



# World Veterinary Association

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## Newsletter

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Dear colleagues and friends of the WVA.

This year of 2008 promises important achievements in the life of the WVA. First of all, the WVA was founded 145 years ago to promote professional development of the global veterinary profession through the World Veterinary Congress. This year we will have the 29<sup>th</sup> World Veterinary Congress. Dr. Duane Landals, Chair of the WVC29, has a fine reminder in this newsletter. I cannot say enough about the excellent educational program that will be offered in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

The WVC-29 program also reflects some of the progress that has been accomplished on the WVA Roadmap, a 3-year WVA strategic plan that was developed in October 2005. For example, there is an excellent WVC-29 program on “animal welfare”, one of the nine goals of the Roadmap. Another goal was to increase the WVA activity within special “international organizations” such as the OIE. The OIE is a supporting organization and an active participant of the WVC-29. Also, another sign of global cooperation was the signing of an agreement with the OIE for the joint WVA/OIE World Veterinary Day Award.

In the same area of international cooperation is the WVA as part of the Alliance for Rabies Control which produced a very successful 1<sup>st</sup> World Rabies Day in 2007. The 2008 World Rabies day will be on September 8<sup>th</sup>, and the WVA will support the activity.

Another roadmap goal was a “global accreditation” system for veterinary faculties. This goal became more than we could achieve at this time; however, a list of all veterinary faculty of the world is a first step, and we have gotten a good start on that with the cooperation of the AVMA and FAO. The current list is posted on the WVA website. Our next step is to develop a cooperative program with the OIE and the FAO.

Another goal was encouraging “good veterinary practice”. The first step was to develop a global veterinary practice code or oath. After a survey of the “veterinary codes or oaths” of all WVA national members, it was decided to renew the 1995 WVA Veterinary Oath and recommend it to all WVA members.

This newsletter itself is evidence of Roadmap results, namely to increase WVA “communications”, which included the objective of a WVA Newsletter four times a year. Also within the Newsletter, the “membership services” goal is addressed. This is through the listing meeting announcements for WVA and Associate Members’; examples are the Indian

Veterinary Conference and the Fourth African Veterinary Association Congress. I should mention this Roadmap productivity is from the collective and individual work of several people, and limited space here does not allow me to mention each and every one. In closing, I would like to congratulate the Sudan Veterinary Association and Professor Hashim Elhadi, SVA President, on the SVA’s 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Also, I have sincere appreciation of their long term and continued annual celebration of World Veterinary Day. Keep up the good work!

Thank all of you for the support of the WVA and its Newsletter.  
Leon Russell,  
WVA President

### World Veterinary Day – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April



The theme for the World Veterinary Day 2008 will be “**The diversity of the veterinary profession**” and the first WVA-OIE World Veterinary Day Award will be given at the 29th World Veterinary Congress in Vancouver on 27-31 July 2008.

The WVA and the OIE have agreed on the creation of the joint 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.

A total of \$US1,000 prize money will be donated equally by WVA and OIE to the Award winner. The toolkit for applicants can be requested to the World Veterinary Association at [bs@emdrupvej28a.dk](mailto:bs@emdrupvej28a.dk).

Applications should be submitted by 1 April 2008.

National veterinary associations that celebrate World veterinary day alone or in cooperation with others can participate in the competition.

Events could be public events organised with support of the media, open days, competitions or any event that could create attention and get messages out to a large number of people.

The messages to be conveyed are:

1. Strengthen the veterinary profession and national Veterinary Services, as defined by the OIE, to secure the planet against natural or intentional biological disasters.
2. Animal production food safety: the role of the veterinarian at the farm, at abattoirs and agro-industries, throughout the entire food system.
3. Veterinarians in the provision of animal health services.
4. National veterinary associations: the role of the private veterinarian and his/her relationship to the national veterinary services.

## 29<sup>th</sup> World Veterinary Congress



Vancouver, Canada,  
July 27-31, 2008

The arrival of 2008 should serve as notice that the 29<sup>th</sup> World Veterinary Congress is rapidly approaching. I would like to take this time to remind you that the **EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE is 04 APRIL 2008**. Please consider registration before this time and take advantage of the registration fee discounts. Registration may be done on the congress web site [www.worldveterinarycongress2008.com](http://www.worldveterinarycongress2008.com) and this is where you need to go to review the program content. The web site is updated regularly and will provide you with a very current look at the congress's outstanding program and list of exceptional speakers. Our invitation to the congress concludes with the statement "**COME FOR THE CONGRESS, STAY FOR THE ADVENTURE**". I hope you will give this serious consideration. The congress provides an excellent opportunity for education and interaction with veterinarians from around the world. Equally valuable is the opportunity Canada provides for an extended visit and vacation. The 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 scheduled 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.

I am looking forward to greeting you in Vancouver.

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Chair,  
29<sup>th</sup> World Veterinary Congress  
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VVA to Commemorate the 150th Anniversary at 2013 World Veterinary Congress



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## Diamond Jubilee for Sudan Veterinary Medical Association (1946 – 2007)

The Sudan Veterinary Medical Association (SVMA) celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Khartoum from 7 to 9 December 2007. On Friday 7 December professional meetings included:

- a) 20<sup>th</sup> Conference of the General Federation of Arab Veterinarians (GFAV)
- b) 11<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Euro-Arab Veterinary Association (EAVA)
- c) 6<sup>th</sup> Conference of the African Veterinary Association (AVA)

On Saturday 8 December, the celebrations started with an official opening ceremony held at Friendship Hall where 1110 participants from Sudan and 47 visitors from eighteen countries gathered. It was marked by the presence of His Excellency Dr. Nafei Ali Nafei, Assistant of the President of the Republic of Sudan.

Dr. Nafei emphasized on the role of the veterinarians to face the challenge of globalisation and the upgrade of the animal wealth sector to boost up the economy of Sudan that has over 130 million heads of animals. Indeed, figures show that in 2002, Sudan had 35 million heads of cattle, 42 million sheep, 36 goats and 3 million camels.

The Federal Minister of Animal Resources and Fisheries, Brigadier General (Rtd) Galwak Deng urged on the necessity of herd rehabilitation among the shepherd community. The control and prevention of Rift Valley Fever was also his preoccupation.

Prof Hashim Mohammed El Hadi gave a vivid account of the history of the SVMA and saluted the efforts of pioneers who founded the association 60 years ago. He

congratulated all Sudanese veterinarians for their contributions despite the constraints of limited infrastructures and facilities.

The Secretary General of GFAV, Dr. Abdul Rahman Mohammed Sheleid, from Libya wished further strengthening of ties among Arab veterinarians under existing circumstances of world veterinary competition.

The General Secretary of EAVA, Dr Francisco Orozco of Spain, expressed his satisfaction of the good relations that existed among the veterinarians of European and Arab nations. While presenting his best wishes to the SVMA he emphasized on the continuing efforts being made to improve co-operation and trade within the Euro-Arab world.

The representative of AVA, Dr Christopher Wanga of Kenya, saw the veterinarians of Africa playing a greater role in joining hands to solve their common problems. He also appealed for more active participation of African countries to promote development in veterinary fields.

Dr Herbert Schneider of Namibia and Immediate Past President of WVA was the official representative of WVA. In his message, he acknowledged with gratitude the commitment of SVMA to further the development of veterinary profession in Sudan through the participation in the Annual World Veterinary Day celebrations. He gave an historical account of WVA since 1863 and expanded on the new and exciting challenges facing our profession at the start of the new millennium. He said that “veterinarians have a broad spectrum of expertise that enables them to contribute effectively to wide ranging activities such as food safety, zoonosis control and public

health, bio-security, trans-boundary animal diseases control and eradication, animal welfare, biomedical research and environmental protection". He saw the vision of the profession in seeking excellence through continuing education and continuing professional development.

Dr Schneider said it was a distinct honour and privilege to congratulate the SVMA, all its members for their proud achievement.

The World Veterinary Association is very proud to have the Sudan Veterinary Association as our member for more than 4 decades.

Equally we acknowledge with gratitude your commitment to further the development of the veterinary profession in Sudan through active participation in the annual World Veterinary Day celebrations, as well as by furthering Continuous Professional Development as recent as at the 17th Scientific Conference in the State of Gadarif.

World Veterinary Day (WVD), in which the Sudan Veterinary Association has been actively participating in recent years, is a new WVA communication initiative. Introduced in 2001, the annual event is receiving good support and a highlight will be the 1st WVD WVA-OIE Award for the best WVD initiative by a WVA Member Country.

However, on national level these challenges are often far greater and demand pro-active and personal commitments. The 60-year old history of the Sudan Veterinary Association is a prime example of dedication and commitment by a great number of veterinarians to serve the profession and your country to the best of their abilities and maintaining high scientific and ethical standards.

Dr. Schneider chaired a Scientific Session on Animal Diseases during the SVMA Anniversary Congress and was honoured to

participate in a number of award ceremonies during the Congress.



Dr. Schneider presenting the WVA plaque to Professor Hashim Elhadi, President of the Sudan Veterinary Association and WVA Councillor (Africa), Khartoum

After the ceremony, the chief guest inaugurated an exhibition displaying various aspects in the fields of veterinary sciences, animal production, and marketing of animals, their products & by-products. The exhibition involved the participation of 26 companies and institutions.

The scientific programme was managed under the motto: **“The Role of the Veterinarian in Health, Welfare of Man & Animals”** with four themes, namely:

1. Zoonotic diseases and food safety
2. Welfare of man and animals
3. Veterinary Education
4. Use of veterinary drugs

In addition, 18 posters were presented at the scientific meetings.

The events ended on Sunday evening of 9 December with a grandiose gathering of participants for the farewell celebration at the club of SVMA. It started with a musical performance accompanied by professional dances with active participation of delegates. Prizes were awarded to winners of various competitions. Certificates and gifts were generously distributed to distinguished local delegates and guests from abroad. The party was crowned by a gorgeous feast.



During the celebration, a commemorative shield was presented by Dr Ramchurn in his capacity as WVA Councillor for Africa to SVMA in the hands of Prof. El Hadi.

In addition to the Boat trip on the river Nile the visiting delegates were spoilt by a visit into the desert to see the royal city of Meroe and the Meroe Pyramids. They were taken by a special airplane to see the largest dam in Sudan.

Dr Yasser Yousuf Alian, Executive Secretary of SVMA, drove Dr Fransisco

Orozco and Dr Ramdeo Ramchurn on a guided tour in three states South of Khartoum, namely El Gezeira, Sennar and White Nile. In El Gezeira they had the opportunity to visit the Medani Teaching Vet Hospital and exchanged views with high officials there. In Sinnar, they met the Vice-Chancellor of Sinnar University, Dr Mohammed Warrag Omer, to whom Dr Ramchurn presented a book for the University Library. They also paid a courtesy visit to Hon. Dr Sharaf Eldien Hagow, Minister of Agriculture, Animal Resources & Irrigation of Sennar State. In White Nile State, a visit to the General Animal Resources Directorate was organized to meet officials of top management.

It was a memorable stay in Sudan - once in a lifetime.

Report from Dr. Herbert Schneider, WVA Past-President and Dr. Ramdeo Ramchurn WVA Councillor for Africa.

### WVA Council to meet in March

Dr Leon Russell, WVA President has announced that the 16th WVA Council meeting will be held in Athens, Greece, on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> of March, 2008.

Council members have been invited to attend the 14-16 March 2008 meeting planned and organized by the HVMS branches of Production Animals, and Food Hygiene & Technology on behalf of the Hellenic Veterinary Medical Society (HVMS).

### “One World – One Medicine – One Health”



The World Veterinary Congress is one of the premier events of the veterinary profession worldwide. The veterinary

profession is as exciting and varied as are the multitude of individuals who compose its membership.

The Keynote Speakers will be Drs. Bernard Vallat (France), Brian Evans (Canada), Lonnie King (USA) and Hugh Lewis (USA).

Please continue to visit the Web site at [www.worldveterinarycongress2008.com](http://www.worldveterinarycongress2008.com) for updates.

**Come for the Congress, Stay for the Adventure!**

## The 36<sup>th</sup> Taiwan Veterinary Day



Dr. Johnson Chiang, President of TVMA

The 36<sup>th</sup> Taiwan Veterinary Day was held on January 6, 2008 by Johnson Chiang, President of Taiwan Veterinary Medical Association. There was a big celebration and Animal Health Protection Forum on the day.

Around 900 vets and dependents from over the island participated and enjoy the Taiwan Veterinary day. Dr. Watson Sung, General Director of The Bureau of Animal Health Inspection and Quarantine on behalf of Government Agriculture Authority appreciated our veterinarians' dedication and contribution on effort to control Foot and Mouth Disease and Mad Cow Disease as well as Bird flu, which occurs in neighboring countries. He wished we should work hand on hand to keep on fighting against those diseases.

On the day, we invited two speakers: National Taiwan University Professor and Chairman Chen-Hsuan Liu, Department of Veterinary Medicine, and Behavior Training Ms Wendy Ma, Certified Pet Dog Trainer to give a lecture on How to create the relationships among Owner, trainer, and Dog. This is a lesson for us on animal protection.



6<sup>th</sup> from left, Dr. Watson Sung, General Director of The Bureau of Animal Health Inspection and Quarantine presented senior veterinary service award plaques

Dr. Watson Sung presented Banners for the 30 and 50 years for who are practicing on veterinary services, presented the four Achievers on fulfill of officer on disease control, education, clinical research and promoter winners.

The Bureau of Animal Health Inspection and Quarantine presented award winners on the 2006 year of city and county animal diseases control center on Hog Cholera and Foot mouth Disease eradication program. The winners of environment sanitary on animal stocking station and slaughter house vehicles and transportation equipments.

Finally, The Tainan County Veterinary Medical Association will be the hosted of 37th Taiwan Veterinary Day 2009.

The participants enjoyed the Yilan traditional roast duck with red rice wine (gan bai), and traditional songs and dances.

For each Veterinarians' will enrich our role to human being for food safety from farm to table.

Report by Dr Johnson Chiang  
WVA Vice-President

## Congresses

### Indian Veterinary Conference 22-24 February 2008

8th Indian Veterinary Congress & XVth Annual Conference of IAAVR and National Symposium on "Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) in Veterinary Research and Education Sector" is being organized by Faculty of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, West Bengal University of Animal and Fishery Sciences and Indian Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Research (IAVR) at Kolkata (West Bengal).

Further details can be obtained from:  
Prof. Amalendu Chakrabarti, Dean & Organizing Secretary, Faculty of Veterinary Science, West Bengal University of Animal & Fishery Science, 37, Belgachia Road, Kolkata-70037

### 2nd International Symposium of Veterinary Surgery (ISVS) 21-24 April 2008

Iranian Veterinary Surgery Association (IVSA) in cooperation with Shahid Bahonar University of Kerman has planned to organize the 2nd ISVS (International Symposium of Veterinary Surgery), and the 7th ISVSAR (Iranian Symposium of Veterinary Surgery, Anesthesia and Radiology) at Shahid Bahonar University of Kerman, Kerman, Iran.

For more information please visit the symposium website at: [www.isvs2008.ir](http://www.isvs2008.ir)  
We look forward to seeing you in Kerman!

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

in conjunction with the Maghreb veterinary congress. Contact: Dr Faouzi Kechrid:  
[faouzikechrid@yahoo.fr](mailto:faouzikechrid@yahoo.fr)

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

OIE, Paris, France  
More information at: <http://www.oie.int/>

### 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.

The deadline for early bird registration is 29 February 2008.  
Website: [www.icar2008.org](http://www.icar2008.org)

### 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](http://www.oie.int/eng/A_AW2008/home.htm)

### 15<sup>th</sup> 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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