecosystems and animal populations.

In October 2012, the OIE and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation came together to support the control of PPR, a viral infectious disease affecting sheep and goats and which is prevalent in Africa.

The meeting gathered representatives of the OIE, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, AU, AU-PANVAC, AU-IBAR, FAO, a selection of targeted countries in Western and Central Africa, representatives of African PPR vaccine producing laboratories, representatives from OIE PPR Reference Laboratories and several other partners including regional organisations, donor agencies and technical partners.

FEI and OIE announce action plan for sport horses



The FEI and the World Animal Health Organisation (OIE) have embarked on a

three-year plan in response to growing demand from countries for help in improving cross-border movement of toplevel sport horses, as participation in equestrian competitions reaches a record high. Several proposals have been made under the plan, including a full-time secondment of a senior veterinarian to OIE headquarters in Paris, who will work directly with top level officers.

The FEI veterinarian will collaborate with the OIE on defining a sub-population of lower disease risk, "high health, high performance" sport horses, which will be integrated into countries' existing biosecurity systems that have been created to protect animals and human populations against the risk of disease spread.

In addition, the seconded expert will contribute to support veterinary training programmes as part of the OIE's PVS Pathway, a global programme for the sustainable development of national veterinary services around the world.

The FEI and OIE will also develop communication tools focusing on the valuable economic and social contribution of equestrian sport for governments as they modernise import and export procedures to accommodate the safe movement of sport horses while protecting their welfare.

The plan marks a milestone in the FEI's 10-year working relationship with the OIE, and is being put into action at the start of what is expected to be the busiest event calendar in the history of equestrian sport. Last year alone, there were over 3,000 FEI events around the world, representing a 27% growth since 2008.

"Over the last ten years, the OIE has worked in close partnership with the FEI to identify the key elements needed to bring about a more practical, but safe introduction of national Veterinary Services requirements for the safe international movement of sport horses and for the application of biosecurity measures on all sites where competitions take place" said OIE Director General, Dr Bernard Vallat.

"The FEI will now commit its resources in the spirit of a public-private partnership with the OIE, in which far-reaching resources will be contributed to correct the problems that exist in the movement of healthy sport horses."

In 2002, the FEI signed an Official Agreement with the OIE, joining the likes of the World Health Organisation, World Trade Organisation, World Veterinary Association and the International Federation for Animal Health, which have similar OIE agreements.

The FEI and the OIE have since co-hosted joint summits on the international movement of sport horses, which have been attended by over 70 international government representatives and veterinary and horse sport experts from 25 countries.

"We are now entering another exciting phase in our long-term relationship with the OIE," explained FEI President HRH Princess Haya, who last September was appointed to serve as the OIE's first Goodwill Ambassador to help raise worldwide awareness of its missions and activities.



FEI President HRH Princess Haya and OIE Director General Dr Bernard Vallat, pictured at FEI headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland, celebrate the start of a three-year plan for the safe international movement of sport horses. [Photo: Edouard Curchod/FEI.]

"The FEI is looking forward to building on the achievements of its ten-year partnership with the OIE, and to providing dedicated expertise in the joint pursuit of sustaining and promoting the international growth of equestrian sport, and everything it stands for.

"Together, we will help to provide much better government awareness about the competition horse, and establish a commonly-recognised biosecurity approach that will allow international equestrian sport to flourish far into the future."

News from the WSAVA

WSAVA sets new Standards for Global Pain Management and Nutrition with Announcements at World Congress



2013, aimed at improving the standard of pain management provided to companion animals globally and at enhancing understanding of the importance of nutrition in health and welfare.

The WSAVA has unveiled global initiatives at the WSAVA FASAVA World Congress



(Left to right) Dr Walt Ingwersen, WSAVA Global Pain Council, Dr Gregg Takashima, WSAVA Global Nutrition Committee Co-Chair; Dr Lisa Freeman, Global Nutrition Committee Co-Chair; Professor Jolle Kirpensteijn, President of the WSAVA at the press conference.

Global Pain Treatise

The Global Pain Treatise is a downloadable, practical resource providing pain management protocols for a wide range of painful conditions and drug availability, designed to assist practitioners around the world. Because it also provides guidance on scenarios where analgesic agents are limited, it will help empower veterinarians in these countries to recognize and treat pain, regardless of these limitations.

The Global Pain Treatise has been researched by the WSAVA's Global Pain Committee (GPC), chaired by Karol Mathews DVM, DVSc, Diplomate ACVECC, Professor Emerita at the

University of Guelph, Ontario Veterinary College, Canada. It will be available for download from

http://www.wsava.org/educational/global-pain-council following World Congress and will be published in the Journal of Small Animal Practice later in 2013.

The GPC plans to develop a regional CE program based around its recommendations during the second half of 2013.

Commenting, Dr Mathews said: "We know that pain occurs more commonly than it is treated but that analgesic availability also varies greatly around the world. This makes it even more important that we engage veterinarians globally to recognize, anticipate, alleviate and terminate pain.

The Global Pain Treatise is the product of a vast body of global research and expertise and is an effective tool for all those in practice. We believe it to be a great step forward for the effective management of pain and urge all veterinarians to read it and share it with their colleagues."

Global Nutrition Toolkit

Following on from the launch of the WSAVA's Global Nutrition Guidelines in 2011, its Global Nutrition Committee (GNC) has also unveiled a suite of nutrition tools. They include practical aids for the veterinary healthcare team, such as diet history forms and a hospitalized patient feeding guide. They aim to make nutritional assessment and recommendations more efficient.

In addition, a range of educational materials for pet owners have been developed, providing guidance in areas such as selecting a pet food. The tool kit will be available for download at http://wsava.org/nutrition-toolkit following World Congress.

Based on its importance to overall health, the WSAVA is campaigning to have a nutritional assessment confirmed as the fifth vital assessment in a standard physical examination and for the veterinary healthcare team to provide nutritional recommendations for each animal as an integral component of patient care.

The roll out of its Global Nutrition Guidelines has proved very successful, securing endorsements from 19 veterinary organizations in 16 countries. They have been translated into ten languages.

Commenting, GNC Co-Chair Lisa M
Freeman, DVM, PhD, DACVN; said:
"These tools are designed to help the
veterinary healthcare team address nutrition
at every patient visit and to advance the
central role of the veterinary healthcare
team as the expert source of nutrition
information."

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From the left: Dr. Renee Chalmers Hooydonk van Papendrecht (newest WSAVA Executive Board member), Dr. Shane Ryan (WSAVA Honorary Treasurer), Johnson Chiang (WVA Vice-President), Faouzi Kechrid (WVA President), Prof. Jolle Kirpensteijn (WSAVA President), Dr. Walt Ingwersen (WSAVA Vice President)

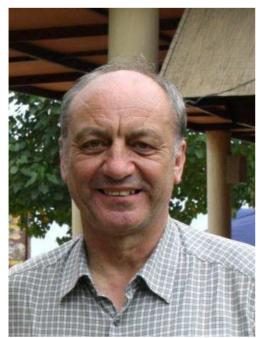
2013 WSAVA Award Winners Announced

The World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) has announced the winners of its annual awards. Highly regarded in global companion animal care, they recognize ground-breaking achievement in clinical care. They were presented to the winners at WSAVA FASAVA World Congress in Auckland, New Zealand, as follows:

WSAVA President's Award - Dr Ray Butcher and Professor Peter Ihrke

This award is made periodically by the President of the WSAVA to a member judged to have made an outstanding contribution to the association. This year, unusually, two members have been recognised –

Dr Ray Butcher and Professor Peter Ihrke.



Dr Ray Butcher

Through his work with the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA), Dr Butcher has been instrumental in efforts to control dog populations humanely, particularly in Eastern Europe and in Asia. He is a founding member of the Blue Dog Trust, an international program to reduce the incidence of dog bites in children. He is a founding director of the Alliance for Rabies Control (ARC) and is on the board of the International Companion Animal Management Coalition (ICAM), representing the ARC and WSAVA. He is a past Chair of the WSAVA Animal Wellness and Welfare Committee and is a partner at the Wylie Veterinary Centre, Upminster, UK.



Professor Peter Ihrke

Until his retirement in 2012, Peter Ihrke was Professor of Dermatology and Chief of Dermatology Service at the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis. He was also Clinical Associate Professor of Dermatology at the School of Medicine, Stanford University and an Executive Board Member of the World Congress of Veterinary Dermatology Association (WCVDA). During his career, he combined his practice with the teaching of students and the continuing professional development of veterinarians.

Professor Ihrke first became involved with the WSAVA as assembly representative for the American College of Veterinary Dermatology (ACVD). He became President in 2012 but had to step down because of health problems. He was awarded the WSAVA Hill's Excellence in Veterinary Healthcare Award in 2009.

WSAVA Hill's Excellence in Veterinary Healthcare Award - Professor Thierry Olivry

This award recognizes outstanding work from veterinarians in promoting companion animal healthcare and the family pet/veterinary bond through a sensitivity to clients and patients using leading edge clinical nutrition and advanced medical and surgery techniques.

Professor Thierry Olivry

It has been awarded to Thierry Olivry, Professor of Immunodermatology at the North Carolina State University (NCSU) College of Veterinary Medicine in Raleigh. He has authored or co-authored more than 180 peer-reviewed articles and was Clinician of the Year at NCSU in 2005. He received the Pfizer Award for Research Excellence at NCSU in 2010.

WSAVA Hill's Pet Mobility Award -Professor James L Cook

This award recognizes the outstanding work of a clinical researcher in the field of canine and feline orthopaedic medicine and surgery. It has been made to Professor James (Jimi) Cook, Director of the Comparative Orthopaedic Laboratory at the University of Missouri, USA, which carries out research into osteoarthritis, tissue engineering and articular cartilage physiology.

The author of many peer-reviewed publications in the veterinary and human medical sphere, Professor Cook's interests lie in arthroscopy, minimally invasive fracture repair, orthopaedic tissue engineering and total joint replacement.

WSAVA Global One Health Award – Professor Lonnie King

This recognizes an outstanding contribution in promoting One Health. It has been awarded to Professor Lonnie King, Dean of the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine, USA.



Professor Lonnie King (Centre)

During a long career, Professor King has served many national and international One Health organizations. Before joining Ohio State University he was Director of the Center for Disease Control's (CDC's) new National Center for Zoonotic, Vector-Borne and Enteric Diseases (NCZVED). He is also past Chair of the One Medicine Task force for the American Veterinary Medicine Association (AVMA) and is Point of Contact for One Health activities at the CDC.

WSAVA International Award for Scientific Achievement - Professor David Twedt



Professor David C Twedt

This award recognizes the work of a veterinarian in advancing the profession's knowledge of companion animal disorders. It has been made to Professor David C Twedt.

A Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM); David is Professor of Clinical Sciences at Colorado State University and Director of the Veterinary Endoscopy Teaching Center. He is a past President of the ACVIM and the Comparative Gastroenterology Society and is an expert in gastroenterology and hepatic diseases of small animals.

Commenting on the 2013 WSAVA Awards, President Professor Jolle Kirpensteijn, said: "The achievements of this year's winners confirm the commitment of our profession to constantly push boundaries to ensure we enhance veterinary care for companion animals.

I would particularly like to acknowledge the contributions made by Ray Butcher and Peter Ihrke. Both are living embodiments of what we stand for - but they are also great friends and colleagues. We are proud of all our winners. We congratulate them and hope they will inspire others.

I'd like to thank our major supporter Hill's Pet Nutrition for sponsoring two of the awards and for being the prime sponsor of our Congresses. Hill's also contributes to the funding of our CE programme, various disease standardization groups and other initiatives."

Nominations are now being considered for the 2014 WSAVA Awards, which will be presented at the 2014 WSAVA Congress in Cape Town, South Africa, from 16-19 September. For information on the nomination process, please contact: wsavasecretariat@gmail.com.

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News from the One Health Initiative

Gold Headed Cane Awarded to One Health Initiative Team Member





Standing left to right: Dr. Georgette Wilson, Dr. Bruce Kaplan, Dr. Charles Thoen and Mr. Armando Rios, Jr.

Dr. Bruce Kaplan receiving the 2012
American Veterinary Epidemiology Society
(AVES) Gold Headed Cane Award from Dr.
Charles Thoen, AVES President as Dr.
Georgette Wilson (Hartz Mountain Corp.
director of Scientific and Regulatory Affairs)
and Mr. Armando Rios, Jr. (Hartz Mountain
Corp. Animal Health Category Manager) look
on during the North American Veterinary
Conference in Orlando, Florida (USA) on
January 20th, 2013.

The award is in recognition of Dr. Kaplan's achievements in the advancement of One Health—maximizing the collaboration of human, animal and environmental

professionals to achieve optimal health for humans. He has been actively engaged in food safety and infectious disease epidemiology in the United States, and is a global adviser for One Health efforts and collaborations.

Bruce Kaplan Biography

Bruce Kaplan, DVM and his One Health colleagues of the One Health Initiative team, Laura H. Kahn, MD, MPH, MPP, Thomas P. Monath, MD, Jack Woodall, PhD and Lisa Conti, DVM, MPH are the managers and creators of the One Health Initiative website www.onehealthinitiative.com. The One Health Initiative team is comprised of two physicians, two veterinarians and one PhD

health-research scientist, i.e. Drs. Kahn, Monath, Kaplan, Conti, and Woodall, respectively.

"Inaugurated by the American Veterinary Epidemiology Society (AVES) in 1964, the Gold Headed Cane Award was approved as an American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) award by the Executive Board in 1996 and is sponsored by Hartz Mountain Corporation, Secaucus, NJ (USA). The award recognizes the achievement of an individual concerned with animal health who has significantly advanced human health through the practice of veterinary epidemiology and public health. Dr. James H. Steele established the award to recognize the outstanding contributions of veterinarian, physician and scientist, Dr. Karl F. Meyer. Originally named the K.F. Meyer Gold Headed Cane Award, it

was renamed the K.F. Meyer-James H. Steele Gold Headed Cane Award in 1985 to recognize Dr. Steele for his outstanding contributions to epidemiology and veterinary public health. Today, this award is gaining in relevance and stature in concert with AVMA's and many other organizations' endorsement and development of the philosophy of One Health throughout the world."

Charles O. Thoen, DVM, PhD, the current President of AVES said, "Recipients of this award will join over 60 distinguished scientists in veterinary public health, human health and now One World, One Health, since Dr. Karl F. Meyer and Dr. James H. Steele founded AVES." Dr. Thoen was presented with the Gold Headed Cane Award in 2009 and is also a highly valued One Health leader, supporter and advocate.

One Health Message from President of the World Medical Association



Following the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the World Medical Association (WMA) and the World Veterinary Association (WVA) at the WMA meeting in Bangkok last October, Margaret Mungherera, MD, President-elect of the WMA and President of the Ugandan Medical Association, took the idea of a MOU back to her country.

As a result there is scheduled a three-day (February 14th -16th, 2013) joint conference* sponsored by the Uganda Medical Association (UMA) and Uganda Veterinary Association (UVA) with the theme "Disease Eradication: What will it take?". The most impressive program for the conference is attached. The

*UMA and UVA Joint Conference February 14th -16th, 2013 www.onehealthinitiative.com/publications/Ug hope is that the meeting will provide focus and strategies for cooperation, and the plan is to complete a MOU between the UMA and UVA during the meeting to be signed at the conclusion.

According to Margaret there is already a One Health initiative sponsored by a veterinary and a medical school in Makerere University; supported by USAID with activities in Countries in Eastern and Central Africa including Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, DRC and Ethiopia. This group has supported the conference by bringing three presenters to give their countries' experiences and USAID is flying in the keynote speaker.

Margaret is, in her words, "overwhelmed by the response" and is thinking about making this conference an annual event."

Cecil B. Wilson, MD, President World Medical Association (former American Medical Association President)

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GALVmed Partner Receives Top Honour in Burkina Faso



GALVmed partner, **Dr Samuel Minoungou** has been awarded a top honour by the Government of Burkina Faso, the "Chevalier de l'Ordre du Mérite du Développement Rural". Veterinarian, Dr Minoungou, who has been key in providing GALVmed Newcastle disease training to Community Animal Health workers in Burkina Faso, received the distinction for his contribution to enhancing the livelihoods of farmers in his region. The award was given to Dr Minoungou on 11th December, during national celebrations marking the 52nd anniversary of the country's independence. Sharing the news with GALVmed, Dr Minoungou commented:



"I am sure that the Newcastle Disease Pilot Project played a role in this distinction. I would like to share this honour with the GALVmed team, in particular: Baptiste Dungu, Meritxell Donadeu and Roggers Mosha who through their advice and wideranging support have contributed to this result.

On the behalf of the farmers of Centre East Region, kindly receive our acknowledgements

Education

Asian Elephant Health, Reproduction and Breeding Management



Asian Elephant Health, Reproduction and Breeding Management

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The Royal Veterinary College, UK in collaboration with the Chiang Mai University, Thailand, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science, Sri Lanka and the National Elephant Institute in Thailand have been involved in offering a training course on the Management of the Health, reproduction and breeding of Asian elephants since 2010.

This international annual training course is developed on a novel pedagogical model of combining a stand-alone distance (onlinebased) course together with a practical training course conducted either in Sri Lanka or Thailand. The course in 2013 will offer the one-week practical training course in Kandy, Pinnawela (elephant orphanage) and Uda Walave (elephant transit-home) in Sri Lanka.

The online course is designed to provide the background knowledge in elephant reproduction and health so that participants can be fully engaged with the one-week practical training course. Further details can be found at:

www.asiaelephanthealth.org/info/

Calendar of Events

Petfood Forum & Petfood Workshop

April 15th – 18th, 2013 Schaumburg, Illinois, USA

Website: www.petfoodindustry.com

1st International Conference on Avian, Herpetological and Exotic Mammal Medicine



Wiesbaden, Germany Website: www.icare2013.eu

1st Cuban International Conference on Small Animal **Medicine & Surgery**



Parque Central Hotel, Havana 26th - 27th April 2013

Website: www.dwcf.org.uk/education/courses-vets.aspx

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April 20th – 26th, 2013

Wiesbaden, Germany

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Herpetological and Exotic Mammal Medicin



Website: www.icare2013.eu

World Veterinary Day Saturday 27th April 2013

Theme: "Vaccination"

Medical Library Association Annual Meeting



May $3^{rd} - 8^{th}$, 2013 Boston, MA, USA

Website: www.mlanet.org/am/am2013/

International Conference on Diseases of Zoo and Wild Animals 2013



 $8^{th} - 11^{th}$ May 2013 Vienna, Austria

E-mail: 2013@zoovet-conference.org Website: www.zoovet-conference.org

Caring for health and welfare of fish: A critical success factor for aquaculture

16th -17th May 2013 International Auditorium

Boulevard Roi Albert II 5, Brussels, Belgium

Website: www.fve.org

World Research and Innovation Congress Pioneers in Healthcare



Brussels, Belgium 5th and 6th June, 2013

Website: www.worldresearchcongress.com

International Seminar on the History of veterinary medicine

7th to 9th June 2013 Hammamet, Tunisia Euro-Arab Veterinary Association

65th CVMA Convention



July 10th – 13th, 2013

Victoria, BC

"Ocean of Knowledge, Mountains of Progress!"

http://canadianveterinarians.net/programs/annualconvention.aspx

Africa Vet Experience course



4th – 15th August 2013

Website: www.facebook.com/africavetexperience

4th IVSA Asia Conference



9th – 12th, August 2013 Chiang Mai, Thailand

Website:

http://ivsathailand.wordpress.com/asia-

conference/

13th International Dengue Course

12th – 23rd August 2013

"Pedro Kouri" Tropical Medicine Institute

Havana, Cuba

Petfood Forum China

August 23rd, 2013 Shanghai, China

Website: www.petfoodindustry.com



Website: www.wvc2013.com/en/

9th International Veterinary Behaviour Meeting



"All different, all the same: from behaviour to welfare" 26th to 29th September, 2013 Lisbon, Portugal

5th African Veterinary Association Congress and **General Assembly** 29th to 31st October 2013 Lubango, Angola

African Veterinary Association & The Ordre des Vétérinaires of Angola

2nd Global Risk Forum (GRF) One Health Summit

One Health - One Planet - One Future Risks and **Opportunities**

20th November 2013 Website: http://onehealth.grforum.org

2nd International Workshop on Dairy Science Park 18th – 20th November, 2013



Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Agricultural University Peshawar-25120, Pakistan

Website: www.aup.edu.pk/dairy-science-park2013.php

Global Conference on Veterinary Education and the **Role of the Veterinary Statutory Body**

4th – 6th December 2013 Foz do Iguazu (Brazil) Website:

www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/Confere nces Events/docs/pdf/A Concept note Br azil.pdf

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16th International Congress on Infectious Diseases



2nd - 5th April 2014 Cape Town, South Africa Website: www.isid.org/icid/

World Buiatrics Congress



27th July 2014 to 1st August 2014 Cairns Convention Centre

Australia

Website: http://wbc2014.com

First Latin American Congress of Veterinary Medicine, Traumatology, Orthopaedics and Radiology.



11th – 14th, September, 2014

Santiago, Chile

Website: www.congresosochitov2014.cl/website

WSAVA 2014 Congress



- 19th September, 2014 Cape Town, South Africa

Website: www2.kenes.com/wsava/pages/home.aspx

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