Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends,

First of all, I would like to express my sincere condolences for the passing of Dr James Harlan Steele at age 100.

Dr Steele is considered the father and the initiator of the principles of Veterinary

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Public Health as he introduced the principles of VPH to the U.S. and other countries around the world. By promoting the One-Health concept, Dr. Steele has enhanced considerably the lives of animals and humans.

On 19th September 2013, I had the honour to present to Dr. Steele’s son, the John Gamgee gold medal which is the WVA’s highest award in recognition of veterinarian’s outstanding and exemplary contributions to veterinary science and veterinary profession.

Last September 2013, the WVA celebrated in a Joy and Happiness its 150th Anniversary during the successful 31st World Veterinary Congress which took place in Prague, Czech Republic.

With its new Constitution unanimously adopted, the WVA is now more accessible to new members.

The WVA was recently invited to participate and to deliver an opening speech in numerous veterinary events around the world including Angola, Brazil, France, Nigeria Turkmenistan, South Korea, Singapore, and China which shows the importance of the association as the global voice of the veterinary profession.

In my addresses during these opening ceremonies, I underlined that the WVA has positively responded to the expectations of the President’s Assembly held in Cape Town in 2011 by initiating a revision of its structure and decision making procedures with the objectives to raising the WVA profile, increasing visibility, strengthening the internal cohesion and a more efficient decision making process. I also underlined the importance of the close collaboration and leadership of WVA members to the veterinary profession.

Recently, the WVA decided to organize WVA Global events such as the WVA Veterinary Education Conference which will take place in Singapore in November 2014 and a Global conference on “One Health” to be held in Spain in mid-2015.

The 2014 World veterinary Day will be celebrated on 26th April 2014. The theme for WVD 2014 is Animal Welfare. The WVD Award will be presented by WVA/OIE to a selected WVA member who will have the most successful celebration event. I am sure that the theme of Animal Welfare will attract numerous participations from all our member associations. This theme is very rewarding for animals, society and for the Veterinary profession.

We are very pleased to welcome you all for the next WVA events and to continue our fruitful collaboration with an increase of our communication.

Good Luck for the End of the Year and all my best greetings.

Dr. Faouzi Kechrid
President
World Veterinary Association
WVA 150\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary Celebration

On 19\textsuperscript{th} September 2013, following the WVA PA 2013, the WVA celebrated its 150\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary. The event was opened by a performance reproducing the first World Veterinary Congress which was held in Germany in 1863. Different international organization representatives congratulated the WVA for its 150\textsuperscript{th} Celebration.

During the event, the WVA President presented the World Veterinary Day Award 2013 to the South African Veterinary Association (SAVA) and the John Gamgee Award to Dr James Harlan Steele from the USA, Dr Milton Thiago de Mello from Brazil and Dr Bernard Vallat from France.

World Veterinary Congress

The 31\textsuperscript{st} World Veterinary Congress (WVC) took place in Prague, the beautiful capital of the Czech Republic from 17\textsuperscript{th} to 20\textsuperscript{th} September, 2013. This year, the WVC was marked by WVA 150 years Anniversary celebrations.

The WVC 2013 was attended by more than 1,350 delegates from 75 countries around the world. The vast scientific program included 11 parallel sessions covering every veterinary discipline; from companion to exotic animals, from wellbeing of animals to wellbeing of veterinarians.

Two days Global Veterinary Seminar on Animal Welfare brought together specialists from different world regions to discuss the different aspects of Animal Welfare. The AW seminar was concluded with a high level panel discussions between AVMA, EFSA, European Commission, FAO, FVE, OIE, WSPA and WVA on the main question; are Veterinarians the shepherd or the sheep regarding animal welfare?

Another event was the WVA-WHO-OIE-FAO 2nd Global Summit which focused this year on strengthening institutional collaboration and cooperation between animal and public health in education and research.

During the WVC 2013, the WVA held its own Presidents Assembly. The main issue on the agenda was the vote on the proposal to change the WVA Constitution and By-Laws. After in-depth presentations and discussions on the
proposal, it was adopted with 100% of the votes in favour.

On the occasion of the WVA 150th Anniversary celebration, the WVA presented the John Gamgee Award to James Harlan Steele from the USA, Milton Thiago de Mello from Brazil and to Bernard Vallat from France in recognition of their outstanding and exemplary services to the veterinary science and to the veterinary profession.

The WVC 2013 was concluded by a presentation from the Turkish Veterinary Medical Associations, the organizers of the 32nd WVC which will take place in September 2015 in Istanbul, Turkey.

WVA Global Summit and Animal Welfare Seminar

On 18th September, the WVA organized together with the WHO, OIE and FAO the 2nd WVA Summit: Global well-being - a partnership of Animal and Human Health. The main sessions focused on strengthening institutional collaboration, partnerships for effective prevention, control and emergency response, and cooperation between animal and public health education and research.

During the WVC 2013, on 17th – 18th September, the WVA organized together with the European Commission a Global Veterinary Seminar on Animal Welfare. During the Seminar, a high level of panel discussion was held. The panel was moderated by the Dean of the Veterinary Faculty of Utrecht, Netherlands, with the participation of representatives from the European Commission, FAO, WSPA, WVA, EFSA, AVMA, OIE and FVE.

WVA and WSPA signed Memorandum of Understanding.

On 17th September, during the Global Seminar on Animal Welfare, WVA President, Dr Faouzi Kechrid and WSPA CEO, Mike Baker signed the WVA/WSPA Memorandum of Understanding. The two organizations agree to work together in order to promote animal welfare globally via agreed specific goals and actions.
On 19th September, during the World Veterinary Congress 2013, the WVA PA 2013 was held in Prague, Czech Republic. More than 80 delegates from 41 countries participated in the meeting.

The main issue on the agenda was the vote on the proposal to change the WVA Constitution and By-Laws. After in-depth presentations and discussions on the proposal, it was adopted with 100% of the votes in favour.
World Veterinary Day Award 2013

On 19th September 2013, the WVA President Dr. Faouzi Kechrid together with the OIE Director General, Dr Bernard Vallat, presented the World Veterinary Day (WVD) Award 2013.

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

The selected theme for 2013 was Vaccination

The WVA is happy to inform that the World Veterinary Day was celebrated this year in more than 30 countries, in all world regions. The WVA highly recognizes and appreciates the huge effort and preparation done by each one of these National Veterinary Associations.

In the opening ceremony of the OIE 81st General Session of 26th May 2013, the OIE DG, Dr Bernard Vallat, announced the winner of WVD 2013:
South Africa, Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

Dr. Malcolm de Bude, the Gauteng Veterinary Services Chief Director was invited to the stage to receive the WVD award 2013 price of 1000 US$ together with the South African Veterinary Association (SAVA) for their vaccination campaign which was held at Rust de Winter, North of Pretoria on 26th April 2013 to commemorate the World Veterinary Day 2013.

The campaign was well participated by many vet students, veterinarians, para-veterinarians, governments’ officials, veterinary technicians, farmers and stakeholders’ representatives.

A total of 3,753 cattle, 1849 goats, 108 sheep, 52 dogs and 20 cats were vaccinated (About 70% of all the livestock in the area were vaccinated).

The WVD 2013 was covered by the press in number of media channels and national journals to highlight the importance of livestock and poultry vaccinations and the role of veterinarians and para-veterinarians in safe-guarding both animal and human health.

On that occasion, the WVA and OIE announced that the chosen theme for World Veterinary Day Award 2014 is Animal Welfare.
John Gamgee Award 2013 for Outstanding Contributions to Veterinary Science and the Veterinary Profession

In the light of the 150 years of World Veterinary Congresses and 30 years after the last time that this award was given, the John Gamgee Award was given to three selected veterinarians.

In 1863, Prof. John Gamgee from the college of Edinburgh took the initiative to invite professors of veterinary medicine and veterinarians from all over Europe to a general meeting in Hamburg, Germany. In 1963 during the 17th World Veterinary Congress in Hanover, 100 years Anniversary celebrations took place, and in the honour of Prof John Gamgee, a gold medal was designed to serve as an award to selected veterinarians in recognition of their outstanding and exemplary services to the veterinary science and to the veterinary profession.

By 2013, only three great persons had the honour to receive the John Gamgee Award:

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

During 150 Anniversary celebration on 19th September 2013, the John Gamgee Award was given to three selected veterinarians:

1. James Harlan Steele from the USA
2. Milton Thiago de Mello from Brazil
3. Bernard Vallat from France

After a short introduction of the selected veterinarians (with special attention to their relation with WVA), the WVA President, Dr Faouzi Kechrid presented the John Gamgee Award to the three winners.
James Harlan Steele

Dr James Steele could not join the award ceremony and the Award was presented to his son; David Steele.

Dr James Harlan Steele was born 3rd April 1913 and graduated in 1941 from the Michigan State University as DVM. Dr Steele had positions in Environmental Health Science, Public Health Service in Washington DC and Atlanta, Chief Veterinary Officer, Surgeon General in veterinary affairs involving veterinary medicine and veterinary public health, public health service for WHO and FAO, Consultant for WHO, FAO, Pan-American Health Organization, Commission of Consumers Affairs. He was 57 times awarded and had so many publications hardly to summarize.


His Social Philosophy is nice to hear for learning for all of us: I believe firmly throughout my career that I should share my knowledge and experience with my fellow man, be an American or citizen of the world. Those of us who are more fortunate to be endowed with intellectual advantages have an even greater responsibility to share. Carry on!

Dr Bernard Vallat

Dr Bernard Vallat was born on 16th October 1947 and graduated in 1971 at the Veterinary School of Toulouse. Since 2001, he is the Director General of the World Organization of Animal Health [OIE] in Paris. After graduation he soon became active in Africa: The Assale Project in Chad, Livestock development in Ituri and Central Africa; advisor of the minister of Agriculture in Mauritius. In between, he did economic training and he was a research officer.

In 1990 he came back to Paris as the head of the Livestock Office, than in Agricultural policy and products department and industrial products and trade. He was the head of the International health coordination commission of the department for food quality and veterinary and plant health actions. He was also the Chief Inspector of Veterinary Public Health and the CVO of France. He has written many publications and organized many conferences. As advised by IACLAM, he had a significant impact on laboratory animal medicine globally. Although the John Gamgee Award is a lifetime award, it is a pleasure to present this award to Bernard Vallat during his active life.
Milton Thiago de Mello

Milton Thiago de Mello was born on 5th February 1916 and graduated in 1937 in Rio de Janeiro. Dr in Microbiology in 1946, Professor and researcher at the University of Brasilia of which he was one of the founders. He is a pioneer of microbiology and primatology worldwide.

He had positions in microbiology in many topics like brucellosis, bubonic plague, rabies, tetanus, mycosis like chromo-mycosis and rhino-sporidiosis. He was active in Brazil in the Oswaldo Cruz Institute from 1944-1960, Mid America [Dominican Republic and San Salvador] and California with airborne infections of brucellosis. He was active in primatology and spent time in veterinary education too.

He had cooperation in veterinary science with Alfort and Lyon in France and with Hanover in Germany. He was consultant for WHO, FAO and PAHO. He did a lot of laboratory work in the Brazilian Army Lab. He was involved in 6 Science Academics, 14 Scientific Societies and in many international and national congresses. He is 19 times awarded and one is very special to mention: the James H. Steele Award for veterinary epidemiology. He has written 224 publications.

Milton Thiago de Mello has served WVA by participating in the Animal welfare committee and in making the veterinary education policy in 1999.

He was president of the scientific committee of the 24th WVC in Rio de Janeiro in 1991 and has become honorary member in 1993.

In the last 20 years, he was involved in research in primates, wildlife conservation, veterinary education, lab animals, animal welfare and history of veterinary medicine in Brazil.

One of his last publications is his book: “The Veterinary Profession at the Future Threshold” with many subjects of interest of One Health issue.
Global Veterinary Seminar on Animal Welfare – Summary

Today, Animal Welfare matters to humans as well as to the animals themselves. Veterinarians are expected by society to look after AW. This leads to both challenges and opportunities for vets.

On 17th - 18th September 2013, the WVA together with the European Commission Services organized a Global Seminar on Animal Welfare. After two days of presentations and discussions on various Animal Welfare issues, Adroaldo J. Zanella, Professor of Animal Welfare from the Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil drew the Seminar’s conclusions. He highlighted the importance of the Seminar program to remind the societal expectations of veterinarians regarding animal welfare and the challenges and opportunities that the emerging science of animal welfare presents to veterinarians. He underlined common issues which were raised by the different speakers:

- Education, training and capacity building in animal welfare science should be promoted globally. It should be developed in a culturally sensitive way and include all stakeholders and interested parties.

- Collaborative interdisciplinary opportunities should be fostered to promote a generation of new knowledge and rapid dissemination of the information.

- Initiatives should be encouraged to promote veterinary engagement and visibility in animal welfare issues.

- We should make animal welfare resources, expertise and information available globally in order to promote sound policies and legislation to improve animal and human welfare; “one welfare”.

- We need to have available practical, robust and valid animal welfare indicators to meet the demands for the tasks that veterinarians are expected to carry out.

Last but not least, Professor Zanella underlined the importance to keep “alive” the debate between the organizations that contributed to this event (AVMA, EFSA, European Commission, FAO, FVE, OIE, WSPA, WVA and others). Many participants agreed with him and asked the WVA to continue and to develop further such a global discussions platform on Animal Welfare. After the meeting, the WVA and the European Commission representative agreed to organize a panel discussion webinar session in mid-2014 in order to follow up the Global Veterinary Seminar on Animal Welfare.

The Animal Welfare Global Seminar presentations and abstracts can be found in the Library section on the WVA website: http://www.worldvet.org/news.php?item=71
Protecting animals through the next generation of vets

The World Society for Protection of Animals (WSPA) is marking its 10th year of education work by producing the 3rd edition of its Concepts in Animal Welfare tool – a comprehensive animal welfare teaching syllabus.

The Concepts in Animal Welfare (known as CAW) syllabus is being launched now and is a major teaching tool for veterinary institutions to ensure that animal welfare science and theory is taught accurately and effectively. It includes up to date scientific findings, bringing teachers and students the latest animal welfare research, law and teaching examples from all over the world. Academically robust and unbiased, CAW allows staff and students to examine all sides of the ethical debate.

This new edition includes new modules on disaster management as well as expanded modules on fish welfare. Additionally, the lecturers are supported with an advanced support pack of student activities and learning opportunities. Previous editions of CAW have been used by over 750 faculties worldwide and it is a highly respected resource with endorsements from the Pan-American Veterinary Association and South-East Asian Veterinary School Association.

WSPA also has a successful partnership with the Chinese Veterinary Medical Association and Ministry of Education in China; who have announced they will be instating animal welfare and protection as a core course for veterinary students.

Ruth de Vere, WSPA Head of Education: “High quality veterinary training is essential to enhancing the provision of veterinary care. If society wants vets to be the guardians of animal welfare and the practitioners of good welfare, then it must be included within their education from the outset.

World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) recognises that many veterinary professionals were not trained in animal welfare science themselves and we are providing the most up to date, enlightening, and robust teaching tools to allow educators to fulfil their job effortlessly.

I am very proud of this resource and the international support and endorsement from organisations and veterinary associations speaks for itself.”

This latest development came as WSPA CEO Mike Baker attended the World Veterinary Association Congress this September to sign a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Animal Welfare, recognising that animal health, animal welfare and public health are strongly linked.

WSPA CEO, Mike Baker said: “Signing this MoU is a proud moment for the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA). To date WSPA has achieved general consultative status with the United Nations and has a strong partnership with the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).

This MOU with the World Veterinary Association is another important step in raising animal protection issues with a leading influencer of global animal welfare policy and practice.”
Animal Welfare and Protection in Lebanon

Jean Hokayem, WVA Councilor

The creed of our nation rests upon the prevailing of the courageous and the innocent, which by extent reaches animals just as much as humans, therefore every country should pass laws that nurture and shelter animals from avoidable harm. Indeed, animal abuse gives a poor image of the society in question and backfires on the moral development of the said-society’s population.

Lebanon has included animal protection and welfare in its laws since the very instauration of its state and laws back in 1943, and was considered the country with the friendliest approach to animals in the whole Middle Eastern area. Almost a decade later, instead of leaping forwards when it comes to animal protection and sheltering, Lebanon has slipped many steps backwards and has seriously neglected its obligation towards animals of all kinds; that which is reflected in the very poor interest in establishing animal shelters and rescue centers, as well as a lack in revision of all laws concerning animals and animal treatment.

However, a ray of light shines upon us as several experts, ranging from governmental bodies to international organizations are working hand in hand, reviewing the current status of animal welfare, drafting laws, aiming towards a drastic improvement of treatment of animals, their protection and their healthy development.

Managing patients for zoonotic disease in hospitals

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Abstract
Zoonoses involve infections and infestations transmissible from animals to humans. Zoonoses are a major global threat. Exposure to zoonotic pathogens exists in various settings including encroachment on nature; foreign travel; pet keeping; bushmeat consumption; attendance at zoological parks, petting zoos, school ‘animal contact experiences’, wildlife markets, circuses, and domesticated and exotic animal farms. Under-ascertainment is believed to be common and the frequency of some zoonotic disease appears to be increasing. Zoonoses include direct, indirect and aerosolized transmission. Improved awareness of zoonoses in the hospital environment may be important to the growing need for prevention and control. We reviewed relevant literature for the years 2000 to present and identified a significant need for the promotion of awareness and management of zoonoses in the hospital environment. This article provides a new decision-tree, as well as staff and patient guidance on the prevention and control of zoonoses associated with hospitals.

The full paper is available at: http://shr.sagepub.com/content/4/8/2042533313490287.full
Veterinary Externship Program

Report by Dr. Shane Ryan
Singapore

Quite early on, Asia Oceania Veterinary Group (AOVG) was asked whether we could facilitate an externship program for graduate veterinarians. The concept was similar to that of the 1-2 week student rotations we all had whilst at veterinary school. And whilst continuing education opportunities - especially companion animal practitioners in the Asian region - are increasing, many veterinarians would like to get some practical experience not routinely available to them. And see how practices operate in other countries or areas that may have more developed veterinary services sectors.

For AOVG, this is chance to add another level of sophistication to the provision of continuing veterinary professional development for our colleagues in the Asia-Pacific region.

To date, requests have been received from individuals & associations in Vietnam, Indonesia & the Philippines. Offers for placement have come from Singapore & Indonesia (Bogor University).

If you are interested in providing an externship place at your clinic (large or small animal), farm, animal institution or university please get in contact with me at asia.oceania.vet@gmail.com. Similarly for sponsorship opportunities - we envisage that a sponsor would help a veterinarian with travel & accommodation costs whilst on overseas study.

Shane Ryan

Multinational - Drs. I Bagus Made Bhaskara, Anak Agung Ngurah Oka Pujawan (Bali), Nick Woo (Singapore) & Cong Yong Zhi (China)
4th Chinese Veterinary Congress

On 28 - 30th October 2013, the Chinese Veterinary Medical Association organized the 4th Chinese Veterinary Congress in Guilin, China.

The conference was attended by about 3000 vets from all over China. The Chinese Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) was established in 2009 by the Chinese government.

It’s estimated that there are about 300,000 to 1 Million vets in China. It is difficult to know the exact number of vets in China as the registration system of vets was established only recently. In addition, the level of veterinary education in China is very different.

The CVMA mainly focus on:
- Registration of veterinarians (via state exam): by now, about 40,000 vets are registered.
- Quality of education: there are 77 veterinary faculties in China. The curriculum is defined nationally and also common textbooks are used. Nevertheless, the quality of education is very varied and there is a lack in clinical training.
- Quality of service
- Registration of medicines: the registration of veterinary medicines started recently. Many Chinese vets distrust Western veterinary medicine and are using mainly traditional Chinese medicines. They believe that some medicines such Vaccines are lower the immune response and pollute the environment.

During the 4th Chinese Veterinary Congress (CVC) opening session, a welcome message from WVA President, Dr Faouzi Kechrid was delivered by the CVMA Secretary General. In its message, the WVA presidents renewed the WVA invitation to CVMA to join the WVA as a member.

During the opening session, the CVMA presented an award to 10 veterinarians which were elected as “veterinarians of the year”. Prof Fei Rongmei, who gave a speech at the WVC 2013 session on Animal Welfare, was one of the 10 veterinarians elected.

After the opening session, parallel sessions on aquatic animals, swine, poultry, equine etc took place.

A three days program dedicated to Animal Welfare was organized by CVMA, Animal’s Asia, WSPA and the Jeanne Marchig Foundation from Edinburgh, UK.

Although, China has a very high numbers of livestock and is the biggest aquaculture Producer in the world, AW concepts are not developed yet and the societal awareness is low. But recently, due to rapid industrialisation of livestock farming together with the increased demand for animal protein, veterinarians started to raise some questions regarding AW.

AW NGOs are few and they mainly focusing on wild animals such bears. Retailers / producers are not interested in animal welfare labelling, although some producers do focus on AW. Since its establishment, the CVMA made AW a high priority which is driven by OIE standards.

The main focus of the 3-days program was on veterinary education in AW, as CVMA is keen in making AW a compulsory subject to be introduce to the veterinary program and CVMA is preparing a textbook for all its veterinary faculties. Different speakers from China and abroad gave presentations and discussed AW education and training. FVE presented the work done on the Animal Welfare curriculum.

In many presentations, the speakers referred the work done by FVE/EAEVE and AVMA on the model animal welfare curriculum. The CVMA was very well aware of the FVE project, having used it as a basis for their textbook and having repeated the survey that FVE did to map animal welfare teaching in faculties in China.

WVA representative gave a presentation on “the role of Veterinarians in Animal Welfare and Inter-sectorial Collaboration”. He concluded by saying that veterinary profession is the best prepared and responsible to use its skills and expertise to provide the best practices and education about animal welfare to animal owners, managers and the public.
WSAVA and OIE Call on Political Leaders for Action on Rabies

The recent cases of rabies reported in both the Netherlands and France have highlighted the importance of the high level symposium held by the World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) in Paris to explore strategies to manage and eliminate canine rabies. The outcome of the meeting is a joint statement which sets out the course of action that is required to make real progress in rabies control.

The Symposium, entitled 'One Health: Rabies and Other Disease Risks from Free-Roaming Dogs' was jointly chaired by Dr Bernard Vallat, Director General of the OIE, and Professor Michael Day, Chairman of the WSAVA One Health Committee. Speakers from around the world shared their experiences of managing free-roaming dog populations, the main source of human rabies and hundreds of millions of dog bites worldwide, which require post-exposure treatment.

Read more…

New President for WSAVA

Professor Colin Burrows, President Elect of the World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA), has been elected as President with effect from 1 November 2013. Professor Burrows, a British national, is an Emeritus Professor at the University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine and former CEO of the North American Veterinary Conference.

Professor Burrows will serve as President until the next meeting of the WSAVA’s General Assembly in Cape Town on 15 September 2014, at which stage he may then be re-elected to serve his full term ending at the January 2016 Assembly meeting at the NAVC.
BVA announces David Calpin as New Chief Executive

The British Veterinary Association, the UK’s largest veterinary association, has appointed David Calpin as its new Chief Executive.

David joins the BVA from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) where he was a Deputy Director and has held a number of senior management roles. David’s policy responsibilities have included climate change, GM crops, sustainable land management, and, most recently, bovine TB. For a period last year David was Acting Director for Animal Health and Welfare in Defra.

David has been in the senior civil service since 2005, and has substantial experience of both staff and financial management. He spent two years working in Brussels representing the UK Government in EU negotiations, and has lived and worked in France, South Africa and Brazil. Prior to joining the civil service, David worked for Barclays Bank.

Announcing the appointment, BVA Chairman Derek Williams said:

“David’s appointment comes at a very exciting time for the BVA as we respond to the challenges set out by our members in our membership research ‘Your BVA, Your Say’. David has a proven track record as a senior manager, extensive experience of managing stakeholder relationships, and an excellent understanding of the political climate in the UK and Europe; all of which will ensure BVA continues to thrive and to represent members effectively.”

David Calpin said:

“I’m delighted to be joining the BVA. I’ve worked closely with the BVA in my previous roles and have been hugely impressed. I also know that no organisation can afford to stand still, and that the BVA needs to keep pace with changes in the veterinary profession.

“I’m really looking forward to the challenge of leading the BVA through a period of change to become an even more effective voice for the profession and providing services that members value. I have a lot to learn and I’m keen to get out and about to meet as many people as possible and to hear first-hand what the profession wants from the BVA.”
WVA Revised Leaflet

Following the adoption of the new WVA Constitution and Bylaws, please find here the new WVA leaflet which includes the new WVA Governing Bodies structure.
World Veterinary Association History
In 1863, Dr. J. Gangjee convened a first International Veterinary Congress. This initiative grew into the World Veterinary Association (WVA) today.

WVA follows the ambition of Dr Gangjee to bring veterinarians from all over the world together, to share experiences, to exchange ideas and to join forces for the promotion and development of veterinary medicine.

WVA Mission
“WVA promotes the interest of the health and welfare of animals and people as well as the interest of its member organizations and their members. This is done through developing and advancing veterinary medicine and veterinary profession.”

Vision for the future
To be the voice of the global veterinary profession. All countries in the world shall have well-functioning veterinary services that meet the needs of society and that are valued by society. There shall exist a strong united global veterinary community, which is properly educated and licensed by the legal authority to practice veterinary medicine.

WVA Policies & Actions
WVA develops policies and positions on veterinary issues of global importance. These policies and positions are conveyed within the veterinary profession as well as towards major decision making institutions and authorities.

Veterinary Education
WVA is committed to the quality of both undergraduate and postgraduate education. All veterinarians should have the Day-One Competencies needed to deliver their responsibilities to society.

World Veterinary Day
An important annual activity of the WVA is the World Veterinary Day (WVD), which is celebrated on the last Saturday of April. The WVD objective is to bring the importance of the Veterinary Profession to the society by underscoring the vital role of veterinarians to ensure animal health and welfare, food safety, food security, safe world trade in animals and animal products as well as protecting public health.

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Calendar of Events

2nd Global Risk Forum (GRF) One Health Summit 2013
One Health - One Planet - One Future Risks and Opportunities
17th – 20th November 2013
Website: http://onehealth.grforum.org

2nd International Workshop on Dairy Science Park
18th – 20th November, 2013
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Agricultural University
Peshawar-25120, Pakistan
Website: www.aup.edu.pk/dairy-science-park2013.php

2014

16th International Congress on Infectious Diseases

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

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

SOCHITOV

11th – 14th September, 2014
Santiago, Chile
Website: www.congresosochitov2014.cl/website

World Buiatrics Congress

27th July 2014 to 1st August 2014
Cairns Convention Centre
Australia
Website: http://wbc2014.com

WSAVA 2014 Congress

16th – 19th September, 2014
Cape Town, South Africa
Website: www2.kenes.com/wsava/pages/home.aspx

WVA President’s Assembly 2014
28th – 30th November 2014
Singapore
With the 18th FAVA congress

Future World Veterinary Congresses

32nd World Veterinary Congress
13th – 16th September, 2015
Istanbul
Turkey
www.wvcistanbul2015.com

33rd World Veterinary Congress
August, 2017
Incheon
Korea