Dear colleagues and friends,

On the 24th of January, the opening of the World Veterinary Year took place in Versailles near Paris. You can read my speech on page 7 of this Newsletter. As I said in my speech, I like to stress that during this year, we all together have to show Society what the veterinary profession can offer.

It was not only a pleasure that the main global organisations like FAO, OIE and WHO were present, but also many representatives of the veterinary profession from all over the World, like FAVA from Asia-Oceania, PANVET from Latin America, AVA from Africa, FVE from Europe, AVMA from North America and AVA from Australia. Even many other
veterinary representatives from many countries joined this main event.

We showed as a great veterinary family, together with many other veterinary representatives from many countries, that this World Veterinary Year event and indeed, World Veterinary Year 2011, is of great importance to commemorate the landmark of 250 years of the veterinary profession. I hope and expect that many of our WVA members will show this in their own countries to the Society too.

A second main issue is the cooperation of WVA in the Veterinary Education ad hoc Group of OIE, together with the participation of the European Commission, a number of deans from different parts of the World, and chaired by Dr Ron DeHaven of AVMA.

This ad hoc group is developing the minimum competencies expected of graduates to assure delivery of high quality National Veterinary Services.

The WVA has already adopted a policy about the Day-One Competencies of the Veterinary graduate to enter the profession [you can find this paper on the WVA website: www.worldvet.org.

The OIE ad hoc Group has described the requirements in more depth to become competent as a veterinarian in the national veterinary service in a country, for the OIE was not satisfied about the level of competence in all their member countries.

In the second Conference on Veterinary Education in Lyon next May the presentation of this policy paper will happen. The WVA has also invited speakers from various parts of the World to explain their vision in this conference.

The WVA EXCOM has also developed, after a year of exploration, statements and policies. The first results are published on the website and will be presented by e-mail to our members too for discussion.

The policy paper about the Responsible use of Antimicrobials is very important for during our WVA World Veterinary Congress in Cape Town a global summit will be organised about this issue by WVA.

The statement published about Rabies is a hot topic this year and that about Veterinary Statutory Bodies will be an issue for a conference in 2012.

As I already mentioned in 2011, the WVA World Veterinary Congress is being organised by the South African Veterinary Association and we hope and expect that many participants will take part. During this Congress we will close World Veterinary Year.

So please be there.

Dr. Tjeerd Jorna,
WVA President
Global Veterinary Summit

WVA Announces First Global Veterinary Summit

With the 30th World Veterinary Congress in Cape Town, South Africa rapidly approaching (October 2011), the Executive Committee of the WVA is pleased to announce the first WVA-Global Veterinary Summit. This event will take place as a concurrent session during the World Veterinary Congress.

The objective of the Summit is to provide a venue to explore in depth a topic of current relevance and importance to the veterinary community. The intention is to bring together major global partners of the WVA who have a stake in the topic under discussion so that steps can be taken to create a truly worldwide position on the subject. This year will see the launch of an event that we hope will become a feature activity of future World Veterinary Congresses.

The World Veterinary Association (WVA) will partner with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and the International Federation for Animal Health (IFAH) in delivering the inaugural program. With the use of antimicrobial drugs being so important to the veterinary profession, the topic selected by the steering committee is “LESSONS LEARNED AND FUTURE APPROACHES ON THE USE OF ANTIMICROBIALS” Each partner has agreed to provide speakers from their organization. We will to explore topics that include:

> Availability and use of antimicrobials in animals
> Benefits, risks and challenges related to the use of antimicrobials
> Role and responsibilities of different actors regarding antimicrobial use
> Risk assessment and surveillance of the use of antimicrobials and antimicrobial resistance in humans
> International standards and capacity building to promote prudent use of antimicrobials in animals
> Integrated approaches to promote responsible use of antimicrobials

The committee believes that we will be able to present a program of great value to veterinarians and animal health care professionals in all career paths. This topic is important to all of us and we encourage you to attend and participate in an interactive discussion.

Dr. Duane Landals B. Sc. Ag, DVM
Vice president
World Veterinary Association

News from the Sudan Veterinary Medical Association

The SVMA celebrated their 55th Independency Day on the 1st of January.

The SVMA have successfully included their annual scientific journal (Sudan Journal of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry) in the web site: www.svma1946.com. The last issue will be available on the site soon. A previous abstracts archive was added as well. The SVMA is looking forward to accept online submissions. They are hoping that the site will be an effective tool of communication among Sudanese veterinarians.

Through exchange activities, seven newly graduated Sudanese veterinarians attended a short scientific-professional training course in Tunisia.

In accordance with celebrations with the World Veterinary year 2011, the SVMA are arranging a seminar by the end of February. A camel racing programme will be held east Khartoum. There will be a valuable gift to the winner in memorial of the WVY2011. Many other activities are going on throughout the year in different states.

From: Dr Yasir Allan, WVA Councillor
World Veterinary Day was instigated by the World Veterinary Association (WVA) in 2000 to be celebrated annually on the last Saturday of April. In 2008 the WVA and the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) agreed on the creation of the World Veterinary Day Award aimed at rewarding the most successful celebration of the veterinary profession by national veterinary associations alone, or in cooperation with any other selected veterinary body.

The 2011 Award will be delivered at the 30th World Veterinary Congress to be held in Cape Town, South Africa on 10-14 October 2011.

The prize: US$ 1,000 will be donated to the winner.

Prevention at the animal source is the key strategy in dealing with a prevalent and perennial zoonotic disease like rabies. Upstream control of rabies infection in dogs, including the control of stray dog populations should rank high on the agenda of developing countries’ national health and veterinary authorities for efficient prevention of both human and animal mortalities.

Today only 12% of financial resources used to treat people after a dog bite would suffice to national Veterinary Services of the world to eradicate rabies in animals and stop virtually all human cases.

Animal vaccination remains the method of choice to control and eradicate rabies. For ethical, ecological and economic reasons the killing of potential infected animals should not be considered to be the sole method for control and eradication of rabies. As a matter of fact all successful rabies eradication campaigns in the developing world have combined population control of in-excess stray dogs and systemic vaccination of owned dogs.
World Veterinary Day - Saturday 30th April

Selection Process for the Award

Criteria
The 2011 Award will reward the veterinary association who will best publicise the theme “rabies” by involving all stakeholders in the organisation of events along with all other stakeholders such as the media and the general public.

Eligibility
National veterinary associations that celebrate World Veterinary Day alone or in cooperation with others can participate in the competition of being selected WVD award winner of the year.

Nomination of Candidates
All fields in the application form shall be properly filled out and emailed at secretariat@worldvet.org

Suggested Activities for the World Veterinary Day Celebrations

The following are just a few examples of activities and shall be considered as an extendable list:

- Stage concerts or other public performances (runs, walks)
- Mark WVD in schools with awareness building activities
- Involve the media by working with local newspapers to publish editorials and articles on WVD theme.
- Broadcast radio and television discussion programs
- Hold seminars in universities
- Release studies, statistical data, surveys
- Celebrate the works of a notable researcher or veterinarians
- Run workshops and set up booths in the street to inform the general public
- Create a website containing general information about rabies
- Promote your activities through social media
- Find a spokesperson
- Distribute promotion materials.

2011: A Crucial Year for the Veterinary Profession

2011 marks the 250th anniversary of the veterinary profession and has been declared “World Veterinary Year”.

Apart from their well-known role of animal doctors, veterinarians conceive prevention and control programmes against infectious diseases, including those transmissible to humans.

Much more than that, be it for food security, poverty alleviation, prevention and management of risks at the animal–human interface, animal welfare, scientific research or political commitment, veterinarians operate in all sectors of the society. The veterinary profession has never deserved greater visibility than today!

OIE and WVA strongly support the World Veterinary Year. Join the campaign at www.oie.int and www.wvd2011.org

For more information, visit our websites: www.oie.int / www.worldvet.org
World Veterinary Year 2011 to mark the 250th world anniversary of the veterinary profession

World Veterinary Year was opened by the European Commissioner for Health and Consumer Protection, John Dalli, during a ceremony held on the 24th of January in Versailles (Yvelines), in France.

"Happy birthday and my very best wishes for the next 250 years." With these words Mr John Dalli, formally opened the celebration of World Veterinary Year Vet-2011.

The opening ceremony took place at the historical site of Versailles, the former residence of the French kings. It was here that 250 years ago Mr Claude Bourgelat managed to convince King Louis XV to set up the first veterinary school: a landmark in the development of veterinary education and the veterinary profession.

Many distinguished speakers, including WVA President Tjeerd Jorna, OIE Director General Bernard Vallat, WHO General Director Margaret Chan, and FAO Director General Jacques Diouf took the floor and highlighted the importance of veterinary medicine for the health and welfare of animals and people. Also UNESCO and IUCN (the international Union for Conservation of Nature) emphasized the role they see for the veterinary profession.

About 700 veterinarians from around the world, representing 250 years in the service of animal and human health research, animal medicine, industry, environment, education, government, international organizations made the trip.

WVA President, Tjeerd Jorna said that it is not easy to overestimate the importance of Claude Bourgelat’s initiatives. “His work initiated the birth of veterinary education and the birth of the veterinary profession throughout the world. Bourgelat has laid the cornerstone for the development of veterinary medicine as a Global Good.” Interesting to note are the initiatives Bourgelat took in the field of comparative pathobiology. In fact he promoted the current One Health concept far avant la lettre.

President Jorna complimented the organisers and encouraged everyone to join in celebrating Vet-2011. It offers an excellent opportunity to communicate about the broad range of contributions of the veterinary profession in all it diversity to our society. “Only by being good and by being clear we will be able to keep the necessary societal support”, he said. Over the past 250 years much has been achieved; let it be the inspiration for the continuing development of the veterinary profession: a profession to be proud of!!

FAO Director-General Jacques Diouf emphasized the important role played by FAO — together with its Member States and other concerned institutions — in the fight against the numerous zoonotic diseases threatening animals and animal products.

Diouf underlined the measures taken by FAO jointly with WHO and OIE (the World Animal Health Organisation) to fight the recent Avian Flu H5N1 pandemic. And he made a point of announcing that in only a few months time, FAO and OIE will be able to announce the total elimination from the planet of the bovine disease, rinderpest. "This will be the first time in human history that a zoonotic disease will have been totally eradicated and only the second time, after the victory over smallpox, that any disease has been totally stamped out of existence".
During his address, the FAO Director-General emphasized the crucial role played by veterinary science which, he said "has significantly reduced mankind's exposure to the risks of zoonotic diseases such as tuberculosis, brucellosis, or other animal flu viruses".

Diouf pointed out that "animal diseases, according to some estimates, cause losses of between 25 and 33 percent in world animal production" and that "the veterinary profession is constantly being forced to deal with new challenges such as new diseases affecting aquaculture and the effects of climate change".

"FAO has made animal health one of the pillars of its strategies", he concluded.

Two former WVA presidents Herbert Schneider and Apostolos Rantsios, several WVA-Councilors and many representatives of WVA member organisations as well as WVA executive secretary Jan Vaarten attended the opening event.

The Vet2011 events list is available at: www.vet2011.org will take place throughout the year in nearly 120 countries! All to remind the general public, politicians and institutions that veterinarians, worthy heirs of Claude Bourgelat, who promoted the revolutionary concept of "Comparative Pathobiology," are now the first sentinels while avoiding the development of animal diseases transmissible to humans ("One World, One Heath") but also strong advocates of a "community living" sustainability and solidarity on the Planet!

Speech by President Jorna at Opening of World Veterinary Year

This year we commemorate the 250th anniversary of the first veterinary school, officially recognized and funded by the authorities: a landmark in the development of our profession and its contributions to animal health, animal welfare and public health.

It is not easy to overestimate the importance of Claude Bourgelat’s efforts to convince King Louis XV to establish the school. His work initiated the birth of veterinary education and the birth of the veterinary profession! He has laid the cornerstone for the development of veterinary medicine as a Global Public Good!

This year also marks the 250th anniversary of the veterinary profession. The first veterinary association was founded not long thereafter in 1807 in Denmark by Erik Nissen Viborg, director of the veterinary school of Copenhagen.

The importance of Claude Bougelat lays not only in the fact that he was the founder of the veterinary schools in 1761 in Lyon and in 1764 Alfort, which is the oldest one in the World still located on its original site, something to be proud of and to foster!

Honorable Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As President of the World Veterinary Association, representing all veterinarians over the world, I’m very pleased and also very honored, to celebrate World Veterinary Year “Vet-2011”.
The importance of Bourgelat’s work also lays in the way he promoted the cooperation between veterinarians and medical doctors. He really promoted the “One Health” concept far avant la lettre.

This cooperation made him one the first scientists to suggest that studying animal biology and pathology would help to improve our understanding of human biology and pathology. The concept of comparative pathobiology described in his book of 1777, still is a key element of modern veterinary education.

Bourgelat also educated his students about the Code of Ethics and the principles of Good Veterinary Practice, all contributing to his importance for the profession.

As written on the Vet-2011 web site: “The entire World should join in celebrating our veterinary profession which has been working to improve both animal and human health for the past 250 years. We have to show our well educated profession to the World Society. We have to explain and demonstrate that modern veterinarians are not only animal doctors [practitioners well known by the public] but they also are animal welfare advocates, key public health stakeholders, playing a role in food quality and food safety, acting in biomedical research, reducing global hunger and protecting the environment and biodiversity, monitoring and controlling disease changes for animals and humans by climate change.”

The slogans of the VET 2011 Committee: Vet for Health, Vet for Food and Vet for the Planet highlighted by the WHO, FAO and IUCN, expresses the 250 year of veterinary science in the service of animal and human health and welfare.

To think about celebrating Bourgelat’s heritage is one thing. To make it really happen you need a strong driving force. On the initiative of the French founding members many activities all over the globe are organised and supported by 25 associate members, more than 1000 corresponding members, 6 institutional and 11 business partners. Many organizations in all countries over the world have organised numerous events.

The major events are the 2-day Conference on Veterinary Education in Lyon in May and the closing ceremony during the WVA World Veterinary Congress in Cape Town in October.

Ladies and gentleman, as president of the WVA, representing the global veterinary profession I would like to finish my speech by thanking

• The founding members from France.
• The Executive Council
• The VET2011 animation and coordination Committee
  • The Institutional Partners
  • The Business Partners
  • The Sponsors
  • All the vet2011 committees in the countries.
  • And thanks to all involved in VET2011

Veterinary Medicine: a profession to be proud of!

Thank you all for your attention.

Dr Tjeerd Jorna
President WVA
Paris, 24 January 2011
Official Launch of the World Veterinary Year

The World Veterinary Year was officially proclaimed January 24, 2011, in Versailles, France, where King Louis XV had given permission to Bourgelat to create the first veterinary school in the world.

Dr Bernard Vallat, Director General of World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) gave a speech, for the 700 participants from around the world, centered on the future of the veterinary profession. In his speech he stressed the particular importance of communication for the recognition of the role of the profession. This speech is online.

The OIE is associated with a communications campaign that will run throughout the year including the completion of six television spots produced with the invaluable support of the European Union, soon available in 23 languages, each describing the diversity of the work of veterinarians: research scientist in crisis management, through to food safety or animal care.

These spots are already available in English on the new OIE website under "For the media" and will be broadcast on various media including online EUTube and Youtube. In addition, the OIE has launched with its partners a global photography contest illustrating the relationship between the animal and the veterinarian on the Internet: www.vetsinyourdailylife.org. Spot a launch video was also produced and is available on the OIE website.

The campaign celebrating 250 years of the veterinary profession will be spread over much of the year and will close at the 30th World Veterinary Congress in Cape Town, South Africa October 14th, 2011.

One Year to Celebrate the Veterinary Profession

The European Commission’s Directorate General for Health and Consumer Policy (DG SANCO) and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) have joined forces to organise a series of events to celebrate the anniversary and highlight the diverse role of veterinarians across the world. Their partnership begins with the dissemination of six video clips promoting the profession to the public.

During the World Veterinary Year 2011, veterinary institutions will organise national events to raise public awareness about the importance of their profession and as a reminder that veterinarians have been serving humankind for 250 years. On this occasion DG SANCO and the OIE have decided to join forces in order to highlight the wide and varied role vets play in our daily lives.

Bernard Van Goethem, acting Deputy Director General for the Food Chain, DG SANCO, said:

“World Veterinary Year is an opportunity to underline the importance the European Commission attaches to the veterinary profession, and the contribution it makes to society; ensuring not just the confidence of consumers across Europe, but all over the world. Vets have been at the forefront of the response to animal health and food crises in Europe over the past 20 years, and it is only right that we acknowledge the key role that they play in protecting the food chain both today, and for future generations”

Six videos showing vets in your daily life

“Vets in Your Daily Life” is the motto of the joint activities. The first such activity is the creation of six videos showcasing the numerous roles of vets and their impact on people’s life. The videos focus on six major themes: animal husbandry, pets, crisis management, food security, food safety and zoonoses.

“The OIE considers veterinary services to be a global public good. These six videos demonstrate this to the general public in a very straight-forward way,” Maria Zampaglione, head of the OIE’s Communication Unit, said.

World Veterinary Year Photographic Competition

The competition is open to all professional and amateur photographers worldwide, regardless of their sex, age or nationality. Employees of the European Institutions – including agencies and delegations – and their families, and employees of the OIE, and their families cannot take part.

The “Vets in your daily life” photo competition is jointly organised by the European Commission’s Directorate General for Health and Consumers (DG SANCO) and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), to promote the veterinary profession, the role of vets in society, and from “farm to fork”.

The idea of this competition is to promote the veterinary profession, both in terms of vets’ role in society, and from “farm to fork”. Modern veterinarians are not only animal doctors and animal welfare advocates, they are also key to public health, food security, supervision of animal production, taking care of our pets, ensuring food hygiene, controlling zoonoses, monitoring food quality and safety, managing crises, and are involved in biomedical research and protecting the environment and biodiversity. They have a significant, but often silent, influence on everybody’s daily life.

For more info on the joint EC/OIE activities, and to view or download 6 video clips for World Veterinary Year, and to read more please visit:

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/health_consumer/information_sources/videos_ahw_en.htm
World Veterinary Year opened in New Zealand

His Excellency M. Francis Etienne, the French Ambassador in New Zealand hosted the New Zealand opening of World Veterinary year. He spoke of the establishment of the Lyon and the Alfort veterinary schools by Claude Bourgelat.

M. Etienne talked about the strength of the relationship between France and New Zealand and especially the long history New Zealand’s role in the World Organisation for Animal Health (the OIE).

The Hon. David Carter, Minister of Agriculture reinforced the long association between New Zealand and France. His own farm is near the early French settlement of Akaroa in the South Island. Mr. Carter spoke about the important veterinary role in New Zealand society with their work in animal and public health. New Zealand relies on its primary sector more than any other developed country. The high regard for the New Zealand veterinary profession reflects well on its only veterinary school at Massey University.

Mr. Carter said that veterinarians will play an important role in animal welfare. The Animal Welfare Act was about to be reviewed to account for changes in public expectations for animal welfare. He thanked veterinarians for their contribution to New Zealand.

Dr. Richard Wild, President of the New Zealand Veterinary Association in welcoming guests reported the events that were planned for World Veterinary Year.
The meeting then viewed a video message from Dr Bernard Vallat, the Director General of the OIE. Dr Vallat spoke of the New Zealand contribution to the OIE and in particular spoke about Dr Barry O’Neil, Past President of the World Assembly of Delegates to the OIE; Dr Andrew McKenzie, former head of the New Zealand Food Safety Authority; Dr Stuart MacDiarmid, Secretary General of the Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission; Prof David Mellor for his contribution to animal welfare; Dr David Bayvel, Head of the OIE Working Group on Animal Welfare; Dr Derek Belton, New Zealand’s delegate to the OIE; Dr Gillian Mylrea, OIE International Trade Department.

Dr Vallat emphasized New Zealand’s contribution to animal welfare, and to the veterinary profession – past and into the future. The challenges ahead included globalization, climate change leading to the spread of diseases, the World demand for food and the role of animals in environmental change. He said that all these challenges will involve veterinarians on the front line. Veterinary training establishments will need to upgrade their curricula to provide veterinarians with the solution to these problems.

Dr Vallat said that it was difficult for the veterinary profession to communicate effectively with society about all the roles the profession is involved in. He said that the OIE would take a major role in this communication.

A French Veterinary student, Alexandra Labras, spoke about the International Veterinary Students Association and the international collaboration that it facilitated. She said that the challenge was for all sectors to work together at the global level. Dr Vallat emphasized the need for input from younger veterinarians.

Report by:
Dr Jim Edwards ONZM,
WVA Communications Director
Vet 2011, why?

The world's first veterinary School was founded in Lyon, France, in 1761, shortly followed by the Alfort veterinary school, near Paris, in 1764, both on Claude BOURGELET's initiative. This means that 2011 will mark the 250th world anniversary of veterinary training.

By setting up the world's first veterinary training institutions, BOURGELET created the veterinary profession itself. 2011 will mark the 250th world anniversary of the veterinary profession.

Bourgel's genius did not stop there. As a result of his fruitful collaboration with surgeons in Lyon, he was also the first scientist who dared to suggest that studying animal biology and pathology would help to improve our understanding of human biology and pathology. 2011 will also mark the 250th anniversary of the concept of « comparative biopathology », without which modern medicine would never have emerged.

So, it is thus much more than the creation of veterinary training that we should be celebrating in France in 2011. The entire world should be celebrating our veterinary profession, which has been working to improve both animal and human health for 250 years.

We therefore propose that 2011 should be declared World Veterinary Year

We urge all Veterinary Institutions that support the idea to organise in their own country events to promote our profession. The main aim is to improve public awareness and remind policymakers everywhere in the world that:

- Our profession has been serving humankind for 250 years,
- Modern veterinarians are not only animal doctors and animal welfare advocates, they are also key public health stakeholders because of their crucial role in:
  - reducing global hunger,
  - controlling zoonoses,
  - monitoring food quality and safety,
  - biomedical research,
  - protecting the environment and biodiversity.

Vet 2011, with whom?

On 7 May 2008, the Vet 2011 founder members signed an agreement to create the Vet 2011 Committee, the federative body of World Veterinary Year.

Are then recruited:

- associate members from among national, regional and international veterinary or research institutions wishing to contribute to the overall success of World Veterinary Year.

To date, the principal associate members are:

World Veterinary Association, International Veterinary Students' Association, Federation of Veterinarians of Europe, Panamerican Association for Veterinary Sciences (Panvet), African Veterinary Association, Federation Asian Veterinary Associations, American Veterinary Medical Association, Australian Veterinary Association, New Zealand Veterinary Association, South African Veterinary Association, Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, Brazilian Federal Council of Veterinary Medicine.
corresponding members from among leading representatives and Veterinary Institutions willing to act as ambassadors for World Veterinary Year within their own country or region. Numerous applications have already reached us. Early December 2010, we have 824 correspondents distributed in 113 countries.

national committees (32 early December 2010)

institutional partners among Institutions others than veterinarians bringing moral and material contribution to the global success of the operation or to that of a particular event (inter-governmental organizations, regions with a measure of autonomy, foundations).


business partners among companies wishing to associate their brand and image with all or any activities of Vet 2011 in return for a financial contribution (industrial firms of the veterinary and human pharmacy, animal nutrition, media, insurers, banks...).


The major events of World Veterinary Year

24 January 2011
Official Opening
Ceremony of the World Veterinary year
Versailles, France

From 13 May to 15 May 2011
World Conference on Veterinary Education
VetAgro Sup, Veterinary Campus of Lyon, France

From 10 Oct. to 14 Oct. 2011
International Closing Ceremony of The World Veterinary Year
Cape Town, South Africa

Visit the Vet2011 website
To learn more about Vet 2011, Members of the Executive Council of Vet2011, National Vet2011 Committees and see the World Veterinary Year Calendar of events, please visit: www.vet2011.org/index.php
World veterinary year 2011: FAO, veterinarians and food security

This year marks the 250th anniversary of veterinary education and profession. To veterinary professionals worldwide these 12 months are full of pride and meaning as they remind global audiences of their contributions to societies and the upkeep of animal health.

But veterinary professionals are involved in much more than treating diseases and injuries in domestic and farm animals. Over the years veterinary professionals have been playing significant and contributory roles in animal and human health and welfare, food quality, food safety and food security, ecology, ethology, epidemiology, physiology and psychology, development of drugs and pharmaceuticals, biomedical research, as educators and trainers, in wildlife conservation, and the protection of the environment and biodiversity.

As of December 2010, there are 156 veterinarians working for FAO. Of these, there are 14 in North Africa and the Middle East, 56 in Europe, 9 in Central Asia, 30 in East Asia and the Pacific, 11 in Latin America, and 36 in sub-Saharan Africa. It is evident that the work of FAO veterinary professionals reaches all corners of the world.

Veterinarians working for FAO deal with infectious and parasitic diseases in domestic animals and wildlife, as well as with veterinary public health. Some are involved in health crisis management, others in epidemiological surveillance, early warning and prevention systems, diagnostic laboratories and networks, socio-economic impacts and livelihood studies, policy analysis, environmental assessments, elucidation of livestock production systems and landscapes supporting disease spread and persistence, animal nutrition and feedstuffs, animal genetic resources management, and pathogen tracking and disease intelligence. In short, veterinarians are multifunctional professionals helping societies and its animals to stay healthy and productive.

This can be demonstrated through the multidimensional benefits of eradicating Rinderpest from the face of the earth; an achievement of FAO and partners under the Global Rinderpest Eradication Programme (GREP). Also, FAO veterinarians played preponderant roles in the fight against H5N1 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H5N1 HPAI) ever since it surfaced in Southeast Asia back in late 2003; and it is now an ongoing effort in a small number of countries.

In addition to these diseases, the Animal Production and Health Division (AGA) is also active in addressing African swine fever, Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia, Foot-and-Mouth Disease, Rift Valley Fever, Rabies, and African Trypanosomiasis, among others.

In sum, AGA—through its activities—assists ministries of agriculture, animal health agencies and veterinary units of member countries to improve the services delivered to a variety of livestock production systems. These animal health services help maintain healthy and productive animals that make important contributions to food production, income generation, job creation, economic growth, and poverty alleviation.
WVA Launches stamp for World Veterinary Year

The World Veterinary Association has produced a stamp (see image below on right) to commemorate and publicize World Veterinary year.

Supplies of this stamp are being posted to all WVA members. The stamp is primarily designed to be used as a sticker on the outside of envelopes.

Further supplies of the stamp are available to be purchased. If you would like to receive more, don’t hesitate to contact the WVA secretariat at: secretariat@worldvet.org.

WVA Policies, Positions Currently under Discussion

Open consultations

Please take part in shaping WVA policy by responding to one of our consultations!

We welcome all contributions such as from veterinary organisations (both WVA members and not), individual veterinarians, animal related associations and public authorities.

WVA draft Position regarding Rabies
Prepared for WVA by Duane Landals B.Sc.Ag. DVM, Vice President World Veterinary Association, December 22, 2010
Closing Date: 28 February 2011

WVA draft Position on Statutory Bodies
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WVA Policy on Day One Competences
Prepared for WVA by Tjeerd Jorna, Patricia V. Turner and Karin Ostensson
Closing Date: 1 June 2011

WVA Policy on Responsible use of Antimicrobials (coming soon)
Closing Date: 1 June 2011

These policies are available at: www.worldvet.org/node/7440

Please send your comments to the WVA Secretariat at: secretariat@worldvet.org
Vets celebrated at the start of World Veterinary Year

World Veterinary Year (Vet 2011) is off to a fantastic start in the UK with the recognition of three veterinary surgeons in the New Year’s Honours.

- Dr Lydia Akrigg Brown, President of the Veterinary Benevolent Fund has been awarded an MBE for services to the veterinary profession;
- Lewis George Grant, former veterinary manager in the Meat Hygiene Service, Food Standards Agency and animal welfare representative of the Veterinary Public Health Association (VPHA) has also been awarded an MBE;
- Professor Quintin McKellar, Principal of the Royal Veterinary College has been awarded a CBE for services to science;

BVA Honorary Member the Earl of Selborne was also recognised with a GBE for services to science.

These honours recognise the enormous breadth of work undertaken by vets in the service of the country. It is this work that World Veterinary Year 2011 seeks to celebrate and publicise across the globe.

Here in the UK the BVA will be working with its divisions and the RCVS to mark Vet 2011 by championing the achievements of the veterinary profession.

BVA Congress 2011 will be held in London on 22-24 September under the theme ‘Vets in a changing world’. It will include sessions giving a global perspective on veterinary medicine and the Wooldridge Memorial Lecture will be delivered by the eminent veterinarian Dr Peter Roeder on the eradication of rinderpest; one of the veterinary profession’s greatest achievements.

Commenting, Harvey Locke, President of the BVA, said:

“On behalf of the BVA I would like to congratulate Dr Brown, Lewis Grant, Professor McKellar and Lord Selborne on their fantastic achievements. These national honours underline the importance of veterinary medicine.

“As well as recognising the work of these individuals, World Veterinary Year 2011 provides an opportunity for the veterinary profession as a whole to celebrate its achievements.

“The profession has changed a huge amount over the last 250 years but many of the principles upon which it was founded are still strong today. Claude Bourgelat had a vision for veterinary medicine which was science-based and he was one of the first scientists to relate animal and human pathology and biology. Both of these ideas remain at the heart of the profession in 2011.

“The theme for my presidential year is ‘Vets in a changing world’ which fits very well with World Veterinary Year. We are seeing change at an ever faster pace, but the past 250 years have revealed that the profession is more than capable of adapting.”

New Year Honours for veterinary surgeons

Two former RCVS Council members were amongst the three veterinary surgeons to receive awards relating to their veterinary roles in the Queen’s New Year Honours List.

Professor Quintin McKellar, immediate past Principal of the Royal Veterinary College who served from 2004 to 2010 on the RCVS Council, was awarded a CBE for services to science, and Dr Lydia Brown, a former RCVS President and Chairman of the RCVS Trust, was awarded an MBE for services to the veterinary profession. Mr Lewis George Grant, Veterinary Manager, Food Standards Agency, received an OBE.

“It is good to see three veterinary surgeons included in the New Year Honours List,” said RCVS President, Mr Peter Jinman. “Not only has Dr Lydia Brown’s considerable contribution to the veterinary profession been acknowledged, but the veterinary profession’s contribution to wider science has also been recognised through the award made to Professor Quintin McKellar.”
Animal Welfare

News from the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA)

Dehorning of Cattle
Council approved the following position statement:
“Removal of horns in cattle may be necessary to enhance handling safety but it is a painful procedure. Preference should be given to disbudding within the first two weeks after birth and with the use of anesthesia and peri-operative analgesia. If animals older than two months must be dehorned, the procedure should only be performed using appropriate anaesthesia, analgesia and bleeding control. Prevention of horns in beef and dairy breeds should be encouraged by selective breeding for the polled condition.”

Piglet Castration
Council approved the following position statement:
“The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) holds that castration of piglets to prevent aggression and boar-taint in post-pubertal boars is a painful procedure at any age. The CVMA recommends that when castration of piglets is required, it should be performed between the ages of 3 to 7 days with the use of appropriate analgesia. Nonsurgical methods of controlling boar taint should be considered as technology develops.”

Aquatic Animal Veterinary Medicine
“The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) recognizes that the veterinary profession is charged with promotion and management of health, welfare and food safety in aquatic species as for other animal species. It is the position of the CVMA that veterinarians must lead in aquatic species health management, including disease prevention and control, diagnosis of diseases, and implementation of biosecurity programs. The CVMA supports veterinarians in the proper and prudent use, prescribing and dispensing of therapeutics, vaccines, serum, and other health related products. Veterinarians must be instrumental in assurance of the welfare of aquatic species.

The CVMA also supports veterinary involvement in the food safety and inspection of products derived from aquatic animal production, as for other food animal production.
The CVMA encourages continuing education programs, health management programs and curricula focused on aquaculture at the veterinary colleges.”

In 2011, the CVMA Animal Welfare Committee plans to revise the poster entitled: “Examples of Anaesthetic and Pain Management Protocols for Healthy Cats and Dogs” and will make it available to all CVMA members.

2011 is declared ‘The Year of the Cat’

Conversations about the cat crisis in Canada that started at the International and Regional Summits for Urban Animal Strategies have evolved into an unprecedented national campaign to tackle the cat over population crisis.

The Year of the Cat campaign will facilitate the delivery of several national events in 2011 including: May: A cat awareness campaign and an adopt-a-thon Sept. 23: Oct. 2: National Cat ID Week December: Hoping for Fur-ever homes adopt-a-thon

“The message we need to get to the public is not only about the importance of spaying and neutering cats as a means of population control,” concludes Dr. Liz O’Brien, Care for Cats Committee Chair, “we also have to try to change attitudes about the intrinsic value of cats in our society. In a nutshell, we need people to start treating cats like dogs! We invite anyone interested in cats and creating healthy communities to visit our website and get involved in the Year of the Cat campaign.”
Website: www.careforcats.ca

From: Dr John Drake, WVA Councillor
30th World Veterinary Congress
Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa
The 30th World Veterinary Congress 2011, being held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre from 10 – 14 October, offers all veterinarians and their families an opportunity second-to-none to enjoy and benefit from a world-class veterinary congress and the chance to meet up with classmates, friends and colleagues.

www.worldvetcongress2011.com

30th World Veterinary Congress

Preliminary Scientific Programme

Production Animals and Wildlife
One Symposium
(Convened by World Animal Health Organisation)

Integrated Livestock and Wildlife Health and Management
(Convened by the Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria)

Production Animals

Wildlife

Community Veterinary Science/Animal Welfare

Military Veterinary Science

Equines

Epidemiology

Small Animals

Pre-Congress Day (Additional Registration Required)
Urology (Joey Luchini)

Small Animal Programme

Neurology

Surgery

Dermatology (Lovell Ackerman)

Anesthesiology

Pain Management

Critical Care

Infectious Diseases

Surgical Oncology

Nutrition (Till Clino)

Medicine

Oncology (Gillian Dank)

Avians and Exotic Animals

Practice Management (Lovell Ackerman)

Aquatic Animal Medicine

Presented by World Aquatic Veterinary Medical Association

Veterinary Nursing

Veterinary Technologists

Complementary Veterinary Medicine

World Veterinary Dental Congress

Veterinary History

Important Deadlines

31 March 2011
Early Registration Ends

31 August 2011
Registration & Accommodation Closing Date

Programme at a Glance

Saturday 8 October 2011
Opening Ceremony

Sunday 9 October 2011
Congress Opening Ceremony and Gala Dinner

Monday 10 October 2011
Global Animal Health Leanings and Formulating Strategy

Tuesday 11 October 2011
Opening Plenary Session

Wednesday 12 October 2011
Parallel Sessions

Thursday 13 October 2011
Parallel Sessions

Conference Information

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World Veterinary Association

South African Veterinary Association

Sud-Africaine Veterinaire Vierendeel
Calendar of Events

**IMED 2011**
February 4th to 7th, 2011

Hilton Am Stadtpark in Vienna, Austria
The congress web site: [http://imed.isid.org](http://imed.isid.org)

**2011 Veterinary World Cup of Cricket**
7th - 11th February, 2011
Palmerston North, New Zealand.
Further information at: [www.vetcricket.com](http://www.vetcricket.com).

**11th Indian Veterinary Congress**
11th - 12th February 2011
Apollo College of Veterinary Medicine, Jaipur (Rajasthan), India.

**1st International One Health Congress**
Human Health, Animal Health, the Environment and Global Survival
14th – 16th February 2011


**16th FAVA Congress**
February 16th - 18th, 2011
Cebu City, The Philippines
Website: [www.favacongress2011.com](http://www.favacongress2011.com)

**1st International Congress of Large Animal Practitioners**
February 23rd – 24th, 2011
Tehran, Iran.
Website: [www.iclap.ir](http://www.iclap.ir)

**OIE Global Conference on Wildlife**
Animal Health and Biodiversity - Preparing for the Future
Paris (France), 23rd – 25th February 2011
Website: [www.oie.int/eng/A_WILDCONF/Intro.htm](http://www.oie.int/eng/A_WILDCONF/Intro.htm)

**16th International Symposium and 8th Conference on Lameness in Ruminants**
February 28th - March 3rd, 2011
Location Rotorua Energy Events Centre, 1170 Fenton Street, Rotorua, New Zealand 3046
Website: [www.lamenessinruminants.org](http://www.lamenessinruminants.org)

**Global Conference on Entomology, 2011**
March 5th – 9th, 2011
Chiang Mai, Thailand
Website: [www.entomology2011.com](http://www.entomology2011.com)

**Expert Meeting on Dog Population Management**
14th – 19th March 2011
Banna (Italy)
Contact: [Dog-Population-Management@fao.org](mailto:Dog-Population-Management@fao.org)

**The 5th Pan Commonwealth Veterinary Conference**
Accra, Ghana, 21st – 25th March 2011

**Global Animal Health Conference**
Global Availability of Veterinary Medicines - Providing a Climate for Science and Innovation
23rd - 24th March 2011
London, UK.
Website: [www.diahome.org](http://www.diahome.org)

**5th European Equine Health and Nutrition Congress**
15th – 16th April 2011
Waregem, Belgium
Read more at: [www.equine-congress.com](http://www.equine-congress.com)

**World Veterinary Day**
Saturday 30th April, 2011
Selected theme 2011: Rabies
Website: [www.worldvet.org/taxonomy/term/24](http://www.worldvet.org/taxonomy/term/24)

**World conference on veterinary education**
12th - 16th May, 2011
Vet/Agro Sup - Campus Vétérinaire de Lyon – France
2011 will be the 250th anniversary of veterinary education, marking the world’s first veterinary school in Lyon, France.
For more information please contact: [staff@vet2011.org](mailto:staff@vet2011.org) or [www.2011vet.org](http://www.2011vet.org)

**Veterinary Week 2011**
Brussels
Website: [www.one-health.eu](http://www.one-health.eu) and [http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/index_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/index_en.htm)

**6th International Symposium on Emerging and Re-emerging Pig Diseases**
12th – 15th June 2011
Barcelona, Spain
Website: [www.emerging2011.com](http://www.emerging2011.com)
3rd East Mediterranean ICLAS Symposium
June 13th and 15th, 2011
Istanbul, Turkey.
Website: www.iclas2011istanbul.org/default.asp

2011 ACVIM Forum
June 15th - 18th, 2011
Denver, CO, USA
Gain New Perspective from a Mile High!
Website: www.acvim.org

UFAW International Animal Welfare Symposium
28th - 29th June 2011
Making animal welfare improvements: Economic and other incentives and constraints.
The event will be held in Historic Dockyard, Portsmouth UK.
The Humane Slaughter Association (HSA) will be holding an “International Symposium on Recent Advances in the Welfare of Livestock at Slaughter” on 30th June and 1st July 2011.
Read more: www.ufaw.org.uk/UFAWSYMPOSIUM2011.php

XVth International Congress on Animal Hygiene
July 3 - 7, 2011
Vienna, Austria
Website: www.isah2011.info

CVMA 63rd Annual Convention
July 6th – 9th, 2011
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

AVMA Convention
July 16th – 19th, 2011
St. Louis Mo. USA
Website: www.avmaconvention.org/avma11

Latinoamericano LAVECCS 2011
Santiago de Chile
28 al 30 de Julio 2011
Website: http://laveccs.org/scp.php

5th International Workshop on the Assessment of Animal Welfare at Farm and Group Level
August 8th - 11th, 2011
Guelph, Ontario, Canada
Website: www.uoguelph.ca/ccsaw/wafl

Brucellosis 2011 International Research Conference
21st – 23rd September, 2011
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Website: www.aam.org.ar/brucellosis2011

2011 WSAVA-FASAVA World Congress
October 13th - 17th, 2011
36th World Small Animal Veterinary Association World Congress
3rd Federation of Asian Small Animal Veterinary Associations Congress
International Convention Center Jeju, Korea
Website: www.wsava2011.com

World Health Summit 2011
October 23rd - 26th, 2011
Berlin, Germany
Website: www.worldhealthsummit.org

The Second Chinese Veterinary Conference
October 27th – 29th, 2011
Xiamen, Fujian Province.
Website: http://old.cvma.org.cn/17305B425585B330.html

World Buiatrics Congress 2012
June 3rd – 7th, 2012
Lisbon, Portugal
Website: www.wbc-2012.com

11th World Congress of Veterinary Anaesthesiology
24th to 26th September 2012
Cape Town, South Africa
Website: www.wcva2012.com