Dear colleagues and friends of the WVA,

First I would like to wish all veterinarians, partners and friends, my best greetings for 2012.

Year 2012 promises important objectives and actions in the life of the WVA that will continue to promote professional development of the global veterinary profession which will celebrate its 150th anniversary next year.

During 2011, three main achievements were completed: Declaration of the Global eradication of Rinderpest; Celebration of VET 2011 commemorating the 250th anniversary of the creation of the oldest veterinary school in the world founded in 1761, in Lyon; and
finally the successful organization of the 30th World Veterinary Congress and the first global Veterinary Summit in Cape Town, South Africa.

WVA was very involved in VET 2011, as well as in multiple national, regional and local associations and specialist groups. WVA was very active in three celebrations: the opening of Vet2011 in January in Versailles; the global Conference on Veterinary Education in May in Lyon and the closing ceremony during the World Veterinary Congress in October in Cape Town.

The newly elected WVA board (2011-2014) will be very active and visible in the year 2012.

We will continue to work towards bringing more veterinarians from all over the world by implementing new policies that will make it easier for members to join WVA membership.

To look in the future WVA has to go for important decisions in 2012. We have to discuss our strategic plan of action. We have to come with amended policies to make WVA more visible, contact other international organizations to establish and strengthen strong partnership on global veterinary issues and strengthen the public-private partnership.

Once per month, EXCOM will continue to have a Skype teleconference about the running issues.

Normally WVA invites the delegates of the members to come to central meetings like the Presidents’ Assembly. Last year, we organized the first regional meeting during the Conference in Djerba for our members from Africa. This was a good experience with two way discussions and we want to continue these meetings in Asia and South America. The main task is to inform our members about what we as the WVA are doing and to get back questions about what our members want from WVA. This is very important, for we have been informed that even members, who should be informed, do not know what WVA is doing.

In addition to our main objectives to promote animal health, public health, and animal welfare; we will continue towards the harmonization of the veterinary education system by establishing and implementing a global accreditation system for veterinary schools and faculties.

We will continue to develop a cooperative program with the OIE and the FAO as well other international and regional organizations.

We will work with our Secretariat to improve communication with all our members via the newsletter and any other means.

Our activities will culminate at the end of the two coming years in the World Veterinary Congress in Prague and the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of our association.

As President I can tell you that WVA is very active and will make this more visible in 2012.

I am a real optimist and I would like to renew my wishes to all veterinarians and non veterinarian friends the best seasonal greetings and a happy new year 2012.

Thank all of you for the support of the WVA and its Newsletter.

Faouzi Kechrid
WVA President
“King’s buried – long live the king”; while the last World Veterinary Congress in Cape Town stays deeply in our memories, preparations for the World Veterinary Congress in Prague, Czech Republic, (17th – 20th September 2013) are in full speed ahead.

“The outline of scientific program and timeline for the sections together with allocation of lecturing rooms within the already hired Prague Congress Centre are currently known. At this moment we are communicating with heads of particular scientific streams or disciplines in order to address the best speakers for each topic” – said Dr. Jan Bernardy, head of the WVC scientific board.

“We have been an active member of WVA for years and years. The Czech Veterinary Chamber is relatively small professional association with some 3 thousand core members. With Prague WVC next year we cannot afford to fail. We are committed to success and we are ready to invest any effort to bring successful and high standard professional and social event to colleagues coming to participate from worldwide” – confirmed Dr. Ondřej Rychlík, President of the Chamber of Veterinary Surgeons of Czech Republic.

“To meet the Prague WVC promotion plan, we expect to start the WVC promotion campaign at spring WSAVA Congress in Birmingham and to continue throughout the bigger professional events worldwide - being it species or discipline based international veterinary congresses, Conventions or Assemblies of WVA member Associations, or any other important professional events, gathering together colleagues that might be interested to come. Prague WVC webpage www.wvc2013.com/en/ is continuously updated and we fill it with details as they come” – explained Dr. Karel Daniel, in charge of Prague WVC advance promotion.

“Mr. William Robert Partington aged 85 years was buried on the 18th of February 2013. The service was held at St. Leonard’s Church, Bradwell-on-Sea, Essex. He was a fighting man, a man of the people, and aoved his family. He will be longed for and remembered.”

“Mrs. Zuzana Brychová

„To help to build up scientific program, budget, promotion plan or sponsors management is different from profession to profession. Big human medicine congresses used to be more narrowly oriented – one discipline usually, with participants closely related by their professional domain. The program of the Prague WVC is planned for really large spectrum of professional or scientific interests. And vets themselves? Maybe a bit more pragmatic, a bit more business oriented than human doctors” – commented Mrs. Zuzana Brychová, Prague WVC Secretary from GUARANT International, professional congress organiser company, contracted by the Czech Vet Chamber.
World Veterinary Day 2012 will be celebrated on the last Saturday of April. The theme will be **Antimicrobial Resistance**. Attention to this theme should obviously be emphasized every day of the year.

Immediately this highlights attention to the responsible use of antimicrobials and the prevention of further antimicrobial resistance. With this in mind, it is important for veterinarians, and others, to be aware of the efforts that have been made so far.

WVA published its view in 1998 in a policy paper. This was substantially reviewed and revised in 2011 and published with the title “World Veterinary Association’s Position on Responsible Use of Antimicrobials”. This policy, which can be found on the WVA website, was presented by Dr Lyle Vogel during the WVA’s Global Summit at the World Veterinary Congress in Cape Town. The theme for WVA’s whole day summit was “Lessons Learned and Future Approaches on the Use of Antimicrobials”.

As President at that time, I presented an introduction to the subject and this referred to later in this newsletter. In addition, I was invited to present the WVA policy at an International Conference on the “Responsible Use of Antibiotics in Animals” in November 2011 in The Netherlands. A short summary report of that conference will be presented later.

In many countries and regions of the World, further intensive discussion on antimicrobial resistance is taking place. In my country, The Netherlands, the government has decided that the use of antimicrobials in animals should be decreased by 20% in two years and by 50% in four years. In my opinion the latter is not possible! In addition our WVA member FVE has organized, together with the EU authority, a successful seminar “Antimicrobials: a true One Health Issue”. You can find the conclusions later in this newsletter.

FVE has developed views and actions necessary in order to retain the effectiveness of antimicrobials both now and in the future. I am aware that in Canada and the UK, and probably also in other countries, guidelines have been developed for proper use too.

On a global level, the WHO and FAO have finished their task force meetings which took place over four years and concluded in South Korea. They have produced “Guidelines for risk analysis of foodborne antimicrobial resistance” and these were approved in the 2011 Codex Alimentarius Commission. Further, the World Organisation for Animal Health [OIE] has also made its opinion public. A real concern is the non-regulated trade and use of antibiotics in many countries.

In summary, it is crucial that guidelines on responsible use of antimicrobials are implemented in all species. This is necessary in order to promote health in both humans and animals.
Welcome. As President of the World Veterinary Association [WVA] I would like to welcome you on the first Global Summit organized by WVA. The theme of this global summit 2011 is: “Lessons learned and future approaches on the use of antimicrobials” and on behalf of this theme, WVA is very pleased of the good cooperation of OIE, FAO, WHO and IFAH in preparing the programme and presenting their views. Without these organizations, this issue cannot be presented in a proper way. I would like to welcome all the speakers to participate in this event and to bring an overview of this very important topic. I wish that they can offer you participants the state of the art today.

History
When I look back, there is all over the globe, a discussion to prevent the existence of antimicrobial resistance development. In many countries this discussion has taken place over the last twenty years, but to come to an effective agreement of prevention of antimicrobial resistance has not been successful. In countries with an intensive livestock management the prescription and use of antimicrobials to prevent and to cure animal diseases is much easier and cheaper than to develop farm management interventions to prevent animal diseases.

Antimicrobials are used in veal calves, pigs and poultry to prevent disease outbreaks and in many countries in the world as growth promotors. Also in dairy cattle and beef cattle they are used to prevent expensive changes and developments in management. Management failure is solved and intervened by the use of antimicrobials, like in udder health control. And now the development and existence of Antimicrobial Resistance [AMR] has become a problem for the use of the right antimicrobials in human health for curing special infectious diseases. In humans more than 60% of the infectious diseases come from agents from animals. On the bacterial level examples as salmonellosis, campylobacteriosis and E.coli cannot be treated by antimicrobials in a proper way. On a global level a task force group of the Codex Alimentarius Commission [CAC] has formulated in four sessions in South Korea: “Guidelines for risk analysis of foodborne antimicrobial resistance”. In the last meeting of the CAC in Geneva these guidelines were adopted and have now to be implemented.

In my opinion, this will take a long time, for in many parts of the world, the views on the responsible use of antimicrobials differ a lot. Where in some parts the use of growth promotors is banned by the precautionary principle, in other parts they only make a risk analysis.

Veterinarians in Europe have discussed to come to a list of very important critical antimicrobials to use in animals and the OIE has presented such a list of antimicrobials to use on a proper way in animals. WHO can make a list of very important critical antimicrobials in humans only, but they get no support for such a list.

Today, the WVA is very much in favor that veterinarians are involved in decision making procedures of responsible use of antimicrobials. Veterinarians should always make a prescription in animal disease control for the application of veterinary drugs and antimicrobials for sure. Prescriptions have to be formulated on the right diagnoses by a veterinarian. That is in many countries not the case as where animal owners can buy the antimicrobials on the corner of the street.

Today, I hope the speakers can present views and guidelines for a proper and responsible use of antimicrobials so that WVA can make recommendations to their members to come to an effective way of prevention of antimicrobial resistance. Veterinarians have not to be directed by the authorities, but have the duty to guide the farmers and all animal owners in good animal health control by good veterinary practice [GVP] and WVA has to present a policy paper to guide them. With the knowledge, skills, experience, but also the attitude, veterinarians will be fully equipped to investigate diseases in individual animals or populations of animals. The veterinary diagnosis and intervention, with management to prevent animal diseases, will be properly supported by the prudent use of antimicrobials. Farmers and veterinarians gain a lot by GVP, but more important, the human society gains more by the prevention of the development of antimicrobial resistance.

I hope and expect that today we all together can make a step during this WVA Global Summit in that direction.

Dr Tjeerd Jorna
Important One Health Endorsement from Greek Society of Junior Doctors

One World, One Medicine: SJD is on board!

In a rapidly changing world, the only initiatives which make sense and could actually make a difference are the ones promoting a multidisciplinary approach. The Society of Junior Doctors is a scientific association based in Greece aiming to promote research, education and disseminate knowledge. One of its constitutional goals is the promotion of communication and solidarity with other societies with related goals.

We only recently discovered the One Health Initiative. But it was… respect at first sight! Driven not only by our fundamental beliefs, but also by our recent research on the ancient zoonotic epidemic of the Plague of Thebes, we can appreciate the mission and the vision of One Health.

Our planet faces significant challenges and it takes visionary scientists to embrace the defending of health and well-being of all species. The, once perhaps sophisticated, concept of the integration of human medicine, veterinary medicine and environmental science, nowadays seems strikingly meaningful.

Under our medical perspective, emerging and reemerging zoonotic diseases are one of the biggest threats of contemporary public health. Especially as many, mostly rural, areas seem unprotected. The lessons of the past show that zoonotic outbreaks have caused a considerable burden on mortality and society, and our modern understanding can help preventing history from repeating.

We here at the Society of Junior Doctors are embracing the mission of the One Health Initiative, finding among our members, including doctors of both human and veterinary medicine, the necessary step to promote One Health’s vision. Contemporary world calls for efficient social networking within the context of globalization; Think globally, act locally!

On behalf of the Society of Junior Doctors,

Konstantinos P. Economopoulos, MD
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Aspasia Oikonomopoulou, DVM, MRCVS

World Livestock 2011 - Livestock in food security

Intensive production holds key to feeding growing cities, but improvements in natural resource use and environmental performance are crucial. Although much has been said about livestock’s role in achieving food security, in reality, the subject has been only partially addressed and no current document fully covers the topic. Recognizing that food security is central to international development – and to the mandate of FAO - this report tells the story of livestock and food security from three perspectives.

It begins by presenting a global overview, examining the role that livestock play in human nutrition, the world food supply and access to food particularly for poor families. Next it moves from the global level to a human perspective, examining the way in which livestock contributes to the food security of three different human populations – livestock-dependent societies, small-scale mixed farmers and urban dwellers.

The final part of the report looks to the future. It discusses the expected demand for livestock source food and the way that increased demand can be met with ever more limited resources. It reviews the drivers that led to the livestock revolution, how these have changed and what the implications will be for livestock contributing to resilient food systems of the future.

You can download full pdf version from: http://www.fao.org/docrep/014/i2373e/i2373e.pdf
President Kechrid and I.P. President Jorna Visited Serbia

Following the invitation by Veterinary Chamber of Serbia [VCS], President of WVA Dr. Faouzi Kechrid and Immediate Past President Dr. Tjeerd Jorna visited Serbia from December 13th till December 16th 2011. During the official stay, they were welcomed by the executives of VCS, along with the prominent officials from two veterinary schools and other guests.

President of VCS, Dr. Grgo Tikvicki and his team presented the organization of the Veterinary Service and Practice in Serbia, and the role of the Chamber, as the veterinary statutory body.

The current state of the veterinary profession was discussed in the open and honest manner, including achievements, shortcomings and problems. Presidents Kechrid and Jorna showed genuine interest, followed by detailed questions and useful suggestions for improving the level of veterinary services in Serbia.

On December 14th, our guests were received by Mr. Sasha Vucinic, Mayor of Subotica, a city in the north of Serbia. The meeting in the City Hall was followed by the press conference, where the Mayor welcomed the high guests, expressed the respect for veterinarians and the commitment of the City of Subotica to continually improve all the issues that pertain to animal health, public health and animal welfare, in cooperation with the veterinary experts. President Kechrid presented the history, mission ad goals of WVA. He expressed gladness that Serbia through VCS became the new member of WVA in 2011. President Jorna talked about the veterinary profession as a health profession; Healthy animals lead to healthy communities. The One Health concept was promoted, along with the need to prevent food-borne diseases and zoonotic threats to public health.

While in Subotica, Presidents of WVA visited the private veterinary clinic "Veterinar", and the Veterinary Specialized Institute "Subotica".

On December 15th, the delegation of the WVA and VCS was received by the Minister of Agriculture, Trade, Forestry and Water Management - Mr. Dusan Petrovic. The meeting in the Government of the Republic of Serbia was very constructive; Presidents Kechrid and Jorna suggested some useful tools for the improvement of Veterinary Services in Serbia, namely OIE PVS tool and PVS Gap Analysis. Minister Petrovic expressed the commitment of the Ministry to improve Veterinary Services, both public and private, being integrated parts of the common system.

The Minister of Agriculture stressed that the establishing of Veterinary Services according to the highest standards is of national interest. Veterinary Services in Serbia are public good and this fact has to be accepted nationwide. The main messages were reiterated on the press conference in the Government of Serbia, later published by all the leading media in Serbia.

The meeting in the Veterinary Chamber of Serbia followed, during which all the executives had an opportunity to report about the activities of VCS and its various bodies and chapters. Dr. Kechrid and Dr. Jorna visited the University clinic and two small animal practices in Belgrade.

The visit of President Dr. Kechrid and Immediate Past President Dr. Jorna marked a new chapter in the work of the Veterinary Chamber of Serbia. It showed that we can work as a team on our common mission and goals, sharing the same vision.

There is a short video of the meeting with the Mayor from Subotica, at http://youtu.be/mcjJomdHF18.

Dr. Zoran Katrinka
National Delegate of Veterinary Chamber of Serbia in WVA
EcoSummit 2012 will bring together the world’s most respected minds in ecological science to discuss restoring the planet’s ecosystems. Come hear Nobel Prize laureate Elinor Ostrom, Pulitzer Prize winners E.O. Wilson and Jared Diamond, Kyoto Prize winner Simon Levin, Stockholm Water Prize laureates Sven Jørgensen and William Mitsch, and many others in the first conference ever linking the Ecological Society of America (ESA), The International Association for Ecology (INTECOL) and the Society for Ecological Restoration International (SER).

70 symposia and 11 workshops with almost 600 participants from over 55 countries have been accepted for the EcoSummit 2012 Program.

The symposia and workshops cover a wide variety of ecological topics, including ecological restoration, ecosystem services, climate change issues, and lake, wetland, and river management and will be presented over the entire week of the conference in parallel sessions.
FVE Seminar on Antimicrobials: Conclusions

On the occasion of EU Antibiotic Awareness Day, the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE) with the support of EC DG Sanco and the Polish Presidency ran the successful seminar:

"Antimicrobials: a true One Health issue"
Challenges and opportunities in the medical and veterinary field.

More than 300 attendees joined the conference. Representatives from the academic world in human and veterinary medicine, DG Sanco and European Parliament provided their views to the audience.

Some conclusions agreed upon how the need to stress an appropriate use of antimicrobials is pivotal and how important is to make sure that such a problem can be measured and defined.

“Appropriate use of antimicrobials is the key to mitigating the risk of antimicrobial resistance”, FVE President Dr. Christophe Buhot emphasized at the conference the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe organised, on the occasion of the European Antibiotic Awareness Day 2011.

The event attracted more than 300 people from over 40 countries; European Institutions, National Authorities, Veterinary Associations, scientists and many other stakeholders as well. This large number of participants underlined the enormous interest our society takes in health: the health of people, as well as the health of animals, which are so closely related. Antimicrobial resistance is a “Global - One Health” issue; this is what unambiguously came out of the discussion.

Although there are big differences between countries, mainly related to the current use of antimicrobials, antimicrobial resistance exists everywhere and always. It travels fast, does not respect borders and compromises the health and welfare of people and animals.

Antimicrobial resistance is a growing problem, so we cannot afford to wait. In order to achieve a clear result, it is important to make sure that we can measure and define the problem and accordingly set clear targets for its control. For this purpose, data collection is essential and all partners must contribute.

Further research into the mechanisms of the development and spread of antimicrobial resistance is necessary. Additionally, research and development of new substances need to be enhanced, both for medical and for veterinary purposes.

At the moment, what we already do know is that appropriate use of antimicrobials is pivotal.

The veterinary profession wishes to work together with other stakeholders, to bring a part of the solution, through actions such as:

a) Implementation of good farming practices and development of herd health plans, based on biosecurity measures and vaccination programmes and under the close collaboration of veterinarians and farmers.
b) More emphasis on the veterinary prescription.
c) Development of guidelines, protocols and formularia.
d) Development of alternatives.
e) No incentives on buying / selling large quantities of antimicrobials.
f) Raising awareness, education and training.
g) Stricter conditions, and clear justification for the use of critically important antibiotics and of off label use, including the cascade.

It should be clearly explained to consumers and politicians that good health and safe food have a price. Funding and support for taking the necessary actions is an investment in our future.

Antimicrobial resistance is a great challenge to all of us and gives us the opportunity to show how much we care. “Veterinarians care for animals and people” is the main message of the FVE’s strategy for 2011-2015. That represents exactly the high degree of veterinarians’ dedication and commitment to the society, the animals and our common environment.
The consumer demands safe food of animal origin. The veterinary profession has the independence, integrity, knowledge and skills to provide the consumer with reassurance that their expectation of high food safety, animal welfare and environmental standards has been met – all the way from farm to fork.

The Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE) wishes to underline the pivotal role played by the veterinary profession in Europe in the provision and assurance of the safety of foods of animal origin, from healthy animals managed, from farm to slaughter, in a manner that does not compromise their welfare, to the consumer.

This is especially the case where animals are processed through a slaughterhouse where, ‘meat inspection, both ante and post mortem, is a key component of the overall surveillance system for animal health and welfare’.

FVE is concerned that some Competent Authorities, international and national organisations and specific private sector interests, would wish to undermine the role of the Official Veterinarian in food hygiene to the detriment of food safety, animal health and welfare, public health and the environment.

While recognising that the prudent use of financial resources is extremely important, FVE wants to outline the added value and global public good which Official Veterinarians bring in their role, particularly in the slaughterhouse environment.

The Official Veterinarian’s role in the slaughterhouse supports the interests of many different stakeholders each with their own specific priorities; through their independence and professional integrity the Official Veterinarian adds value to:

• The animals; by ensuring proper caring, handling and stunning procedure in respect of the animal welfare legislation.
• The consumer; by providing assurance and reassurance on food safety.
• The citizen; by providing verification that the operator or the slaughterhouse is fulfilling their responsibilities with regard to animal health, public health, animal welfare and the protection of the environment.
• The operator of the slaughterhouse; through technical knowledge and support in development of self control processes.
• The farmer; by providing animal health information specific to their livestock.
• The private veterinarian; by providing information about the health status of livestock from specific holdings and populations, including data on emerging diseases.
• The Competent Authority; by delivering Official Controls through inspection, audit and enforcement.
• The economy; by supporting and facilitating national and international trade.

The Official Veterinarian in the slaughterhouse, through his knowledge, maintained through his working life through professional Continuous Professional Development and experience, has a key role to play on behalf of society, but particularly in the independent assurance of the provision of safe food which is recognized as a public good.

The international recognition of the Official Veterinarians’ role makes it essential that their involvement is both recognised by all stakeholders and maintained.
Small Animal National Congress in Iran (Webinar)

Small animal national congress held 15 and 16 December accomplished by a new style.

Announcement, papers delivery, reviewer consults, acceptance reports and all secretarial activities have been done by internet. Lecture presentations have taken as video and poster presentation delivered as pdf files. 32 lectures and 54 poster presentation were available for delegates during 2 days of congress.

All delegates who registered before congress have received a username and password. They could go to congress websites by their own username and password 24 hours in congress dates. Iranian veterinary council has special username to control present or absent delegates.

An overview exam has done after congress by available 24 questions. Exam results will be useful for our future similar programs. It was the first webinar in veterinary field in Iran that was promoted by most of delegates.

It has few registration fee and all delegates could use all papers during days or nights from long distance or even out of country.

World Bank funds health project into second phase

The World Bank has granted Massey University $5m in funding to extend its education programme strengthening Asian public health and veterinary capacity to combat zoonotic diseases.

In the first phase of the programme that has just completed, 67 health professionals from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Nepal were trained in One Health epidemiology concepts as part of two Massey qualifications specifically developed for the programme – a Master of Veterinary Medicine (Biosecurity) and a Master of Public Health (Biosecurity).

Now, Massey staff working with colleagues from other leading international universities will enable that learning to be put into practice, through the development of One Health Hubs and collaborative disease investigation projects.

These activities will assist the former students and their health professional colleagues in the South Asia region to combat real-world problems relating to zoonotic diseases such as avian influenza, rabies, brucellosis and anthrax.

A more powerful mapping tool for fighting global animal disease

FAO has launched a new version of its EMPRES-i Global Animal Health Information public interface: an integrated tool for global animal disease surveillance, early warning and disease control.

EMPRES-i is a Web-based application of FAO’s Emergency Prevention System (EMPRES) for Transboundary Animal and Plant Pests and Diseases (http://empres-i.fao.org). It was released in 2009 to support national veterinary services and related organizations by providing access to regional and global disease information to facilitate analysis, prevention and speed the response to animal disease outbreaks when they occur.

Information on animal disease events worldwide can be accessed in EMPRES-i and narrowed by users according to disease, date, species and location. Animal disease events can then be represented over time by using graphs or by location on the EMPRES-i mapping system.

New Year’s Royal Honour for New Zealand Veterinarian

Dr David Bayvel, BVMS, MRCVS, DTVM, MANZCVS, MPP was appointed a Companion of the Queen’s Service Order (QSO) in the New Year’s Honours announced by the New Zealand Government on 1 January 2012. The award was for “services to the state” and recognises a 20 year-plus national and international contribution, as MAF New Zealand Director of Animal Welfare.

David obtained his initial veterinary degree from the University of Glasgow, in 1967, and then gained a Diploma in Tropical Veterinary Medicine from the University of Edinburgh in 1968. He became a member of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists, by examination in Veterinary Pharmacology, in 1983 and obtained a Masters Degree in Public Policy from Victoria University of Wellington in 1994.

David’s career has involved periods in private veterinary practice, the international pharmaceutical industry and government service. He has worked in the UK, Zambia, South Africa and Australia and moved to New Zealand in 1982.

From 1989 to 2005, David represented the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) on the New Zealand National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee (NAEAC) and the National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (NAWAC) and, from 1993 to 1996, was a member of the ANZCCART (NZ) Board. He was a member of the trans-Tasman Animal Welfare Committee from 1990 – 2010 and has been actively involved with the OIE in addressing animal welfare issues at an international level.

David chaired the 2001 OIE ad hoc expert group meeting on animal welfare and has chaired the permanent OIE Animal Welfare Working Group since 2002. He was the coordinating editor for the review “Animal Welfare: Global Issues, Trends and Challenges” published in November 2005 in the OIE Scientific and Technical Review Series, was a member of the Scientific Organising Committees for the First and Second OIE Global Conferences on Animal Welfare held in Paris in 2004 and Cairo in 2008, and is chair of the OIE Laboratory Animal Welfare ad hoc Group. He is currently a member of the Scientific Organising Committee for the Third OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare to be held in Kuala Lumpur in November 2012.

David retired as MAF New Zealand’s Director of Animal Welfare on the 8th of December 2011 and has been succeeded by Dr Mark Fisher. David will, however, be remaining professionally active, on a part-time consultancy basis, as Veterinary Director for International Animal Welfare Consultants Limited.

Dr David Bayvel and his wife Lieschen at MAF retirement function
Food safety head honoured by Queen

"When you are chief executive of a government department for a significant amount of time, it's nice to be recognised for what you do."

"We lived in Wellington for about 25 years and we really liked it, but the weather was quite lousy and it was never very warm so we thought here would be a nice place to retire because it's got its own microclimate and it's not too far away from Wellington, so we're really happy here."

Dr McKenzie started life in the food safety industry as a vet at a meatworks before moving on to bigger and better things such as serving as the chairman of the Meat and Hygiene Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and chairing the World Organisation for Animal Health's Animal Production Food Safety Group.

His biggest achievement while working at NZFSA was negotiating trade deals with Europe.

"I sorted out some quite big trade deals with Europe, which had a major influence on the international standard for meat hygiene," Dr McKenzie said. "A lot of countries put up technical barriers in trade and that's what I've spent my career fighting."

Former head honcho and veterinarian Andrew McKenzie has been awarded the Queen's Service Order in the New Year's honour for services to the state.

Dr McKenzie worked as chief executive of New Zealand Food Safety Authority from 2007 to 2010.

Three years heading the New Zealand Food Safety Authority has earned Greytown man Andrew McKenzie the Queen's Service Order in the New Year's honour for services to the state.

Dr McKenzie, who worked as chief executive of NZFSA from 2007 to 2010, moved from Wellington this year to retire in Greytown, and said he found out about the honour two months ago.
The CVMA’s 2012 Summit of Veterinary Leaders will take place on Wednesday, July 11 in Montreal on the first day of the CVMA Convention. Dr. Jim Fairles, CVMA President-Elect will be chairing the Summit.

Invited participants include Presidents of international veterinary medical associations and Canadian veterinary medical associations, Registrars and Executive Directors, Chief Veterinary Officers, Deans of Veterinary Colleges, CVMA Council members and CVMA Committee Chairs, SCVMA representatives and CVMA members at large.

Antimicrobial Stewardship in Canadian Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine Conference

The CVMA took part in the organization of this conference which was opened by the CVMA’s President-Elect, Dr. Jim Fairles. The conference was designed to bring together all stakeholders who use antimicrobials in animals and to promote a culture of stewardship to ensure long-term sustainability of antimicrobials and to guard against antimicrobial resistance. The goal of the conference was to identify the obstacles to good stewardship and to shed light on what needs to change.

Animal Health Week

With a theme of Protecting the Health of All Species, the 2011 Animal Health Week took place October 3 to 9, 2011. The theme was designed to draw attention to the “one health” message by positioning veterinarians as important members of every family’s healthcare team. By means of this theme, we aimed to illustrate how veterinarians care not only for pets, but how they contribute to human health as well by treating food animals and playing an active role in the protection against zoonotic diseases. Some 288 clinics participated in this year’s campaign.

The CVMA Council has approved the following two revised position statements:

**Onychectomy (Declaw) of Domestic Felids**

“The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) strongly discourages onychectomy (declawing) of domestic cats for routine purposes. Surgical amputation of the partial digit prevents cats from expressing normal behaviours and causes pain. Veterinarians should inform clients of potential negative consequences of declawing and to educate them about tools and techniques to prevent and minimize personal and property damage, thus avoiding the procedure”.

**Onychectomy (Declaw) of Non-Domestic Carnivores Kept in Captivity**

“The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) opposes the surgical removal of claws (onychectomy) of non-domestic carnivores kept in captivity, except for animal health reasons. In addition, the CVMA strongly urges veterinarians to exert their influence to discourage the keeping of non-domestic felids and other large carnivores as pets”. 
Employment Opportunities

PRESTIGIOUS CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN

Our client is a high profile Government organization and they are seeking to recruit qualified and experienced animal health care professionals for a semi government Veterinarian Center which provides animal health care services to high profile clients.

The Animal Health Care Center provides services for Camels, Sheep, Goats and some wildlife (Gazelle and Ostriches). It includes a small pharmacy, operating theater and laboratory. There is a focus now to upgrade the whole center to a status aligned with the clients as a result the following initial positions are available:

Veterinarian Center Manager

Ideally a mature Veterinarian consultant who has gained significant experience in operating and managing a medium sized veterinarian practice (Live stock) who can also contribute to the veterinarian medical requirements of the centre.

This position is largely responsible for upgrading, reorganizing, assessing existing staff and evolving the centre into a premier facility.

The ideal candidate would be in his late 40’s early 50’s possibly looking for something along the lines of a pre-retirement position.

Junior Veterinarian

As part of the initial drive to revitalize the centre, this candidate would ideally be a young graduate with a few years of experience who can bring a new sense of expertise to the Veterinarian Center.

Ideally he/she would have some experience in the health care of live stock and general wild life.

Competitive salary will be paid and in addition to expatriate benefits (housing, medical, air fare, etc).

If your experience matches the above, please apply in confidence with a photograph to HR.Consultancy@keypoint.me quoting the reference, no later than 19 February 2012.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted

Ref: WVA/0212

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ANNOUNCEMENT FOR AN INTERNATIONAL VETERINARY SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

JOINT FACULTY OF VETERINARY MEDICINE (FVM) 8TH BIENNAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE &
46TH KENYA VETERINARY ASSOCIATION (KVA) ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

DATE: APRIL 25TH – 27TH 2012

VENUE: SAFARI PARK HOTEL, NAIROBI

THEME:
Evolving the veterinary profession towards safeguarding the human well-being in a dynamic environment

Subthemes:
1. The role of the veterinary profession in achieving Kenya’s vision 2030
2. One health and climate change:
   Changing disease patterns in animal and human; sustainable management of livestock and wildlife,
   effect of climate change in animal production, human-wildlife and livestock-wildlife interface, response to
   predicted disease epidemics, drought and flooding, disease prevention and control (including
   ethnoveterinary medicine)
3. Innovative and relevant research and technology:
   Regional disease mapping and prediction, improving and sustaining local animal genetic pool, challenges
   in sustainable animal production, value addition and marketing of animal products, non-conventional
   livestock research

Stakeholders in the animal industry, scientists and veterinarians are invited to attend the conference.

Abstracts should be a maximum of 250 words and should be submitted to: assocdeAN_vet@uonbi.ac.ke and
gathumbi@uonbi.ac.ke ; gathumbi@gmail.com

Deadline for Submission of Abstracts: January 31st 2012

Registration fees
FVM and KVA Members
Early Registration (By January 31, 2012) Ksh. 11,000.00
Normal registration (February 1 – March 31, 2012) Ksh. 13,000.00
Late Registration (From April 1, 2012) Ksh. 15,000.00

Non FVM and KVA Members
Early Registration (By January 31, 2012) Ksh. 14,000.00
Normal Registration (February 1 – March 31, 2012) Ksh. 16,000.00
Late Registration (From April 1, 2012) Ksh. 18,000.00

Students from Faculty of Veterinary Medicine
KShs. 5,000.00

Veterinary Para-professionals
KShs. 7,000.00

International & Regional Participants
International Participants USD 400
East African Community-FVM and/or EAC Vet Association members USD 240

All payments should be made to: Dean’s office, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine / KVA National office / KVA branch offices
Cheques should be written to: Faculty of Veterinary Medicine-Kenya Veterinary Association
All payments should be accompanied by completed registration form available in conference website or at the point of
payment. Conference Website: (kanywetgoldenjubileecelebration,uonbi.ac.ke)
Payment can also be made by direct deposits to Equity Bank Community Corporate Branch, Account Number
0180 2962258899 or for international transactions Kenya, electronic swift transfer to EQBKENA ACCOUNT NUMBER
018 023 926 6989

Other pre- and on-conference activities include a Rabies Campaign on 24th April 2011 in Nairobi and KVA AGM on 26th April
at the Safari Park Hotel.

Exhibition facilities and space will be made available at the conference venue for institutions and companies to showcase their
products and services to the conference participants. More information on this is available at the conference website and at the
under listed offices.

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Calendar of Events

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

Bringing Science to Saddles

18th February 2012
The Lord Ashcroft Conference Centre,
Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge
Website: www.saddleresearchgroup.co.uk

National Dairy Mela
25th - 27th February, 2012
National Dairy Research Institute, India


1st - 2nd March 2012
European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)
Headquarters
Brussels, Belgium
Website: http://www.fao.org/ag/againfo/themes/animal-welfare/aw-events/events-detai/en/7dyna_4ef%5Buid%5D=116454

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

12th Pan-Hellenic Veterinary Congress
Animal Production and Productive Animals’ Health
5th - 8th April 2012
The Athens Hilton
Website: www.hvms.gr/en/events.html

12th Indian Veterinary Congress
12th Indian Veterinary Congress
XIX Annual Conference of IAAVR

20th - 21st April 2012
College of Veterinary Science
Mhow (MP)

Joint Faculty of Veterinary Medicine 8th Biennial Scientific Conference & 46th Kenya Veterinary Association Annual Scientific Conference
25th – 27th April, 2012
Venue: Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi
More at: www.worldvet.org/docs/KVA2012Poster.pdf

World Veterinary Day

Saturday 28th April, 2012
Theme: Antimicrobial Resistance

International Conference on Diseases of Zoo and Wild Animals 2012

16th to 19th May 2012
Parco Natura Viva (Bussolengo/Verona, Italy) and Parc Hotel Paradiso (Castelnuovo del Garda, Italy).
Website: www.zoovet-conference.org

General Session of the OIE

May, 2012
Paris, France
Website: www.oie.int

World Bovine Congress 2012

June 3rd – 7th, 2012
Lisbon, Portugal
Website: www.wxv2012.com

World Veterinary Association Newsletter February 2012
Minding Animals Conference

4th – 6th July 2012
Utrecht University, The Netherlands
Website: www.mindinganimals.com

2012 CVMA Convention
July 11-14, 2012
Montreal, Quebec
Website: http://members.cvma-agmv.org:8080/Newsletter_2010/Redirect.aspx?LinkID=836253333370

Joint WDA EWDA conference
Convergence in wildlife health
22nd – 27th July 2012
Lyon, France
Website: http://wda2012.vetagro-sup.fr

International Congress on Animal Reproduction
Jul. 29th – Aug. 2nd, 2012
Website: www.icar2012.com

AVMA Convention
7th August 2012
San Diego
Website: www.avmaconvention.org/avma12/public/enter.aspx

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

EcoSummit 2012
30th September - 5th October, 2012

Third OIE global conference on animal welfare
6th – 8th November, 2012
Kuala Lumpur
Malaysia
Website: www.oie.int

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8th International Sheep Veterinary Congress

18th – 22nd February 2013
“Connecting Science and Sheep”
Website: www.conference.intsheepvetassoc.org

Medical Library Association Annual Meeting

May 3rd – 8th, 2013
Boston, MA, USA
Website: www.mlanet.org/am/am2013/

Website: www.wvc2013.com/en/