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Dear Colleagues and Friends of the
Veterinary Profession:

It is just three months until the 29th
World Veterinary Congress. The
congress is being held in Vancouver,
British Columbia, Canada from 27 to 31
July.

This Congress will be an outstanding
educational event which starts with a
half-day program on “**One World-One
Medicine-One Health**”, and then moves
into three days with two program tracks

on “**Public Practice/Public Health**” and
“**Clinical Practice/Private Practice**”.

Therefore, if your interest is private
small animal practice or any other area
of private or public practice, you will
have an excellent program to enjoy.

I encourage you to attend the 29th WVC;
however, you must start your plans
today to register and arrange hotel
accommodation and to make sure that
you have the correct visa, or the
appropriate documents to enter Canada.
Canada is a very friendly and
accommodating country, but you must
start now to be sure all your passport and
related documents are in order.

British is a beautiful and fun place to
visit, so bring your family to “**Celebrate
Our Diversity**”.

Have a safe trip,
Leon Russell,
WVA President



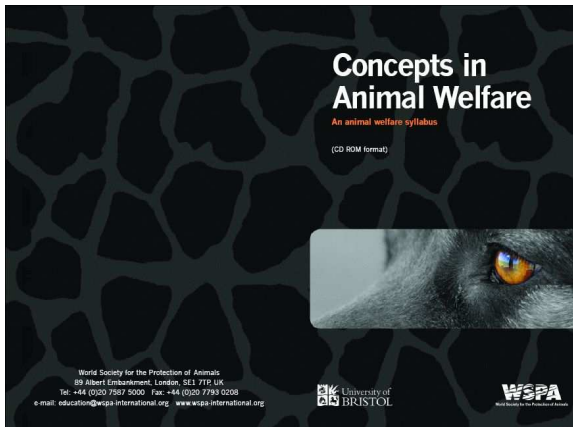
World Veterinary Day

The theme for the World Veterinary Day 2008 was **“The diversity of the veterinary profession”**.



The first WVA-OIE World Veterinary Day Award will be given at the 29th World Veterinary Congress in Vancouver on 27-31 July 2008.

WSPA is Helping Veterinary Students Worldwide Learn about Animal Welfare



The revised version comprises 34 interactive modules on CD-ROM and encourages inclusion of specific topics within established veterinary syllabuses. It tackles a diverse range of subjects affecting farm and working animals, wildlife, companion animals and those used in experimentation.

The syllabus has received endorsement from many professional bodies including the

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), World Veterinary Association, Commonwealth Veterinary Association, World Small Animal Veterinary Association, and the Federation of European Companion Animal Veterinary Associations.

John Webster, Emeritus Professor of Animal Husbandry at the Bristol Veterinary School, said “The syllabus is comprehensive because it gives regard to science as the route to the proper understanding of animals, ethics as the route to proper respect for animals, and professional training as the route to converting right thoughts into right action. A programme of study in animal welfare, involving formal teaching, practical experience and supervised self-education, is as essential to the veterinary curriculum as a programme in pathology or surgery.”

Dr. Michael Appleby, WSPA Policy Adviser, added “Growing interest in animal welfare generally, and the specific role veterinarians play at local, national and international level, have shaped policies and legislation worldwide.”

Jasmijn de Boo, WSPA Education Manager, concluded, “Animal welfare science does not feature prominently in some veterinary curricula. This resource, however, will help students and lecturers to impart knowledge, understanding and responsible attitudes towards animals, by stimulating critical thinking about issues, not only during formal training but throughout their veterinary career.”

The CD ROM has been sent to over 600 faculties and WSPA has organised workshops for over 450 veterinary institutes around the world since 2000.

For copies of Concepts in Animal Welfare and/or for further information, please contact: Jasmijn de Boo at: jasmijndeboo@wspa-international.org.

“COME FOR THE CONGRESS”



**Vancouver, Canada,
July 27-31, 2008**



“STAY FOR THE ADVENTURE”

The congress program lists a number of exciting day trips in the immediate Vancouver area. This will give you an opportunity to experience the local environment and culture, both modern and historic.

For those of you looking for something more extensive, pre and post congress tours are available. The Rocky Mountaineer Rail tour is a 4 day/3 night adventure. You will travel through the majestic Canadian Rocky Mountains and have an opportunity to spend two nights in world renowned Banff, Alberta. From there you will be transported to Calgary, Alberta for your schedule flight home or to other Canadian destinations.

Congress participants wanting to travel



north may decide to purchase the Alaska Cruise. This is a 7 day/7 night trip that cruise to Alaska through the Inside Passage, considered one of the world’s most scenic sea lanes. The scenery is spectacular with snowcapped mountains picturesque lighthouses and the presence of killer whales, sea lions and porpoises. The cruise ship dock in Vancouver is attached to the convention center where the World Veterinary Congress will take place.

Many other adventures await you. Please remember to plan in advance. Time is getting short so register now.

www.worldveterinarycongress2008.com



“One World – One Medicine – One Health”



The Official Opening Ceremony “One World – One Medicine – One Health” will be held on Monday, July 28 commencing at 8:00am with Dr. Leon Russell, President, World Veterinary Association presiding.



Keynote Speakers for the Opening Ceremony will be Drs. Bernard Vallat (France) and Brian Evans (Canada), as well as Drs. Lonnie King (USA) and Hugh Lewis (USA).

For the *Public Practice / Public Health* Tracks there are eight (8) to choose from which include Disease Surveillance, Biosecurity and Emergency Preparedness, Production Animal Welfare and Animal Care plus much more.

In the *Clinical Practice / Private Practice* Tracks there are twenty-five (25) excellent Small Animal Tracks to attend such as

Diagnostic Imaging, Dentistry, Oncology, Dermatology, Ophthalmology, Feline Medicine, Small Animal Forensics, etc. There will be four (4) Bovine Tracks with Bovine Virus Diarrhea, Bovine Theriogenology, Bovine Surgery and Pain Management etc.; four (4) Equine Tracks including Infectious and Emerging Diseases, Shock Wave Therapy and Joint Disease and Neonatal Medicine. There will be ten (10) in the Other Species Tracks (including Swine, Aquatic Animal Veterinary Medicine, Neonatal Medicine, Small Ruminants and Small Mammal Pets, etc.).

The Closing Ceremony Banquet to be held on Wednesday, July 30 will prove to be a spectacular event! Dr. Leon Russell will be Master of Ceremonies along with other dignitaries who will speak briefly during the evening.

The World Veterinary Congress 2011 will be hosted in Cape Town, South Africa from October 10 to 14. South Africa will make a presentation and provide the Banquet evening with authentic South African entertainment.

The World Veterinary Congress is one of the premier events of the Veterinary Profession worldwide. Come ‘Celebrate Our Diversity’!!

Please visit our website at www.worldveterinarycongress2008.com for full Congress details.



Dr. Duane Landals
Chair, WVAC Inc.



Dr. Jeanne Lofstedt
Scientific
Coordinator 2008

News from Mauritius Obituary

Dr. Antoine Darne, FRCVS, passed away at aged 94. Dr Darne attended the College of Agriculture of Mauritius in a village called Réduit from 1932 to 1935 where he became a laureate. He joined the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, London, U.K. and obtained his MRCVS diploma in 1940.

Dr. Darne returned to Mauritius and started private practice. In 1949, he joined the department of Agriculture at Réduit as Senior Veterinary Officer. He continued his studies, submitted his thesis in 1953 and obtained his FRCVS again from Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, London. Dr Darne was promoted in 1966 to Deputy Director and then Director of Agriculture Department. A brief biodata may be found at <http://mva.intnet.mu>



Dr. Ramchurn and Dr. Darne visiting the old slaughter plant at Curepipe where he used to work.

Dr. Darne has left behind him a wonderful career full of good memories of the veterinary profession in Mauritius. Along with Dr. Shuja (WVA News Letter April 2007) he will remain dear in the hearts of Mauritians.

Mauritius hosts SADC meeting on Epidemiology & Informatics

The Southern African Development Community (SADC) consists of 14 countries. Its objectives include regional economic integration, poverty alleviation, harmonization and rationalization of policies, and strategies for sustainable development in all areas including: the creation of a free trade area by 2008; establishment of a SADC customs union and implementation of a common external tariff by 2010; establishment of a SADC central bank and preparation for a single SADC currency by 2016; creation of a SADC regional development fund and self-financing mechanism by 2005 and a common market pact by 2012.

The meeting theme was “Epidemiology and Informatics” and included: an overview of Epidemiological information gathering & management; presentation of SADC Animal Health Yearbook; optimising data collection and analysis for better information; Livestock Information Management System (LIMS); demonstration and dissemination using SADC Animal Health Yearbook and LIMS Web GIS; epidemio-surveillance); Strategy and approaches, animal health modules; information dissemination to the public; the role of animal reservoir in the transmission of African human Trypanosomiasis.

Much emphasis was laid on the LIMS. This is a tool for collection, collation and analysis of livestock related data and sharing of information for decision making and planning.

**Report from Dr Ramdeo Ramchurn,
Councillor for Africa**

“**BVA Overseas Group**” WVA, together with representatives from other organizations, including the Commonwealth Veterinary Association and the International Veterinary Students Association, allocate funds in order to assist veterinary students in carrying out projects overseas. Emma Pearson, an undergraduate from Glasgow Veterinary school who was awarded a grant in 2007, presented an excellent example of the work that the Overseas travel grants support. By working in Tanzania and raising awareness of important diseases in Masai cattle such as East Coast Fever and by assisting with enhanced food security projects involving small scale poultry production, Emma will have encouraged other students to apply for assistance. For further information check:

www.bva.co.uk/profession/overseas/worldwide/OS-group.asp

Bob Stevenson (WVA Councillor Europe)

“One World – One Medicine – One Health”

Bovine: Dr. Michael Apley (USA) is a Kansas State University DVM with a PhD in physiology (pharmacology). He is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Clinical Pharmacology. Dr. Apley works with veterinarians throughout the United States concerning the use of drugs in food animals and also in the area of beef cattle health with an emphasis on feedlots. In addition, he teaches in the beef production medicine, large animal medicine and pharmacology courses. Dr. Apley’s presentations will be “Selecting and Understanding Antimicrobial Regimens in Cattle” and “Ancillary Therapy for Infectious Disease in Cattle – Is There Something Else We Should (or Shouldn’t) be Doing?”

Small Mammal Pets: Dr. Paul Flecknell (UK) qualified from Cambridge Veterinary School in 1976, is a Diplomate of the European Colleges of Veterinary Anaesthesia and the European College of Laboratory Animal Medicine. He is currently Director of the research animal facilities at the University of Newcastle. Dr. Flecknell’s sessions will be on “Pain Management in Small Mammal Pets” and “Techniques for Enhancing Anesthesia of Small Mammal Pets – An Update”.

Aquatic Animal Veterinary Medicine: Dr. Chris Walster (UK) graduated from Glasgow University in 1983. Having established a small animal practice resumed his interest in fish in 1996. The aquatic side of the practice focuses on ornamentals although through being a committee member of the Fish Veterinary Society in the UK and Secretary of the World Aquatic Veterinary Medical Association.

Recently Dr. Walster completed a Master’s in Veterinary Public Health which not only updated him on modern molecular diagnostic techniques, but also created an interest in epidemiology. The presentations will be “National / International Strategies V-Evolution of European Aquatic Animal Health Programs”, as well as “Aquatic Biologics and Therapeutics 1 – Availability, Accessibility and Advancement in European Aquatic Therapeutics and Biologies”.

Also a reminder that ‘on-line registration’ is open not only for Congress Registration but Hotel Accommodations as well. Don’t be disappointed book your hotel now! Some hotels are now sold out and the two co-host hotels (Pan Pacific and Fairmont Waterfront) are filling up quickly.

Come for the Congress! Stay for the Adventure!

New WVA members

- Federation of Veterinarians of Europe
- African Veterinary Association
- Europe-Arab Veterinary Association
- Syrian Veterinary Medical Association
- Saudi Veterinary Medical Society

Dr Jorna, Past President of the FVE, says that he is delighted that the FVE has become part of the WVA and is looking forward to contributing to the global work of the WVA.



Dr Jorna

North Africa Animal Health Centre Workshops

* High Pathogenic Avian Influenza and Wildlife Surveillance Workshop in Tunis with the participation of 40 delegates from 9 countries from the North and West Africa regions.

* Regional training workshop for the transboundary animal disease surveillance system at the veterinary faculty of Sidi Thabet, Tunis conducted by FAO experts for the Maghreb countries and Egypt

* Regional training on Communication for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Tunis from April 12 to 15 with FAO experts on the communication and Socio economics attended by representatives from ministries of agriculture, health and communications from Algeria, Libya, Egypt, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia.

During All these meetings Dr Faouzi Kechrid Regional Manager RAHC-NA and WVA Vice President promoted the WVA and the Vancouver WVC, July 2008.

While on a mission visit to Mauritania, Dr Kechrid met with the ministry of agriculture and the Livestock general Director and urged them to Join WVA after creating a new board council for the Mauritanian vets. 3rd African Veterinary Association Congress: Yaounde-Cameroun, March 17-19, 2009.

Cameroun is organizing the 3rd African Veterinary Association under the high patronage of the President of the Republic. A local and International organizing committees have been set and the programme is under preparation with the international organizations, regional associations and the drug companies. For more information please contact:

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40th Anniversary Celebrations of Kenya Veterinary Association

Kenya Veterinary Association celebrated its 40th anniversary from 23 to 28 July 2007. There was a national field day at Suswa

triangle at the junction between Narok, Naivasha and Kajiado Districts. Over 25000 animals were vaccinated against Foot and mouth disease, lumpy skin disease, while small stock were vaccinated against enterotoxaemia and dewormed.

On Tuesday 24th July 2007 a Special general meeting was held where about 100 veterinarians attended the meeting led by the KVA a chairman Dr Wanga with other members of the executive committee. Special guests were Dr Abed Bwanika president of the Uganda Veterinary Association and Dr Yasser Alian.

The main celebration took place at Pan Africa Hotel in Nairobi. The colourful ceremony was presided over by Hon Joseph Konzolo Munyao Minister of Livestock and Fisheries Development in the presence of Dr. Jacob Ole Miaron PS Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, Dr. Joseph Musaa Director of Veterinary Services, Dr. Christopher Wanga, Chairman KVA, Prof. Kanyari Dean Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Mr. Gem Kodhek co coordinator ASCU and the entire KVA executive. Dr. V. J. Varma presented the history of KVA in addition to other state of the industry presentations from Pharmaceuticals to other stake holders. The KVA hosted special guests Dr. Abed Bwanika, president of the Uganda Veterinary Association, Dr. Yasser Alian and Prof. Julla.

At a zoonosis field day in Maragua, over 1,000 animals were vaccinated against black quarter and anthrax and training of over 2,000 farmers was done on zoonosis control.

A poultry seminar was hosted by Nairobi branch lead by Dr. Joseph Odhiambo the branch chairman and Dr. Ndurumo. The KVA executive consisting of Dr. Wanga, Dr. Magero, Dr. Njagi and Dr. Onkundi participated. The guest of Honour was Dr. Josiah Mandieka MD of Ultimate Vet Serve.

A golf tournament at Vet Labs Golf Club attracted many entrants and was won by Dr. Mbaria of the KVA executive.

**Report from Dr. Christopher Wanga,
Chairman Kenya Veterinary Association.**

Congresses

Fourth African Veterinary Association Congress, Algiers, Algeria, May 2008

in conjunction with the Maghreb veterinary congress. Contact: Dr Faouzi Kechrid:

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76th General Session of the OIE 25-30 May 2008

OIE, Paris, France

More information at: <http://www.oie.int/>

International Symposium on Food Security and Climate Change June 24 to 27 Medina Hammamet, Tunisia

This event will gather international experts from the International organizations, the World Veterinary association, the Euro-Arab, and the African Veterinary Associations.

International Workshop on Risk Analysis and Risk Management

June 21-24 at the Tunis veterinary faculty of Sidi Thabet. This workshop is organized by the regional animal health centres of Bamako and Tunis and the collaboration of the veterinary faculty of Sidi Thabet.

2008 International Companion Animal exhibition Scientific Meeting

Organized by Association Tunisienne des vétérinaires pour Animaux de Compagnie in Medina Hammamet with the participation of selected dogs and cats and their owners.

This event is very popular in Tunisia and gathers young students and their families and is covered by international, national and regional media. Gifts and awards are delivered to the best dogs, cats and owners.

Annual Congress and General Assembly of the Euro-Arab Veterinary Association

June 25th and 26th in Tunisia, Yasmine Hammamet. For more information please visit the Website: euroarabveterinaryassociation.org

An Extraordinary Arab Federation Meeting is planned for June 26th In Hammamet, Tunisia with the participation of the General Federation of Arab Veterinarians and the Union of Arab veterinarians.

16th International Congress on Animal Reproduction



The Hungarian Society for Animal Reproduction and the local organizing committee cordially invite you to participate in the 16th International Congress on Animal Reproduction to be held 13-17 July 2008 in Budapest, Hungary.

Website: www.icar2008.org

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The Second OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare "Putting the OIE standards to work" 20-22 October 2008

Cairo, Egypt. More information at: http://www.oie.int/eng/A_AW2008/home.htm

15th Congress of the Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations 27-28-29 October 2008.

Congress activities will take place at the Central World Hotel and Convention Center, Bangkok, Thailand. For more information, please visit: <http://www.fava2008.com/>

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VVA to Commemorate the 150th Anniversary at 2013 World Veterinary Congress