Dear colleagues and friends,

We have only two months to go before our WVA World Veterinary Congress in Cape Town in South Africa. The South African Veterinary Association and their organizing committee have prepared a great scientific and social event with numerous various issues and topics. That’s why I invite all veterinarians to participate in this congress and to register soon. Do not miss this event!

During the congress WVA has organized a Global Summit about the Responsible Use of Antimicrobials - a hot topic in many countries - and with the support of FAO, OIE, WHO and IFAH. It is a special event of high level explanation and
information about the future use of antimicrobials on a global level.

Also in Cape Town we will celebrate the Closing Ceremony of World Veterinary Year 2011 with a special look forward to the future.

During this year I have celebrated many events all over the globe and it was always a great experience and pleasure celebrating World Veterinary Year as a veterinary family. I wish that all global veterinarians will stay and participate in this family or become part of it by new membership of the WVA. Even although any economic recession can restrain your participation, the WVA Excom will present you a solution to stay as part of the global veterinary family.

One of the most important events during the WVA World Veterinary Congress (WVC) is the Presidents’ Assembly (PA). This brings the WVA Members the opportunity to speak and discuss about what has been done and what will be done in the future by the WVA. The agenda and annnexes of the PA meeting are ready and will be sent in a few weeks to the members. Although digital or electronic way of sending is up to date in 2011 the office will send the papers by post too, for we have experience that it will not always reach the correct persons.

Members are invited by me to send in comments and amendments in before the meeting. I invite you to feel free to participate and discuss with the WVA Excom and WVA Council and together about all topics of importance for WVA and about the future strategy.

In my opinion as your President, the WVA has to become a more professional veterinary organisation and the members have to be more involved and participate in the WVA policy making processes. The WVA has to be YOUR organisation and the members have to show that. We need more involvement with better communication about what Excom and Council are preparing and doing. We have to strengthen both involvement and communication.

This can be done through the website and newsletters, but even better by direct e-mail contact and therefore we need the correct addresses. The office is very busy to get the right list of contact persons of our members. But you have to help them.

Part of more Communication is to organise more frequent WVA World Veterinary Congresses and Presidents’ Assemblies [better to speak in the future about General Assemblies for the members]. WVA Excom has made a proposal for a WVC every second year and members will organise together with WVA a congress in 2013, 2015 and 2017.

Therefore we have had to change our Constitution and Bylaws. This brought the opportunity to make a few more changes about membership and guiding the WVA. In my opinion the proposals for changing the Constitution and Bylaws of WVA are the right step to strengthen both participation of more members [so more veterinarians] and the involvement of the members in policymaking and implementation of global proposals about Animal Health, Animal Welfare, Public Health and Veterinary Education.

The WVA Excom has prepared the proposals for change, involvement and participation. Excom has proposed to implement this in a transition period. This has led to discussion which I hope we can have in an open, transparent and honest way.

As your President I wish to see you all in Cape Town to discuss the future of WVA for the benefit of the global veterinary profession.

Your President,
Dr. Tjeerd Jorna
Dr Tjeerd Jorna, President of the World Veterinary Association (WVA), reported on the organisation’s activities.

Dr Jorna commenced by thanking the OIE for its positive collaboration during the past year and highlighted as an example the joint preparation of activities for World Veterinary Year 2011. Mention was also made of WVA participation in the OIE ad hoc Group on Veterinary Education.

Dr Jorna reminded the Assembly that 2011 marked not only the 250 years of veterinary education, founded by Claude Bourgelat in 1761, but also the 250 years of the veterinary profession. Dr Jorna stated that the King of France, Louis XV, gave Claude Bourgelat the opportunity to found the first veterinary school in Lyons to control cattle diseases. Creation of the profession had commenced with the fight against rinderpest, the disease that has now been controlled and eradicated in the world. It would now be necessary to focus on the eradication of foot and mouth disease, an economically devastating livestock disease.

Dr Jorna stated that attention should also be given to diseases in companion animals, such as rabies in dogs. He pointed out that the eradication of rabies was possible via the vaccination of dogs. It should be recognised that post-bite treatment of rabies in humans was much more expensive than vaccinating dogs. Dr Jorna stated that, during his recent journey to Kenya, he had learned that more than 10 000 dog bites were registered annually, costing 700 Kenyan shillings per person to provide treatment, whereas the same amount of money could vaccinate 1 400 000 dogs. Rabies was also present in wildlife, but recent experiences in the Baltic States and in Mexico demonstrated that this could also be controlled effectively.

Dr Jorna stated that rabies was a key theme of the World Veterinary Year and that the OIE and the WVA were pleased to announce that, out of the seven applications received, the winner of the World Veterinary Award was the Veterinary Association of Myanmar. The prize would be presented during the closing ceremony of the World Veterinary Year that would take place during the 30th WVA World Veterinary Congress in Cape Town (South Africa), organised by the South African Veterinary Association. He informed the Delegates that the Congress would cover a wide range of topics, and received support from the OIE, FAO and WHO.

Dr Jorna invited the Delegates to participate also, during the same Congress, in the global summit on the “Responsible use of antimicrobials: lessons learned and future approaches on the use of antimicrobials”, organised with the input of the OIE, FAO and WHO. He stressed that this topic was being discussed in many developed countries and that the use of antimicrobials in intensive or industrial livestock production systems had to change in order to prevent antimicrobial resistance.

Dr Jorna informed the Assembly that the WVA had posted position papers and statements on its website concerning the responsible use of antimicrobials, rabies and veterinary statutory bodies. During the OIE conference on veterinary legislation in Djerba (Tunisia) in 2010, the WVA undertook to organise a conference jointly with the OIE to emphasise the importance of veterinary statutory bodies; a preliminary meeting organised by the OIE had already taken place on this subject in Mali (Africa) in early 2011.

Dr Jorna pointed out that, despite the reference in the OIE Code, not all countries had a veterinary statutory body. The main body for veterinary graduates and veterinarians during their professional lifetime should be an autonomous organisation belonging to the veterinary profession. Working in compliance with internationally recognised standards would certainly bring benefits for the entire profession and for society as a whole.

Dr Jorna mentioned that, two weeks before, the WVA had celebrated the foundation of the first veterinary school in Lyons. During the celebrations, a conference on veterinary education was organised by the veterinary school of Lyons and the OIE. Given that participants were very satisfied, and in
In order to ensure continuity, a third conference on veterinary education would be organised in Asia in 2013 – the year of the 150th anniversary of the WVA.

Dr Jorna expected that WVA would cooperate with the global network of deans’ organisations and with the OIE for the organisation of the aforementioned conference. However he underlined that the WVA was not only organising conferences, but also had a mandate to develop and promote policies for the entire veterinary profession, including clinical practitioners, for livestock and for companion animals, covering animal health and welfare and public health.

**SUMMIT THEME 2011:**

“LESSONS LEARNED AND FUTURE APPROACHES ON THE USE OF ANTIMICROBIALS”

“Antimicrobials: use them responsibly today to safeguard them for tomorrow”

**BACKGROUND:**

Antimicrobials have revolutionised veterinary practice since their introduction more than 60 years ago. Many of these early antimicrobials are still successfully used today. Antimicrobials are essential tools for the continuing health and welfare of animals.

However, loss of efficacy through resistance development is an ever-present risk both towards animal and public health.

This underlines the necessity to use antimicrobial products with care. It is essential that all parties work together to ensure safe use and to minimise the development of resistance.

**JOIN THE SUMMIT**

WVC Cape Town 11 October 2011 from 8.30 to 17:00

Organised with high-level support of:
1st WVA SUMMIT
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“LESSONS LEARNED AND FUTURE APPROACHES ON THE USE OF ANTIMICROBIALS”
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Overall Chair: Duane Landals, WVA Vice-President

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30th World Veterinary Congress

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS PROGRAMME

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For a detailed program, prices and registration please log on to:

www.worldvetcongress2011.com

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TOURS AND SAFARIS

Pre-and post-congress tours do not depart from Cape Town.

5 DAYS – KRUGER PARK SAFARI
R8500 pp sharing; R9900 single
An experienced local veterinarian will accompany these tours.

Day 1:
Depart from the Farm Inn, Pretoria. The drive to Kruger National Park takes us through the rolling grasslands of the Highveld (up to 2000 m above sea level), until we reach the mountainous Eastern Escarpment with its dramatic scenery & waterfalls. We descend to the region known as the Lowveld, an area rich in legend & history. The world-renowned Kruger National Park is on most tourists’ “must-see” list and is one of South Africa’s greatest natural assets. With its huge diversity of creatures, many of which are nocturnal, Kruger is unquestionably one of Africa’s leading game reserves. The birdlife is prolific. Africa’s famous “Big 5” (lion, leopard, rhinoceros, elephant & buffalo) were considered the most dangerous trophies to bag during the days when hunting was rife in Africa. Kruger has good aircon accommodation, restaurants, shops & an excellent infrastructure of roads & facilities. Visitors to Kruger can spend all day from dawn to sunset on the vast road network in search of animals, although most prefer to restrict game-viewing to a few hours during early morning & late afternoon, when the wildlife tends to be more active. Dinner in the camp restaurant overlooking the Sable River, the haunt of hippos & crocodiles.

Overnight at Skukuza rest camp, headquarters of the Park (DB&B)
Day 2:
After an early-morning game-viewing drive, we return to Skukuza for a leisurely breakfast. Later that morning we visit the veterinary facilities at Skukuza, for a fascinating peek behind the scenes. Meet the vets involved in clinical wildlife work as well as disease surveillance. Early afternoon at leisure, to rest, visit the Park information centre or browse in the gift shop.

Late afternoon we depart on a sunset game drive in an open vehicle with one of the Park rangers, returning to camp after dark. Dinner in the camp restaurant.

Overnight at Skukuza rest camp (DB&B)

Day 3:
Early-morning game drive, which allows the option of a lie-in for those who need their sleep. Return to Skukuza for breakfast. We then head north towards the game-rich plains of the central areas of the Park, arriving at Satara camp in time for a late lunch.

Late afternoon we depart on a sunset game drive in an open vehicle with one of the Park rangers, returning to camp after dark. Dinner at the camp restaurant.

Overnight at Satara, the favourite camp of many knowledgeable locals (DB&B)

Day 4:
Early-morning game drive followed by breakfast. The plains & river-beds in the immediate area of Satara are considered prime game-viewing area. Lion, hyena, buffalo & cheetah are often spotted in the early mornings.

Late afternoon game-viewing drive. Optional: a sunset drive with one of the Park rangers, returning to camp after dark. Dinner in the camp restaurant.

Overnight at Satara (DB&B)

Day 5:
Enjoy a final early-morning game drive before we leave the Park for the drive of approx 6 hrs back to Pretoria, following a different route up the escarpment.

WILDLIFE IMMOBILISATION COURSE
Course fee: ZAR 11 400 per person (VAT inclusive)

(Veterinarians only)
COURSE DATES: 2–6 OCTOBER 2011 & 16–22 OCTOBER 2011

World Veterinary Congress in South Africa offers veterinarians a unique, hands-on experience in wildlife immobilization. A course conducted by Dr Cobus Raath and other experienced wildlife vets will include elephant immobilization in the world-famous Kruger National Park.

Course content:
- Practical demonstrations and active participation in field work
- Applied physiology
- Pharmacological principles, from injection to recovery
- Current and new pharmacological preparations
- Equipment: darting with a wide range of projectors
- Basic principles of immobilisation
- Species-specific information
- Problems under anaesthesia
- Accidental human injection
- Confined-space darting
- Legal aspects of darting, keeping records and registers.

Fee includes:
- Taxes (14% VAT)
- Transfers from Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport (Nelspruit, South Africa) on the specified arrival and departure dates
- 6 nights accommodation (sharing)
- In Terra Luna Lodge situated 10km outside Nelspruit, South Africa.
- Surcharge of R2 200 per person for single accommodation (space limited and dependent on availability)
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner
- All lectures & course notes
- Kruger National Park entrance fee

Fee excludes:
- Beverages during meals
- Flights to Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport, Nelspruit (Mbombela). (Daily flights between KMIA and Johannesburg/Cape Town offered by South African Airways and Kulula. Check websites for details: www.flysa.com and www.kulula.com)
- Accompanying persons can register for accommodation and meals at a fee of R5 000.00 per person but may not attend any part of the presented courses and will be responsible for own programme/itinerary. Limited couple accommodation available (First come, first serve.)

Note:
- Courses are CPD-accredited with the South African Veterinary Council; certificate of attendance issued
- Courses are restricted to 28 participants
- The organizers reserve the right to cancel a course, in the event of insufficient registrations.

To register for this course, please go to www.worldvetcongress2011.com click on Wildlife Immobilisation Course.
VETERINARY PRE-CONGRESS TOURS

These are tailor-made, veterinary-centred tours that will be run to end in Cape Town to coincide with the start of the World Veterinary Congress. They will enable participants to see representative aspects of South Africa’s agriculture, especially the livestock industry and veterinary involvement. Other aspects will not be neglected, however, and participants can also expect to obtain insight into the country’s geography, geology, mining, wildlife, cultures, history, infrastructure, economy, food and wines, and its great variety of people.

Visitors will be accompanied by veterinarians and will meet others who are involved in these industries. Participants will arrive in Cape Town well informed and prepared to get the maximum benefit from the Congress. We will offer the following two options, which may be duplicated or restricted depending on the interest.

Further details will be given as soon as the programmes are finalised.

TOUR A (JOHANNESBURG – CAPE TOWN)

R12000.00 pp sharing (minimum 15 persons)

A 9-day, 8 night odyssey by coach from Johannesburg to Cape Town.

Day 0 (30 September 2011): Book in at hotel in Johannesburg from 14h00. (For own account.)
Local sight-seeing tours can be arranged that day.

Day 1 (1 October 2011): Depart from Johannesburg (early morning). Travel through the gold fields that formed the foundation of South Africa’s current financial wellbeing, visiting a beef feedlot on the way to Kimberley and meet the local vets and obtain insight into their practices. Overnight in Kimberley
Day 2 (2 October 2011): Visit the Big Hole, the greatest hand-dug diamond mine in the world; visit Magersfontein, site of an epic Boer-British battle, a nearby wildlife ranch and a veterinary practice. Overnight in Kimberley
Day 3 (3 October 2011): Travel to Bloemfontein, across the area of a recent Rift Valley Fever outbreak, see an artificial insemination station and then travel through the semi-arid Karoo and visit a racehorse stud. Overnight in Colesberg and hear a talk on the local history.

Day 4 & 5 (4 & 5 October 2011): Visit Grootfontein, the Agricultural College, before visiting a Merino farm that has been in the same family for 150 years and that also has a large private collection of early dinosaur fossils. Visit the quaint village, New Bethesda, and its famed Owl House. Overnight in the historic Drostdy Hotel in Graaff-Reinet for 2 nights. From this base explore the local points of interest like the Valley of Desolation, a local Angora goat farm and a pig farm. Graaff-Reinet also has many places of historical interest.

Day 6 & 7 (6 & 7 October 2011): Travel to the centre and origin of ostrich farming, Oudtshoorn. En route we see the towering, confined cliffs of the Meiringspoort pass. Overnight for 2 nights in Oudtshoorn and visit an ostrich farm, an abattoir, the Cango caves and a predator research centre.

Day 8 (8 October 2011): Visit the town and nearby dairy farms in George and Mossel Bay, where the first Europeans landed in 1488. A replica of the ship and the first Post Office will be visited. Overnight in Swellendam.

Day 9 (9 October 2011): Travel on to Caledon, visit a boutique brewery, see the whales at Hermanus and visit farms. View the spectacular scenery around False Bay before arriving in Cape Town.

TOUR B (PORT ELIZABETH – CAPE TOWN)

R9500.00 pp sharing (minimum 15 persons) Flight to Port Elizabeth not included

A 6-day, 5-night exploration by coach from Port Elizabeth to Cape Town.

Day 0 (3 October 2011): Book in at hotel in Port Elizabeth from 14h00. (For own account.)
Day 1 (4 October 2011): Do a sightseeing tour of Port Elizabeth and move on to Jeffrey’s Bay with its magnificent surfing beaches, see lush dairy farms. Overnight in Plettenberg Bay.
Day 2 (5 October 2011): Travel through the lush forests of Knysna, visit animal sanctuaries and then visit dairy farms before an overnight stop in George.

Day 3 (6 October 2011): Day tour to Oudtshoorn: visit an ostrich farm, an abattoir, the Cango caves and see a predator research centre. Overnight in George.

Day 4 (7 October 2011): Travel to Mossel Bay, where the first
Europeans landed in 1488. Visit a replica of the ship and the first Post Office. Visit sheep farm near Riversdale. Overnight in Riversdale.


Day 6 (9 October 2011): Travel through magnificent mountain scenery via Wellington to Paarl; see local sights, a pig farm and a wine farm before arriving in Cape Town.

**3 DAYS - SUN CITY**

Drive 2.5 hours to Sun City, a famous sports & entertainment resort located in an extinct volcano crater. Sun City hosts one of the world’s most prestigious annual golf tournaments. Apart from the casino, attractions which can be visited at extra cost include Pilanesberg Nature Reserve, the Valley of the Waves, Water World and a guided tour of the Palace of the Lost City.

**Option 1: Sun City Cabanas Hotel (B&B) – R3900pp sharing; R5800 single**

**Option 2: Sun City Main Hotel (B&B) – R4300pp sharing; R6700 single**

Day 1:
Transfer 2½ hours out of Johannesburg to Sun City. The Sun City complex is surrounded by two championship golf courses, numerous swimming pools and a huge man-made lake offering various water sports. This magical city knows no limits - you have the chance to win a fortune at the Casino and Entertainment Centre, there are lavish extravaganzas and a number of restaurants to cater for every taste. Overnight at Sun City (B&B)

Day 2:
Spend the day at leisure and enjoy optional activities that include Hot Air Ballooning, Valley of the Waves, or take a walk through the gardens of the Lost City. There is also jet-skiing, windsurfing, water-skiing and for those who want a leisurely cruise, there’s a barge to take you around the lake at Sundowner time.

Alternatively spend the day exploring the world-renowned Pilanesberg National Game Reserve next to Sun City. (Arrange this easily from your hotel on arrival at Sun City)

Overnight at Sun City (B&B)

Day 3:
Morning check out and transfer to Johannesburg.

**CAPE TOWN EXCURSIONS/DAY TOURS/ACCOMPANYING PERSONS PROGRAMME**

**HALF-DAY CITY TOUR**

R300 per person

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R420 per person

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WILDLIFE PROGRAMME AT WVC2011

Wildlife vets will be well catered for at the 30th World Veterinary Congress

The Wildlife Group of the South African Veterinary Association is hosting a stimulating programme focusing primarily on various rhino topics, as well as updates on anaesthesia. Further wildlife topics are addressed in various other sessions. Overall, nearly 100 presentations relate to wildlife!

In addition, there are pre- and post-congress safaris to Kruger National Park, as well as a hands-on immobilisation course for veterinarians, which includes a visit to Kruger National Park. (See pages 5-7)

An opportunity not to be missed!

Wildlife Group

South African Veterinary Association

Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa

10-14 October 2011
World Veterinary Association Position Statement

Position Statement:
The World Veterinary Association supports the view that RABIES is an entirely preventable disease and that veterinarians have a key role to play in eliminating this risk to human health, and animal health and welfare.

Background Statement:
RABIES is an acute viral infection that is almost always fatal. This virus infects all mammalian species, including humans. It is zoonotic by definition, in that it is transmitted to humans from animals. The risk to humans comes from exposure to saliva or contact with nerve or brain tissues of infected wild and domestic animals through bite wounds, or animal saliva contamination of fresh lacerations or mucous membranes. It is estimated that there are between 40,000 and 70,000 human deaths around the world, every year, caused by the rabies virus.

- We encourage the establishment of an effective barrier of rabies-immunized animals between human and wildlife populations by instituting effective vaccination programs for dogs and cats.
- We encourage effective neutering programs for domestic pets and roaming dogs and cats as a means to reduce undesirable over population of animals that could serve as reservoirs for rabies.
- We encourage rabies free countries to operate an effective disease surveillance system and implement regulatory measures for the prevention and control of rabies including effective importation procedures.

- Mass vaccination campaigns rather than depopulation campaigns should be a long-term goal for rabies control. Humane culling should be used only as a last resort in areas where rabies disease is a significant risk.
- We believe there are situations where rabies virus immunization must extend to domestic livestock.
- Where a wildlife species is an active reservoir of rabies virus and there is a known and effective oral-vaccine system, we encourage the use of oral-rabies virus vaccination programs to eradicate that rabies reservoir. Oral rabies virus vaccination can also be effective to protect feral dog and cat populations from rabies – if it was not so expensive. WVA encourages the development of inexpensive and effective oral-vaccine systems for roaming dog and cat populations.

Veterinarians should have an active and key role in educating the public about the risk of this viral disease. This includes distribution of readily accessible information on the prevention of personal exposure to rabid animals.

As front line workers in the animal health field, the WVA believes that veterinarians and veterinary para-professionals are potentially at a higher risk of exposure to rabies virus and thus should be given priority to be recipients of personal rabies virus immunization, especially in areas where the disease has a high prevalence.

Prepared for WVA by Duane Landals B. Sc. Ag. DVM, Vice President World Veterinary Association.
**One Health**

**OIE’s commitment to fight rabies worldwide**

Every ten minutes someone dies of rabies somewhere in the world. Rabies is reported to claim nearly 55,000 lives a year, though the true figure is certainly far higher. Ninety-nine percent of human cases are due to bites by infected dogs. Rabies causes more deaths in the world than any other infectious disease and especially affects children in developing countries.

Analysts have estimated that just 10% of the financial resources currently used to treat people bitten by potentially rabid dogs would be sufficient to enable national Veterinary Services throughout the world to eradicate rabies at source in domestic animals and so prevent almost all human cases. Vaccination of animals is the preferred method of controlling and eliminating rabies. Indeed, for ethical, ecological and economic reasons, the culling of animals that are potential vectors cannot be considered as the priority method for control and eradication. All successful rabies eradication programmes have included measures combining stray dog population control and vaccination of all dogs kept under their owner’s control.

We know that a rabies control strategy cannot be effective without the support of many different partners coordinated by the authorities, including the animal health services, environmental officers and the police force, and without the support of local and municipal authorities, NGOs and dog owners.

At the international level, the OIE, FAO and WHO are developing recommendations, in particular to ensure good intersectoral collaboration. Since 2010, the OIE’s standards relating to rabies have been undergoing revision, the aim being to develop an approach that will allow the disease to be controlled in stages, with the emphasis on the epidemiological importance of the animal species most frequently linked to human cases (generally dogs). A new chapter being prepared for the OIE International Terrestrial Animal Health Code will make new provisions for “canine rabies free status” for countries.

The OIE’s aim is not only to encourage transparency in notifying the disease but to encourage governments to invest in priority control programmes, such as rabies prevention in dogs, especially in those countries not managing in the short term to meet the requirements to make a self-declaration of rabies free status for all susceptible domestic and wild animal species.

Rabies control programmes are a major financial challenge for many countries as the costs, especially vaccination costs, are very high: it is therefore important to encourage research and industry to develop vaccines that will confer long-term immunity, thereby eliminating the need for booster vaccinations. In this context, the quality standards relating to the production of diagnostic tests and vaccines for rabies contained in the OIE Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals are currently being updated to take into account the very latest scientific developments.

*Dr Bernard Vallat, Director General*
The possibility of developing vaccine banks – at both regional and worldwide level – is also being studied by the OIE and the main international organisations involved in rabies control. Among its benefits, this project would help to ensure that, at times of crisis, high quality vaccines produced in accordance with OIE international standards are available and that in an emergency they can be delivered to developing countries to meet their actual requirements in the field. A vaccine bank for Asia is already being set up by the OIE in 2011.

It should be emphasised that veterinarians and the national Veterinary Services have a primary responsibility to apply their knowledge and skills to help control zoonoses, including rabies, and so break the link between the source of the disease in animals and human infection. Rabies control programmes should always take into account the need to improve the effectiveness of the public and private components of the national Veterinary Services, especially with regard to compliance with the international standards of quality issued by the OIE. To this end, the active participation of all countries in the OIE’s PVS (Performance, Vision and Strategy) initiative to determine the Veterinary Services’ level of needs in terms of investment and training is highly recommended.

A global conference on rabies control, organised by the OIE in collaboration with FAO and WHO, is due to be held in Seoul, Republic of Korea, from 7 to 9 September 2011. The conference will give priority to good governance regarding the distribution of public and private, local, national and international resources targeted at priority prevention actions, to be taken initially in animals, in collaboration with public health services.

Many potential donors are invited to attend in order to support programmes in developing countries.

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Dr. Hardeep Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Lala Lajpat Rai University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Hisar at a University function released the book “Environmental Security: Human and Animal Health” edited by Dr. Sudhi Ranjan Garg, Professor, Department of Veterinary Public Health & Epidemiology, College of Veterinary Sciences, Hisar.

Encompassing the spirit of ‘One Health’, the book has 39 chapters dealing with important environmental issues, wherein the experts from varied disciplines across the country have envisaged futuristic visionary strategies for protection of health of human beings as well as animals.

Claude Bourgelat: Release of his Biography

On August 4, 1761, by order of the Council of King Louis XV, was founded in Lyon (Rhône), the first veterinary school in the world. A few years later, that of Alfort (near Paris) opened its doors.

Claude Bourgelat, the founder of these schools was, among other things, Cadet of the musketeers of the King, lawyer, esquire, encyclopedia, commissioner of the stud inspector ... Lyonnais, before taking on the responsibilities of director and inspector general of Royal veterinary schools. He was also the inventor of the concept of "comparative pathobiology", now universally known under the term "One world, One Health" concept without which modern medicine could never make the progress we have known for two centuries. Alternately glorified and vilified, the rich history of contradictions of this benefactor of mankind to date was still unknown!

In this year 2011, when the planet commemorates the 250th anniversary of the establishment of veterinary science and has just been declared free of rinderpest, livestock disease that has been specifically responsible for the opening of the Veterinary School Lyon, this "injustice had to be repaired"! That's what it sought to do with talent, and Professor Philippe Cottereau Janine Weber-Godde, in their biography entitled "Claude Bourgelat - A founder of Lyons two veterinary schools in the world (1712-1779)" currently published by the support of the Fondation Mérieux and support of the Ecole Normale Superieure de Lyon.

From the archives, some of which are unpublished, the authors have in fact written a book "fascinating and objective," which, moreover, is of great historical interest, since it "puts an end to some misconceptions" on this player of the Enlightenment that was Claude Bourgelat.

The work of a format of 22.8 x 14.4 cm and a volume of 568 pages (including a book of 32 pages of color illustrations) were printed 3000 copies. The cover was designed by Sophie Beaujard, whose father Yves, is the writer of Claude Bourgelat commemorative postage stamp on sale now. Its retail price is 39 euros.

For more information on the distribution of this work, or to obtain a copy of proof: www.vet2011.org/livre_bourgelat.php
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Public Awareness:
The following activities were carried out to sensitize the public about the celebrations.

- Health hints for 15mins in English and Hausa on RIMA Radio, Sokoto on Rabies.
- Gariyawaye, a 1hr program in Hausa on RIMA Radio, Sokoto on Veterinary Medicine.
- Announcement on RIMA radio and RIMA television, Sokoto.
- Spot light on Veterinary Profession for 30 mins on Nigerian Television Authority (NTA)
- Sokoto.
- Documentary on Veterinary Profession and Animal welfare for 5 mins on NTA AM express
  (International and Network i.e. National news).
- News report on the celebration by NTA Sokoto.
- News report on the celebration by NTA (Network).
- News report on RIMA television, Sokoto.
- News report on the celebration by print media.

Opening Ceremony:
The opening ceremony took place at the Auditorium of Sokoto State Polytechnic and was chaired by Dr. M. S. Ahmed, Executive Director, National Veterinary Research Institute (NVRI) Vom while Professor J. U. Umoh of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria gave a Guest lecture on the theme “250 Years of Modern Veterinary Medicine: Reflections on the contributions of Veterinary Sciences to human life”. He outlined the contributions the profession has made in the area of public health, security, Millennium Development Goals (MDG) and surgery.

He concluded by tracing the origin of one health concept and the need to sustain it by all professionals. The chairman in his opening remarks commended the Faculty for being the only one accredited by the international steering committee in Nigeria. The Dean in his welcome address traced the history of Veterinary practice to 1800 BC based on fragmentary archeological evidence. He also highlighted the achievements of the Faculty from inception to date. In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor Usman Danfodiyo University (UDUS), Sokoto, represented by Prof. A. G. Yahaya (Dean Postgraduate School UDUS), said the Faculty Staff
are the most expensive members of staff in the University but pledged to continue contributing to further development of the Faculty and to the Veterinary profession within the limit of its resources.

The Faculty gave long service award each to one (1) academic staff (Professor A. I. Daneji) and one non-academic staff (Mal. Ibrahim Ngaski) for their contribution to the growth of the Faculty. Professor Mahdi Adamu, the Vice Chancellor who pioneered the establishment of the Faculty 27 years ago and Dr. Olatunde Agbato, highest employer of the Faculty graduates in the Nigerian private sector received merit awards. Representative of Dr Olatunde Agbato announced a donation of N100,000 ($645) for the ceremony and N250,000 ($1613) to the Faculty. The Nigerian Police band lighted the ceremony with music.

Other dignitaries present were: Prof G. A. T. Ogundipe (President, Veterinary Council of Nigeria); Dr. Daniel Maddo, (Registrar Veterinary Council of Nigeria); Dr. Charle Ibe; (President, Nigerian Veterinary Medical Association); Dr. Gani Enahoro (President of Nigerian Private Veterinarians Association of Nigeria); Dr Suleiman Saidu, (Chairman Medical Advisory Committee Usmanu Danfodiyo University Teaching Hospital Sokoto); Dr M. K. Mohammed (Represented Director NAPRI); Rep. of Nigerian Police, Immigration, Custom, Prisons and Road Safety. Staff and Students of the Faculty as well as the Press were also there to grace the occasion.

Novelty Football Match:
Dr. Ibrahim Magawata, Dean of Students Affairs UDUS represented Professor A. I. Daneji, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration) to take the kick off. The match was played at the University Mini Stadium between staff and students of the Faculty. It ended 1-1.

Veterinary Teaching Hospital Open Day:
The programme began with a lecture at the Congregation Hall City Campus on “Rabies: What We Should All Know” delivered by Dr. A. A. Magaji of the Department of Veterinary Public Health and Preventive Medicine, UDUS and chaired by Professor H. S. Garba of the Department of Veterinary Medicine UDUS.
to service. Also present at the lecture was Dr. Gani Enahoro (President of Private Veterinarians Association of Nigeria). Highlight of the event was the Free Vaccination Campaign at which free vaccination of dogs were offered free to all clients of the VTH at the Small Animal Clinic unit of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

The party took place at the IBB centre of the University and was chaired by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics) Professor S. M. Dangoggo. He was supported by the Dean and former Deans of the Faculty as well as other dignitaries on the high table. Guests were treated to a wonderful night with so much to eat and drink with fun in the air.

UDUS Alumni Meeting:
The meeting held at the Congregation Hall of the City Campus with the appointment of liaison officers to carry the vision to their various locations/zones.

Excursion:
Guests were taken on a visit to the new Faculty building under construction at the main campus of the University. They express delight at the progress of work going on there.

Cocktail party:

Appreciation
We appreciate the International Committee for the support and encouragement we received before and during the celebration.

Dr. B.M Agaie, (Chairman Steering Committee)
Dr. A. A. Adeyeye, (Secretary, Steering Committee)
Bangladesh Rabies Prevention Campaign through birth control of stray dogs

During World Veterinary Year 2011 and with the focus on Rabies this year, so Rajshahi University in the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science Chairman Dr. Jalal Uddin Sarder organised a rabies prevention campaign through birth control of stray dogs.

For that 24th July, 2011, the Narikel baria Veterinary Clinic and AI centre of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Rajshahi, Rajshahi, Bangladesh inaugurated Rabies prevention Castration and spaying operation of two dogs. The operation was performed by a Senior Veterinary Surgeon.

Report from:
Dr. Hemayatul Islam
Senior Veterinary Surgeon
Department of Animal Husbandry And Veterinary Science, Faculty of Agriculture,Rajshahi University, Bangladesh.
FVE elects new Board for 2011-2013

At the spring General Assembly held on 10 June in Palermo, Italy, members of the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe elected a new Board for a 2-years term (2011-2013).

The members of FVE unanimously elected Christophe Buhot from France to the position of President. Christophe Buhot is a veterinary practitioner having his own mainly small animal practice in Castelnau de Médoc near Bordeaux, France. He was FVE Vice-President since 2009 and has been in the Board of UEVP, FVE’s Section representing the practicing veterinarians, from 2001-2009. He also has been member of the board of the SNVEL (Syndicat National des Vétérinaires d’Exercice Libéral), the French Association of practitioners since 1998.

Elected as Vice-Presidents were: Hans-Joachim Götz from Germany, Rafael Laguens from Spain, Robert Huey from United of Kingdom, Karin Östensson from Sweden

The new FVE Board will strive for FVE to remain pro-active promoting animal health, welfare and public health by taking a leadership role to get overall recognition of the “One Health” concept. FVE will continue to endeavor for the veterinary profession to remain valued and acknowledged by EU societies so veterinarians can carry out the tasks society conferred upon them.

The Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE) is an umbrella organisation of 44 veterinary organisations from 38 European countries, representing a total of around 200 000 veterinarians.

For further information, consult the FVE website: www.fve.org

Queen's Birthday Honours

A member of RCVS Council and a member of the RCVS Governance Review Group were amongst those receiving awards in the Queen’s Birthday Honours List.

An MBE was awarded to Mrs Judith Webb, a lay member of Council, for services to conservation, and RCVS Governance Review Group member, Professor Bill McKelvey, was awarded an OBE for services to the agricultural industry.

A second veterinary surgeon, Professor John (Joe) Brownlie, Emeritus Professor of Veterinary Pathology at the Royal Veterinary College, received a CBE for services to science.

“Both Judith Webb, as a lay member of RCVS Council, and Professor McKelvey, as a member of the RCVS Governance Review Group, make a valuable contribution to the work of the RCVS, so it is good to see each recognised in their own field,” said Peter Jinman, RCVS President.

“The awards made to Professor Brownlie and Professor McKelvey are a welcome recognition of the particular contribution that veterinary surgeons make as scientists and to industry.”
New Zealand Veterinarians Recognised in the Queen’s Birthday Honours

Dr Paul Livingstone QSO

Dr Paul Livingstone has been made a Companion of the Queen’s Service Order (QSO) for services to veterinary science.

Dr Paul Livingstone is the tuberculosis and research manager for the New Zealand Animal Health Board (AHB) and has been recognised for his pioneering work to keep Tb from being transmitted to farm animals from possums.

During his career his outstanding contribution has been his scientific and managerial leadership of the control and eradication of bovine tuberculosis (Tb) in cattle and deer. He developed a strategic research plan for Tb and associated possum control which led to the establishment of a National Science Strategy Committee for Possum and Tb Control which, in turn, provided the basis for the AHB’s National Pest Management Strategy for bovine Tb under the Biosecurity Act.

Dr John Hellström ONZM

Dr John Hellström was made an officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit. He is the founder of biosecurity in New Zealand, he developed new systems for protecting native plants and agriculture from pests and disease, and established new standards for animal welfare.

Dr Hellström has held several high-profile positions, including chief veterinary officer for MAF and chair of the Biosecurity Council from 1997 until it was disbanded.

As the current the chair of the National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, Dr Hellström helps to provide independent animal welfare advice to the Minister of Agriculture. Much of this work involves building a consensus and achieving decisions where there have been strong and conflicting technical opinions.
Dr. Lloyd Keddie Becomes CVMA President

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Lloyd Keddie (WCVM 1978) as the 63rd national President of the CVMA. Dr. Keddie is co-owner of North Peace Animal Hospital, a mixed animal practice in Fairview, Alberta. Dr. Keddie has been a member of CVMA Council for several years. He has also served on various committees with the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association and he was AB-VMA President in 2000.

Dr. Keddie succeeds Dr. Doug Roberts, whose term as president officially came to an end on July 10, 2011. The CVMA wishes to thank Dr. Roberts for all his work in support of Canadian veterinarians and the CVMA.

2011-12 CVMA Executive Members

The 2010-11 CVMA Executive Officers, as approved by CVMA Council on July 5, 2011:
• Dr. Lloyd Keddie, President
• Dr. Jim Fairles, President-Elect
• Dr. Jim Berry, Vice-President
• Dr. Doug Roberts, Immediate Past President
• Dr. Jean Gauvin, Executive Member (new on Executive)
• Mr. Jost am Rhyn, Ex-officio member/Executive Director
• Dr. Barry Stemshorn, Ex-officio member and Treasurer

2011 CVMA Award Recipients

Several individuals have been honoured for their extraordinary contributions to the veterinary profession and to animal health and welfare. Congratulations to the following CVMA members who were recognized during the annual Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) Awards Ceremony in Halifax on July 6:

• Dr. Mark Spiegle, Small Animal Practitioner Award (sponsored by Petsecure Pet Health Insurance)
• Dr. Cheryl Waldner, Intervet Schering-Plough Award (sponsored by Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health – now Merck Animal Health)
• Dr. Terry Whiting, CVMA Humane Award (sponsored by Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health - now Merck Animal Health)
• Dr. Ernest Sanford, CVMA Industry Award
• Dr. Alan Meek, CVMA Life Membership
• Dr. Tim Ogilvie, CVMA President’s Award
• Ms. Erinn Hilberry, R.V.L. Walker Award
Canadian Summit of Veterinary Leaders

The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association hosted its annual Summit of Veterinary Leaders at its conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, on July 6, 2011. This year the theme was “Ecosystem Health—A Wake-Up Call to Veterinarians” The wide range of highly qualified speakers stimulated discussion on the future roles of veterinarians in ecosystem health. It is evident that the health of the environment has a significant impact on the health of animals, both terrestrial and aquatic. This was expanded to make the connection between environment and healthy food, necessary to maintain public health. The role of public and private sector veterinarians was discussed, along with the need to integrate eco-health education into the core curriculum for future veterinarians.

This year’s Summit was special, being accredited as a VET2011 event. Dr. Jean-Francois Chary was featured as a special international guest to bring the message of the celebration of 250 years of science based veterinary education. His brief overview of this history of our profession was useful in identifying that our concerns for the close relationship of human, animal and environmental health are not new but are the foundations of the profession.

During the Halifax meeting I was invited to attend a Canadian Veterinary Medical Association council meeting and had an opportunity to review the goals and objectives of the World Veterinary Association with this body. There was also a good opportunity to discuss the proposed amendments to the WVA constitution that will be presented at the Presidents Assembly this October in Cape Town, South Africa.

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

Former AVA President Appointed to Murdoch University Veterinary Hospital

Dr Mark Lawrie
BVSc (Syd) MACVSc (Animal Welfare) GCM (Vet Practice) GAICD
Animal Welfare Veterinarian
Director, Murdoch University Veterinary Hospital

Dr Mark Lawrie was appointed to the position of director of the Murdoch University Veterinary Hospital in Perth, commencing work there on 21st July, 2011. This is a senior management role within the School of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences.

Dr Lawrie has a diverse veterinary background having worked as an abattoir veterinarian, in pig practice, mixed practice and in animal welfare as the Chief Veterinarian for RSPCA (also being responsible for 4 veterinary hospitals and 90 staff there).

He was the President of the Australian Veterinary Association for 2 years. In the last 12 months he has consulted in a variety of veterinary and animal welfare related areas such as, in the research and teaching regulation. He has recently presented to small animal veterinarian in India on practice management and has a keen interest in the development of the veterinary profession in Asia.

“I am really excited by the challenge of managing veterinary practices again and particularly such an excellent teaching hospital,” said Dr Lawrie. “Murdoch has been renowned in our region and worldwide with its international accreditation meaning graduates can work in Australasia, North America and the United Kingdom. It also has strong ties into Asia with the research work it does there and the large number of students that come from there to study at Murdoch.”
The Commonwealth Veterinary Association (CVA) was founded in 1967. Membership is open to National Veterinary Associations of Commonwealth member countries. Currently the CVA has 54 full members with each member association being represented on a Regional Council by a Councillor elected by the member association. Other non-Commonwealth countries are in the process of seeking associate membership.

There are six regions representing Asia, Australasia/Oceania, Canada/Caribbean, East, Central and Southern Africa, West Africa and UK/Mediterranean. Each Regional Council elects for a four-year term, a Regional Representative who becomes a member of Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee is responsible for running the affairs of the Association. As well as the six Regional Representatives there are also a Past-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Programme Director and an Editor JCVA, under the Chairmanship of the President.

Membership
45,000 Individual members (veterinarians through national associations)
6 Regional Chapters or branches

Dr. S. Abdul Rahman
Secretary, and President Elect

54 National Chapters or branches
Institutional members
- Associate Members
Secretariat of the Pacific Community
- Association of Commonwealth Chief Veterinary Officers
- East Timor Veterinary Association
- St Maarten Veterinary Association
- Sudan Veterinary Association
- Afghanistan Veterinary Association
- World Society for the Protection of Animals
- Compassion in World Farming
- Mayhew International

The Technical Activities of CVA cover a wide range and include the following:
1. Journal, Book and Audiovisual Programme
2. Support for Veterinary Education
3. Training Programmes, Workshops and Seminars
4. CVA Website: www.commonwealthvetassoc.org
5. CVA Publications – JCVA, CVA Handbook, Activity Report, CVA Brochure
6. Projects
7. Continuous Professional Development

Major conferences in every region once in two years and a Pan Commonwealth Conference every four years. The last one was held in Accra, Ghana in 2011, 750 delegates from 50 countries participated.

Important Achievements
- Poverty Alleviation of Women Poultry Farmers of the Indian sub-continent to include Pakistan and India
- A Rural Community Rabies Project to Demonstrate the Effectiveness of Combined and Coordinated Medical and Veterinary Intervention of Rabies Control in West Africa (Ghana, Nigeria, Uganda and Tanzania)
- Implementation of a very successful Book & Journal exchange programme to aid poorer countries.
- Training of Pastoral Women on Livestock Management in Magadi Division of Kenya.
- Establishment of Goat Production Unit at Women’s group in the Village of Chikwanji, Choma, Zambia
- Training of Women Dairy Farmers in India.
- Successful implementation of CVA Travel Fund Awards for field veterinarians which has benefitted veterinarians from Malawi, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Timor-Leste.
Beneficiaries family with the chicks

Dogs waiting for vaccination

CVA Executive Committee
L-R (front row): Drs Peter Thornber, Olatunji Nasir, Richard Suuire, Karen Reed, Abdul Rahman
L-R (back row): Drs Gareth Bath, Bakary Touray, Robin Yarrow, Bob McCracken, Keith Campbell

News from the Sudan Veterinary Medical Association

We congratulate all Muslim veterinarians in the world for the holy month of Ramadan.

We celebrate 50th Anniversary of The Sudan Journal of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry. The first volume was issued in 1960.

Dr. Yasir Alain
SVMA
Councilor WVA
Obituary - J. Lindsay Oaks (1960 – 2011): Veterinarian and microbiologist
Munir Z. Virani
Source: Vulture News 60 January 2011
The Peregrine Fund, 5668 West Flying Hawk Lane, Boise Idaho, 83709, USA

Lindsay Oaks D.V.M., Ph.D., of Pullman, WA, USA passed away on January 15th, 2011 after a brief battle with cancer at Holy Family Hospital in Spokane, WA.

My father always used to say, “When you die, if you have five real friends, then you have had a great life.” Lindsay had friends in every corner of the planet. I first met Lindsay in the summer of 2000 in Boise Idaho where I discussed with him about the catastrophic collapse of critically endangered Gyps vultures in South Asia and the possibility that the mortalities might be caused by an infectious disease, most likely a virus. He looked at me in the eye and with a soft-spoken, laid-back voice, said, “it could be anything.” Three-years later, Lindsay had discovered the cause of the vulture crisis. He was amongst the most admired, respected, and talented veterinarian and avian microbiologist of the 21st century. He had a well-deserved reputation for an uncompromising approach to meticulous science and field diagnostics, relying on data—typically large samples of it—and methodological and quantitative thoroughness to shape his views.

Lindsay was born on August 6th 1960 and went to Colorado State University, where he completed his undergraduate and professional education graduating in 1986 with his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. He was extremely passionate about raptors and loved traveling. His career began in clinical practice at the Dubai Falcon Hospital and Dubai Equestrian Centre, in the United Arab Emirates. His interest and expertise in birds of prey and horses helped shape his career. His quest for knowledge was insatiable and in 1989, Lindsay came to the College of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University for postgraduate education and training in microbiology. There began a distinguished career in academic veterinary medicine that kept him in Pullman until his untimely death. Lindsay achieved specialty diplomate status in the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists, and was recently elected by colleagues to serve on the Board of Governors for that specialty. He was a highly respected colleague and leader in his specialty organization, the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians, and served on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Veterinary Diagnostic Investigation for the past six years.

Lindsay led the microbiology training program in the Department of Veterinary Microbiology and Pathology. He was a lecturer in many courses and, most recently, was a course director for the veterinary virology course. In his typical quiet and unassuming way, and with his clinical experience providing a practical perspective, he was able to establish a rapport and trust with his students that made him a highly popular, respected and effective mentor for so many veterinarians and microbiologists in training. He was much beloved by his students, and it was in the classroom that he felt he could contribute most to a profession that had given him so much.

Lindsay had a distinguished research career that spanned from the laboratory to the field. His colleagues and collaborators will sorely miss his contributions into the complex mechanisms of viral action and persistence. Lindsay will be most remembered around the world for his work in emerging disease discovery and conservation medicine. He was a lifelong friend and trusted resource for The Peregrine Fund, working since his teenage years in helping to restore populations of falcons and other raptors. He discovered the viral cause of high death loss in captive Aplomado falcons, and worked to highlight the role of lead in causing the death of California Condors. But it is his diagnostic prowess in explaining the role of a veterinary anti-inflammatory drug in the catastrophic...
collapse of Gyps vultures on the Indian subcontinent that carved his name in the annals of conservation medicine forever. This work, which in 2004 was published in Nature, one of the most prestigious scientific publications in the world, provided the insight that led the way in saving Gyps vultures from extinction. Over the last six years, Lindsay spent two weeks each year in Kenya helping with flamingo research at Lake Borgoria.

Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for a while, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never, ever the same. Lindsay touched the hearts of not only his friends, family and colleagues, but of those from the tea-wallas in rural Pakistan to the bare-footed primary school child on the shores of Lake Borgoria. He was a true giver.

Dr. Oaks’ colleagues and friends from Pullman, to the Middle East to Asia and to Africa mourn his loss along with his family, but also celebrate his life, knowing that his impact will be forever remembered. His passion was fishing and falconry. Lindsay’s family has asked that in lieu of cards and flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the College of Veterinary Medicine, Washington State University, PO Box 647010, Pullman, WA 99164 or to The Peregrine Fund, 5668 W. Flying Hawk Lane, Boise, ID 83709.

Words from friends:
“I do not recall meeting a person with a similar combination of high intellect and self-effacing humility, and I don’t expect to meet any others like him” – Lloyd Kiff

My special memory was sitting outside, just the two of us, drinking tea early in the morning at Lake Borgoria. We would be chatting and laughing together. He was warm and kind and a special soul. Humble and loved by everyone at the camps. Angus flew us both to Lake Turkana one time when the weather stopped us going to Lake Natron. The Natron trip was planned for another time and sadly he never made it” – Maureen Harper

I will never forget our trip to the Namib Desert where, traveling via the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, Lindsay, Patrick Benson, Munir Virani, Campbell Murn and I drank much tea under camel thorn trees and at the campsite where we at length considered and debated the possible reasons for the deaths of Asian vultures. Lindsay repeatedly said “I do not know what else to test for”. Literally within a week or so after returning to the USA he had found the answer – sodium diclofenac.” – Mark Anderson

Lindsay and I began flying falcons together in 1979. Our first experience working together was that year, cleaning falcon chambers for The Peregrine Fund, which led to a lifelong friendship. In these early years we spent much of our time flying falcons, hunting, catching pigeons and trying to keep out of trouble. There are many memories but one shows Lindsay’s unique sense of humor. While driving home from one of our evening hunts, Lindsay suddenly slams on the pickup brakes, backs up a few yards and tells me he saw something in the weeds along the road. “Get out and see what it is!” he said. I do what I’m told and he proceeds to drive away, leaving me standing in the ditch in the middle of nowhere. After what Lindsay decided was an appropriately miserable length of time, he returned as if nothing had happened and we continued towards home. I will miss my friend. - Cal Sandfort

WILDLIFE PROGRAMME AT WVC2011
Wildlife vets will be well catered for at the 30th World Veterinary Congress
Animal Welfare

WVA Participates in FAO Meeting on Working Animals

The Food Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the Brooke convened experts and resource persons from various organizations and animal welfare groups to the expert meeting on the role, impact and welfare of working animals at the FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy on 13-17 June 2011.

The World Veterinary Association (WVA) was represented by Dr Daniel C. Ventura, Jr., Vice-President of the Philippine Veterinary Medical Association (PVMA) and Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Southwestern University in Cebu. He also accepted recently a consultancy assignment with the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) to manage tertiary animal welfare education for south and Southeast Asia.

During February 2011, FAO and the Brooke conducted an electronic consultation on a wide range of actors regarding the role, impact and welfare of working (transport and traction) animals. The e-consultation provided an opportunity for scientists, development workers, governmental institutions and non-governmental organizations, as well as the international community at large with an interest in working animals and their welfare, to share their knowledge and experiences.

The participants during the meeting recognized that working animals impacts on the livelihood and economy of individuals. Also highlighted are the roles of working animals on various aspects such as a means to build social capital, sharing load with women and child labor, and reducing vulnerability (or risk) to climate change. Issues on welfare compromise however grow in number with the increased use of animals.

Recommendations particularly improving welfare of working animals carefully considered how applicable and possible they are to be implemented by FAO, Brooke and other agencies concerned. The recommendations will be made available at the FAO website.
The NOVICE project aims to use ICT in an innovative way to support lifelong learning in the veterinary profession. The project has created a website, which is a professional social network [link], using Web 2.0 tools such as wikis and blogs for informal learning of veterinarians and veterinary students; with a support network of ICT educationalists. The project will research the benefits of ICT in supporting informal lifelong learning and will disseminate evidence of best practice to improve the quality of education on a broader scale.

www.noviceproject.eu

The NOVICE project’s founding partners are:
- The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Utrecht University, The Netherlands
- The University of Veterinary Medicine, Hannover, Germany
- The Royal Veterinary College, London, UK

What makes the NOVICE professional network special?
- The NOVICE website was started by universities
- It crosses boundaries of distance, time, cost and language
- Registration is restricted to veterinarians, students and educationalists, so it is a safe environment to share experiences
- Undergraduate students involved in the project should become professionals who are keen to continue informal learning using ICT, thus helping the students of the future
- NOVICE promotes the dissemination of evidence based information
- Assistance with using the Web 2.0 tools is provided via Frequently Asked Questions and Helpdesks
- NOVICE is only accessible for members of the veterinary comunity

The network Of Veterinary ICT in Education (NOVICE) is funded through the Lifelong Learning Programme of the Education and Culture Directorate General from the European Commission.

Read more at: www.noviceproject.eu

Global Veterinary Survey

Dear veterinary colleague,

We are conducting a global veterinary survey through the Centre for Evidence-based Veterinary Medicine and would like to enlist your help. The aim of the Centre is to narrow the gap between veterinary research and veterinary practice, using targeted research to answer clinical questions generated by veterinarians in the field.

We would like to invite veterinarians within the World Veterinary Organisation to take part in a study looking at common diseases seen by practitioners, and to explore the awareness of evidence-based veterinary medicine within the global profession. In addition we would like to identify which resources veterinarians use to obtain information relating to veterinary issues. This is a follow up survey to one we have already conducted with UK veterinarians (therefore we are looking for non-UK participants only). We feel this survey is perhaps quite fitting considering 2011 is World Veterinary Year. We are interested in vets doing any sort of work completing the survey.

You can complete the questionnaire online by putting the following link into their web browser: http://cevm.cvent.com/d/hdqh6g
Further information about the study can be obtained through the survey link. Your help is very important to the success of this study, so we appreciate your time and cooperation.

If you have any further questions or feedback about the questionnaire, or would like further information about the Centre, please visit our website at www.nottingham.ac.uk/cevm or email us at CEVM@nottingham.ac.uk.

Many thanks in anticipation of your help,
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Looking to the Future, AAVMC Board of Directors Approves NAVMEC Report
“Roadmap for Veterinary Medical Education in the 21st Century: Responsive, Collaborative, Flexible”

On Sunday, July 17, the board of directors of the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) approved a report by the North American Veterinary Medical Education Consortium (NAVMEC) on the future of veterinary medical education. The report, “Roadmap for Veterinary Medical Education in the 21st Century: Responsive, Collaborative, Flexible,” emphasizes the need for groups involved in veterinary medical education, accreditation, and testing/licensure to work together to equip North American veterinary medical school graduates with the core knowledge, skills, and competencies required to meet society’s evolving needs.

The report’s five main goals are to:
1) graduate career-ready veterinarians who are proficient and have the confidence to use an agreed-upon set of core competencies;
2) ensure that admissions, curricula, accreditation, and testing/licensure are competency-driven;
3) share resources to ensure veterinary medical education is of the highest quality and maximally cost effective;
4) promote an economically viable education system for both colleges of veterinary medicine and veterinary students; and
5) stimulate a profession-wide focus on innovation, flexibility, and action.

Recommendations in the report describe core competencies in three main areas: 1) multispecies knowledge plus clinical competence in one or more species or disciplines; 2) “one health” competency related to the intersection of animal, human and environmental health; and 3) the development of professional competencies. Professional competencies include: communication; collaboration; management; lifelong learning related to scholarship and research; leadership; diversity and multicultural awareness; and the ability to adapt to changing environments.

The report, submitted by a nine-person NAVMEC board of directors, is the culmination of several years of work by NAVMEC, a consortium convened by the AAVMC that consists of a wide spectrum of stakeholders of veterinary medical education, accreditation, testing, and licensure. Participants included veterinary students, employers of veterinarians, clinical practitioners, public practice employers, and leaders in veterinary medical education, global health, public health, public policy, the veterinary industry, animal care and welfare, and change management.

“We recognize that there are many ways to educate students to become veterinarians and that each college is unique and serves a unique constituency,” said Dr. Willie M. Reed, immediate past-president of the AAVMC board of directors and dean of the Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine, “but this effort will go a long way toward ensuring that academic veterinary medicine continues to evolve and adapt in order to remain relevant. With NAVMEC, academic veterinary medicine continues to be one step ahead of change.”
Calendar of Events

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

Ethnoveterinary Medicine Symposium
by AAMPS and NAPRECA.
10th August 2011
Location - ICIPE Conference Centre, Nairobi, Kenya
Website: www.aamps.org/downloads/AAMPS-NAPRECA-Programme-10August2011.doc

2nd International Aquaculture Biosecurity Conference
1st International Aquaculture Biosecurity Workshop
Advances in Practical Approaches for the Disease Prevention, Control and Eradication
Trondheim, Norway — August 14th – 17th, 2011
Website: www.iacconference.org

Summer School: “Linking educationalists, veterinarians and veterinary students by the power of Web 2.0”
25th - 26th of August 2011
Website: www.noviceproject.eu

Global Conference on Rabies Control
7th - 9th September 2011
Incheon–Seoul (Republic of Korea)
Website: www.oie.int/eng/A_rabies/intro.htm

6th European Congress of Bovine Health Management
7th - 9th September 2011
Liège- Belgium
Website: www.ecbh2011.be

17th FECAVA Euro congress
September 7-10, 2011
Istanbul
Website: www.kenes.com/fecava

Animal Diseases and their Consequences - AHVLA Conference, UK
13th – 15th September 2011
Royal Holloway, University of London, UK

World Rabies Day Webinar
September 21st – 22nd, 2011
Website: http://webinar.worldrabiesday.org/html

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

BVA & BSAVA Congress
22nd – 24th September, 2011
London
Read more at: www.bva.co.uk/congress
or: www.bsva.com/bvacongress

Happy healthy animals are profitable animals
26th – 27th September 2011.
Animal Welfare Workshops organised by DG Sanco in co-operation with the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe, the Hungarian Veterinary Chamber and Born Free.
Budapest Veterinary School

FAO Expert Meeting on Animal nutrition impact on animal welfare
26th - 30th September 2011
FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy

Ecotoxicology symposium in Finland
“Environmental Contaminants and Animal Health”
October 6th -7th, 2011
Helsinki Finland.
Website: www.akvet.org

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.wsva2011.com

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Biosecurity in Action
October 15th – 18th
Banff, Alberta, Canada
Website: www.canwestconference.ca

IDF World Dairy Summit 2011
Summilk in Parma
15th – 19th October 2011

Website: www.wds2011.com

Rodent Pathology in Translational Research and Phenotyping Workshop
17th – 21st October, 2011

Taiwan National Laboratory Animal Center
E-mail: blc@nlac.narl.org.tw
Website: www.nlac.org.tw

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

Veterinary Cancer Society Annual Conference
November 4-7, 2011
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Conference website: www.muconf.missouri.edu/vetcancer2011

4th HVMS Food Congress 2011
“Modern Approach to Food Hygiene and Safety”
14th, 12th & 13th November 2011
Venue: Thessaloniki, Greece
Websites: www.hvms.gr
http://62.103.41.180/default_eng_894_ENG_HTML.aspx

International Conference
Responsible Use of Antibiotics in Animals
14th – 16th November 2011

Netherlands
Website: www.bastiaanse-communication.com/RUA

EBF 2011 - European Buiatrics Forum
16th – 18th November 2011

Palais du Pharo, Marseille, France
Website: www.buiatricsforum.com

The Veterinary Training Camp

Romania
19th to 23rd September 2011.
Website: www.veterinarytrainingcamp.com

London Vet Show

24th – 25th November 2011
Website: www.londonvetshow.co.uk

10 October 2011 to 14 October 2011
Cape Town - South Africa

Including the international closing ceremony of World Veterinary Year.

More information at: www.worldvetcongress2011.com
WVA Global Summit

11 October 2011, Cape Town

“Lessons learned & future approaches on the Use of Antimicrobials”

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Scientific Conferences for the 120th Anniversary of the Cuban Veterinary Medicine Savant “Dr. Ildefonso Pérez Vigueras (1892-1959)”
Pinar del Río, Cuba
February 9th - 11th, 2012.
Read more at: www.worldvet.org/node/8484

4th International Conference on Drug Discovery and Therapy

12th - 15th Feb 2012
Dubai, UAE
Website: www.icddt4-03.com

2nd World Veterinary Cancer Congress
March 1st – 3rd, 2012
Paris, France
Conference website: www.worldveterinarycancer.org

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

International Congress on Animal Reproduction
Jul. 29th - Aug. 2nd, 2012

ICAR 2012

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