Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends,

Our profession will soon be welcoming a new challenge with the celebration of the 150th anniversary and the organisation of the 31st World veterinary congress and the 2nd WVA Summit in Prague from the 17th to 20th September 2013. This world event will also honour a distinguished veterinary colleague with the prestigious John Gamgee Award and will deliver the 2013 World Veterinary Day award.

The WVA has been very active during this mid-term and attended some important events to better promote the veterinary profession in these countries and
strengthen the links and close collaboration with its members.

During these events, the WVA announced and explained the proposed changes and amendments at the WVA Constitution and By-laws, and the draft revised Constitution and By-laws were sent to all the WVA members and to the past presidents for comments before their review and voting at the Prague President’s Assembly in due time in order to keep the need of a cohesion into our profession.

At this occasion, I wish that all our WVA members and particularly the presidents of our associations and esteemed delegates to the Presidents’ Assembly in Prague will review and analyse all the proposed amendments for the benefit of our profession and for a better future.

The WVA vision for the future is to be the voice of the global veterinary profession and all countries in the world shall have well functioning veterinary services that shall meet the needs of society and that are valued by society.

Also there shall exist a strong united global veterinary community, ensuring that veterinary services have sufficient resources that are staffed with veterinarians, who are properly educated and licensed by the legal authority to practice veterinary medicine.

Last week the WVA EXCOM attended the American Veterinary Medical Association AVMA annual convention in Chicago and shared the successful AVMA 150 years celebration and strengthened the close collaboration for a bright future for our profession.

I took the opportunity to address the participants and promoted the 31st World veterinary congress and the 2nd World veterinary Summit and international animal welfare seminar to be held in Prague from the 17th to 20th September 2013.

It’s my pleasure to welcome all of you to save the date and to attend our 150th anniversary of the WVA in the beautiful and historical city of Prague.

See you in Prague and celebrate our 150 years anniversary.

Dr. Faouzi Kechrid
President
World Veterinary Association
The World Veterinary Congress is going to open its gates in Prague Congress Centre / Czech Republic on 17th September this year.

But it’s quite a long story! For the first time we started to think about it was sometime in 2003, more than 10 years ago!

Since then we have passed a long journey together, over the first presentations to the WVA Council to the winning bid for the congress for the year 2013. And now – here we are - the golden heart of the central Europe just in front of you.

In Prague World Veterinary Congress we shall also celebrate 150 years of the World Veterinary Association.

All our team is doing its best to make this special event the real success and enjoyable stay for all Congress participants.

Finalizing the organisation of the Prague Congress we also attempt to show that experienced PCO with history and proven quality might be an excellent option for the organisation of similar WVA events in future. With added benefits, coming from longer term partnership.

Come to Prague - we need all your support to gain the top prize.

Karel Daniel (WVC 2013 President) says: “We are looking forward to meet you at the 31st World Veterinary Congress in Prague. Hosting the Congress is indeed enormous privilege for us. Welcome to Prague – the golden city of a hundred spires. Welcome to big scientific and social event.”

Zuzana Šeps (WVC 2013 General Manager) adds: “We also wish every participant to have a great time at the Congress but also to find some space to explore beautiful city of Prague and Central Europe.”
Jan Bernardy (WVC 2013 Scientific Committee Chair) resumes: “The scientific program is carefully considered to give participants choice in eleven streams, all with big names, but also with independent experts presenting results of latest scientific research. And the World Summit on top – well, the big world class event is just in front of us.”

Martin Sekyra (GUARANT International CEO) remarks: “We’ve used to work a lot with medical professions. Vets are completely different. We enjoy exploring this experience further.”

“We all are very much looking forward to meeting you this September in Prague!”

Sincerely Yours,

WVC 2013 Organizing Committee and GUARANT International Team

Website: www.wvc2013.com
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Registration – on-line form is available on www.wvc2013.com/en/registration

Accommodation – list of pre-reserved hotels at special rates and their descriptions are published on www.wvc2013.com/en/accommodation

Scientific Programme – interesting topics in 11 streams, for more information please see www.wvc2013.com/en/scientific-programme
WVC 2013 Sightseeing Tours

Come to Prague and enjoy excellent trips and tours!

Participants and accompanying persons are cordially invited for tours that are arranged specially for delegates of the World Veterinary Congress 2013.

Visit some nice places in Prague as well as interesting castles and monuments in other cities close to the capital. Some of the famous sites are listed below:

Prague Castle

The seat of Czech President, includes the Royal Palace, the residence of the kings of Bohemia with its famous Vladislav Hall, St Vitus Cathedral from the 14th century, St George’s Basilica with its treasure of old Czech art, baroque paintings and sculpture, and Golden Lane, once inhabited also by the famous writer Franz Kafka. You may get the opportunity to admire a variety of architectural styles, showing the progress of European architecture throughout the centuries.

Prague’s Jewish Ghetto

The ancient heart of the city – the Old Town was settled more than 1000 years ago. This area includes Powder Gate, the Old Town Square with its beautiful houses, palaces and churches of various architectural styles, and with the famous astronomical clock. Jewish Quarter is the home of Prague’s Jewish ghetto in the Middle Ages with the impressive Old Jewish Cemetery, Europe’s oldest synagogue – the Gothic-style Old New Synagogue, the High Synagogue, the Town Hall, the Pinkas Synagogue and the Ceremonial Hall with its collection of children’s art from the Terezin concentration camp.

Art Nouveau Prague

Acquaint yourself with the works of the great Czech artist Alfons Mucha (1860 – 1939). The exhibition is located in Kaunitz Palace, in the very heart of Prague. The Municipal House – Prague’s most prominent Art Nouveau building stands on the site of the former Royal Court Palace, the residence of Czech kings between 1383 and 1485. The interior of the building was decorated by leading Czech artists of the last decade of the 19th century, including Alfons Mucha.

There are numerous smaller halls, as well as cafés and restaurants, where visitors can relax and appreciate the centre’s flamboyant Art Nouveau decorations.
Karlstejn Castle and Konopiste Chateau

The romantic Konopiste chateau was built in the late 13th century in the “French-fortress” style. Its last owner was Archduke Franz Ferdinand d’Este, successor to the Austrian throne assassinated in Sarajevo in 1914. The chateau is situated in a lovely park and houses extensive collections of historical weapons, furnishings, late-Gothic sculptures, paintings, rare tapestries and innumerable hunting trophies.

Build in the 14th century, the Karlstejn Castle is an important historical site and the place where Czech coronation jewels and the relics of the Holy Roman Emperor Charles IV are deposited. Set in a beautiful romantic countryside, it is one of the most visited castles in the Czech Republic.

South Bohemia Castles – Hluboka and Cesky Krumlov

Long generations of visitors agree on one characteristic of this region: it is a place to which everybody loves to return. The region has both historical monuments and natural beauty, everything that will make your holiday a pleasant experience, both in summer and winter. There are more than 15,000 works of architecture in South Bohemia, especially castles, chateaus, monasteries and towns of immense artistic and historical value.

Hluboka Chateau – this beautiful neo-Gothic chateau in the Tudor style overlooking the river Vltava, was founded in the 13th century. It houses rich collections of tapestries, woodcarvings, china, pictures and old weapons. It is surrounded by a large English-style park.

Cesky Krumlov – this UNESCO-listed town is considered the best-preserved Renaissance town in Central Europe. The well-preserved medieval houses of its ancient town centre lie on bank of the Vltava river, while its magnificent castle, second in scale only to Prague, dominates the other. Historical records mention the castle for the first time in 1253. You can admire its baroque, Renaissance and rococo interiors as well as the castle gardens with Pavillon Bellaria and the castle theatre.

Karlovy Vary

The most famous West Bohemian spa town Karlovy Vary (Karlovy) was founded in the 14th century by Karel (Charles) IV, king of Bohemia. You can taste mineral water from 12 curative thermal springs, admire the beauty of both the ancient and modern colonnades, and purchase some of the typical Karlovy souvenirs, such as special wafers, Moser porcelain and glass, or the Becherovka liqueur, also known as the thirteenth curative spring of Karlsbad. The Karlovy spa is well known for its successful treatment of gastrointestinal diseases and metabolic and endocrinal disorders. The tour includes city sightseeing and a visit to the Becherovka factory, where all participants can taste this fine liqueur.

Many more sites can be explored by the time of the WVC 2013 Congress.

Welcome and enjoy yourself!

For more information please join Congress website at:
**News**

**Vets among the most trusted professions**

Source: [Australian Veterinary Association](https://www.australianvet.org)

Veterinarians have once again been voted in the top ten of Australia’s most trusted professionals in the 2013 Reader’s Digest poll.

Dr Ben Gardiner, President of the Australian Veterinary Association said that pets are increasingly valued as important family members and owners depend on their vets to monitor the health of their loved furry friends.

“Australia is the highest pet-owning country in the world along with the USA, with 60 per cent of households owning pets. There are more than three million dogs and two million cats in Australia.

“Advancements in both research and technology have allowed vets to provide animals with better healthcare and prolong their life through surgical procedures and medication,” Dr Gardiner said.

“Vets are also of enormous assistance to farmers; they help ensure food is safe to eat, help farmers increase production and promote the welfare of farm animals.

“Vets are also at the forefront of detection and response to endemic and exotic animal diseases, including foot-and-mouth disease and zoonotic diseases that cross between animals and humans such as the Hendra virus.”

Veterinarians are highly skilled. It takes around five or six years of study to complete a veterinary science degree and they learn about all species of animals as part of their training.

“Whether working with much-loved pets, valuable horses, in animal agriculture, or donating their services to treat injured wildlife, vets offer Australian animals and their owners a reliable, valuable service that can’t be replaced. So it’s really of no surprise that they are recognised as one of the most trusted professions,” he said.

Veterinarians have been voted in the Reader’s Digest top ten most trusted professions for the last three years.

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**Canadian Veterinary Medical Association Conference**

Victoria, Canada, July 9th – 12th, 2013

I was very pleased to represent the World Veterinary Association (WVA), on behalf of our president, Dr. Faouzi Kechrid, at the annual Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) conference. This event was held in the beautiful west Canadian coastal city of Victoria. The CVMA has a long history of providing an excellent opportunity to deliver continuing education to veterinarians and to bring leaders in the veterinary community together for the betterment of the profession generally. This year was an exceptional event and was hosted alongside the yearly meeting of the International Veterinary Officers Consortium (IVOC).

Through kind invitation of CVMA president, Dr. Jim Fairles, I was permitted time on the busy agenda of the CVMA Council to bring an update from the WVA. This provided an opportunity to describe the proposed amendments to the WVA constitution and to outline the reasons for the changes. Not only was this message delivered to the CVMA Council but also to other international veterinary officers in attendance.
These included: Douglas Aspros, President American VMA; Ron De Haven, Executive Director American VMA; Ben Gardiner, Past-President, Australia VMA; Carl Padgett, President, British VMA; Riaan du Preez, President South African VMA and Walt Ingwersen, Vice-President World Small Animal VMA.

It is hoped that by being able to reach this large representation of WVA members, I have been able to present the new constitution, answer questions and garner support for its adoption at the Presidents Assembly in Prague, this September.

The 2013 CVMA Summit of Veterinary Leaders was called “The Two Edged Sword: Animal Welfare in Veterinary Practice”. This provided an excellent overview of the challenges faced by the veterinary community in living up to societies expectations regarding animal welfare issues. I was very pleased to present the topic of addressing the roles of regulators, governing bodies and large animal practitioners.

The entire session provided great food for thought and will continue to stimulate discussion into the future.

I would like to congratulate the Canadian VMA on a very successful, enjoyable and meaningful conference.

Dr. Duane Landals
Vice President,
World Veterinary Association

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**Veterinarians Awarded in Queen's Birthday Honours**

Source: Australian Veterinary Association

The outstanding contributions of three veterinarians were recognised over the weekend as the Queen’s Birthday Honours list was announced.

Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) spokesperson, Dr Julia Nicholls, said she was excited to see the calibre of the recipients again this year, highlighting the essential role vets play in the community, in animal welfare issues and for the safety and security of the country.

“Dr Kevin Doyle and Dr Patricia Ellis were named as Members (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia and Dr Paul Davey was awarded the Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia in the General Division. This is an outstanding achievement for these dedicated professionals,” Dr Nicholls said.

“I am proud to know them all personally and to have worked closely with them.”

Dr Kevin Doyle was awarded an AM ‘for significant service to veterinary science and to animal health programs’.
“Since joining the AVA as National Veterinary Director in 1997, Dr Doyle has worked tirelessly to put veterinary issues on the national political agenda, and to advance animal health and welfare at global and local levels,” Dr Nicholls said.

Based in Canberra, Dr Doyle has been Chairman of the CSIRO Australian Animal Health Laboratory Security Assessment Group since 1982. He is also a member of the Quarantine and Animal Health Task Force and has been on the Australian Animal Welfare Advisory Committee since 2005.

**Dr Patricia Ellis** received an AM ‘for significant service to veterinary science particularly through the development of quarantine and biosecurity protocols in the equine industry’.

“Patricia was the first female president of Equine Veterinarians Australia, a special interest group of the AVA, back in 1992, and it’s wonderful to see her many years of dedication rewarded so deservedly.”

Dr Ellis has been involved in national and international committees. Her roles include Member of the Horse Industry Consultative Committee for the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry from 2008 – 2011, and a member of the Expert Panel for the Import Risk Analysis for Horses from Approved Countries. She was also the Horse Industry Representative for the Consultative Committee on Emergency Animal diseases in 2007.

**Dr Paul Davey** was awarded an OAM ‘for service to veterinary science’.

“Dr Davey has taken a leading role for the association and the profession in Western Australia. As well as being President of the Western Australian Division of the AVA, he has long championed the need for personal support for veterinarians in their working lives. His dedication to mentoring new graduates, and promoting suicide prevention have touched the lives of many, many veterinarians,” said Dr Nicholls.
Preventing and controlling health risks associated with globalisation

Dr Bernard Vallat
Director General, OIE

The national Veterinary Services include official veterinarians assisted by veterinarians working in private sector. The Veterinary Services are crucial for the prevention, early detection and control of animal diseases, including those transmissible to humans (zoonoses). They play an essential role in all countries and are in the forefront when it comes to ensuring animal health, food security and food safety, thereby helping to protect public health.

This crucial role was again demonstrated recently during the emergence of the influenza A(H7N9) virus strain in China in spring 2013: the Chinese Veterinary Services played a large part in helping to contain a potentially very serious human epidemic.

The control measures taken in China from the very first suspicions that the virus was of avian origin clearly demonstrate the importance of early detection and a rapid response to sanitary events by acting directly on the animal source. These measures, including control of live animal markets and the destruction of infected animals, led to a sharp decline of the human epidemic in just a few weeks.

This example is a perfect illustration of the approach that should be adopted, in strict compliance with the provisions of the OIE International Animal Health Code, whenever a contagious animal disease occurs anywhere in the world.

Now, at a time of unprecedented globalisation of pathogenic microorganisms, it is more than ever appropriate to promote the importance of these animal disease prevention and control measures implemented by effective national Veterinary Services, and to recognise their crucial role in protecting public health.

The OIE has adopted and published international standards to ensure the quality of governance of the Veterinary Services, and it implements programmes throughout the world to help its Member Countries apply them. Using the PVS Pathway (PVS: Performance of Veterinary Services), the OIE works tirelessly to bring national Veterinary Services into line with international standards of quality democratically adopted by all.

It is important to remember that these international standards also enable countries wishing to export animals and animal products to access the most lucrative regional and international markets, from which they might be excluded due to the presence of animal diseases on their territory or due to the quality of their Veterinary Services not complying with OIE standards.

The arsenal of measures available to OIE Member Countries to ensure the sanitary safety of, and access to, international trade in animals and animal products (eggs, milk, meat) also includes official recognition by the World Assembly of national Delegates of OIE Member Countries of the health status of countries, or zones within countries, with regard to certain specific priority diseases. This official recognition, which follows a strict procedure, can be seen as an international standard, to be recognised by all trading partners. Consequently, any non-acceptance of a sanitary status published in accordance with this procedure would have to be scientifically justified by the importing country in question.

Thanks to the concept of “zoning”, this procedure also helps countries, where a single zone is affected by a disease subject to official recognition, to maintain or facilitate their access to international markets for animals and
animal products from the remaining, unaffected part of their national territory.

Members can also ask for the recognition of zones free from disease within an infected country.

Since being introduced in May 1994 for foot and mouth disease (FMD), the OIE procedure for official recognition has been extended to include official recognition of the status of countries or zones with respect to rinderpest, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, bovine spongiform encephalopathy and, since 2012, African horse sickness. This year, the possibility for Member Countries to have their disease status officially recognised by the OIE World Assembly has been further extended to include peste des petits ruminants and classical swine fever.

The OIE has also strengthened this procedure to provide support for Member Countries not yet in a position to apply for an official status and to help them with controlling certain specific diseases. For instance, Member Countries may now, if they wish, submit their national control programmes for FMD and peste des petits ruminants for comment and, where appropriate, official endorsement by the OIE. This procedure enables Veterinary Services to seek the required funding for control and eradication programmes for FMD and peste des petits ruminants from their government or the international community of public or private donors. The procedure is fully in line with the programmes currently being implemented by the OIE and FAO aimed at worldwide control of both these diseases.

To help them with their work of preventing and controlling animal diseases, OIE Member Countries will always find relevant technical and organisational information in the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code and Aquatic Animal Health Code, which detail international standards, including both horizontal standards (such as quality of national Veterinary Services and procedures for certifying the sanitary safety of products) and vertical standards (specific provisions on controlling risks relating to each OIE-listed animal disease).


Lastly, on behalf of its 178 Member Countries the OIE organises continuous training and support programmes to facilitate the application of standards adopted by all.

Thus, through all the mechanisms that the OIE offers its Member Countries, animal diseases around the world are on the decline and sanitary crises are becoming less frequent despite globalisation, and at the same time public health is being strengthened.

First e-books of popular FAO titles now online

FAO has launched its first e-books, featuring bestselling titles from the world of food, agriculture and hunger eradication. For now, the first titles are available for free download in formats compatible with major e-readers and tablets (iPad, Kindle, Kobo, Nook, Sony Reader and others) at the Organization's publications page (at: www.fao.org/publications/e-book-collection/en/). More free publications will be uploaded during a pilot phase that will continue until later this year. Eventually, the books will be available from e-book stores. "Offering selected titles in the increasingly popular e-book format is an important step forward," said Rachel Tucker, FAO acting publishing chief. "FAO's wealth of information on food, agriculture and hunger eradication will now be available in a format requested by a growing number of our audiences."

FAO's first e-books are available in English with other languages to follow.
Nobel Laureate Joins One Health Initiative Honorary Advisory Board

Source:

Editorial note: Dr Peter Doherty was awarded an Honorary Membership of the World Veterinary Association in 1997.

Dr. Doherty shared the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1996 with his Swiss colleague, physician Dr. Rolf Zinkernagel, for their discovery of how the immune system recognizes virus-infected cells. Not long after, he began commuting between St Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee (USA) and the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Melbourne. His specific research interests are in Cell-mediated immunity, T cell recognition and repertoire, Immunological tolerance, Viral immunology, Immunopathology and Immune memory.

Dr. Doherty graduated from Australia’s University of Queensland in Veterinary Science. He received his PhD in pathology from the University of Edinburgh (Scotland) Medical School in 1970. He has written/co-authored 387 scientific publications to date. Solicited reviews, book chapters and commentary total 142. In addition, he has authored books, including “The Beginners Guide to Winning the Nobel Prize” (2006), “A Light History of Hot Air” (2007) and “Sentinel Chickens” (2012). Dr. Doherty has been awarded numerous honorary degrees from many universities worldwide between 1995 and 2012 including DSc, MD, and LLD.

Dr. Doherty is a recognized, longstanding One Health Supporter/Advocate

The One Health Initiative Autonomous pro bono team is happy to announce that Professor Dr. Peter C. Doherty, a veterinarian and Nobel Laureate graciously accepted becoming a member of the team’s Honorary Advisory Board on June 14, 2013.

The Advisory Board was established in 2010 and now has 28 distinguished members from within the U.S. and worldwide.

Please also see www.onehealthinitiative.com/supporters.php and
www.onehealthinitiative.com/endorsements.php

News of World Camel Day Seminar & Celebrations

Reported By: Shahzad Ashraf Khan.
University College of Veterinary & Animal Sciences
The Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Pakistan.

The World Camels Day was observed here at Islamia University, Bahawalpur in which a number of attractive and colorful events were presented including a seminar for information, knowledge and entertainment of the guests which received big appreciation from the audience.

The camel parade, camel race and dance besides children’s camel riding and more milk giving competition amused the big gathering while children fully enjoyed the events.

The day long events were arranged with the collaboration of the Desert Rangers, Agriculture University, Faisalabad, University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Lahore, Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi, Bahauddin Zakriya University, Multan, Livestock and Dairy Development department, Punjab and the Camel Association of Pakistan.

A seminar was held to highlight the importance of Camel in our life and on this occasion, the Vice-Chancellor, University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Prof. Dr. Tallat Naseer Pasha was the chief guest while the Vice-Chancellor, IUB/GSCWU, Bahawalpur, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Mukhtar chaired the seminar.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Mukhtar in his address on the occasion said that the Camel had always remained the best source of transportation in the world over the centuries especially in the desert and it had equally valuable for us too because the role of the Camel in Cholistan had always remained of high importance and this seminar was the part of it to recall the importance of this desert ship and find ways to improve its breeding and proper care. He remarked that the Islamia University, Bahawalpur had been promoting the local culture, social and moral values and literature with the cooperation of local organizations to promote community services and the participation of the inhabitants of Cholistan in a large number here were the prove that the Islamia University was deeply connected with the community.

The Commander, Desert Rangers, Bahawalpur, Brig.Salim Qadir delivered special lecture on the importance of the Camel and said that it was quite helpful for national defence too as proved over the years.

Former provincial minister for Livestock, Mian Mumtaz Mehnais, Cholistan’s landlord, Khalid Gill, Agriculture University, Faisalabad’s Haji Younis and a local citizen, Gul Muhammad also addressed the seminar and highlighted the importance of Camel in our life and underlined the need to promote its breeding and safety.

A documentary on Camels also shown on the occasion.
The beautifully decorated camels on the eve of the World Camels Day ceremony at IUB.

The Vice-Chancellor, IUB/GSCWU, Bahawalpur, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Mukhtar and the Vice-Chancellor, University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Prof. Dr. Tallat Naseer Pasha presiding over the seminar held at IUB in connection with the World Camels Day.
The Conference on Tangible & Intangible Veterinary Heritage & Hill Committee Logo Unveiling Ceremony

The Conference on Tangible & Intangible Veterinary Heritage was held on 4\textsuperscript{th} July 2013 in the National Museum of Medical Science History in Tehran, Iran.

The aim was to raising awareness of the importance of the preservation of the tangible and intangible scientific and cultural veterinary heritage and its mediation to the widest possible public and especially young generation.

Following the establishment of the International Bourgelat Committee (IBC) in Paris on Monday, 21\textsuperscript{st} May 2012, under the patronage of OIE and WVA, during the General Session of OIE and under the term of its statute, IBC encourage the setting up of national committees in as many countries as possible, and the national committees have to adopt the name of the founder of the first veterinary school in their country.

It is worthy to note that this conference was organized on the occasion of the establishment of the National Committee of World Veterinary Heritage in Iran as well as, Hill Committee Logo unveiling ceremony. Since In 1912; Konrad Hill founded Persia’s first Veterinary Boarding School, thus laying the foundation for the modern veterinary education system in this country. Konrad Hill was a part of a group from Sweden invited to Persia to set up a functioning gendarmerie and police force.

Organized by National Committee of World Veterinary Heritage (Hill Committee), Embassy of Sweden in Tehran, National Committee of ICOM and Iranian Veterinary Association, and in cooperation with Ms Sadry Sharifi, International officer of the ICCN, which is the UNESCO Accredited Network and only International Network in the field of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. The conference was attended by 100 participants from universities, museums, Iranian Veterinary Association, Iranian Veterinary organization, Ministries of Agriculture, as well as Culture.

The conference illustrated the important role of veterinary skill and knowledge in the society in the Persian Empire, as well as Iran-Sweden Cooperation in the field of Veterinary and short biography of DVM Hill, The Role of Scientific Associations in Transmission of
Veterinary Heritage, as well as Introduction on World Veterinary Heritage Committee.

Keynote speakers were Dr. Shams Shariat, Head of National Museum of Medical Science History of Iran, Dr. Hasan Tajbakhsh, Permanent Member of Iranian Science Academy, Mr. Peter Tejler, and Ambassador of Sweden in Tehran, Mr. Seyed Ahmad Mohit Tabatabai, Deputy of the Iranian National Committee of ICOM, Mr. Hamidreza Mahmoudi, Head of Hill Committee.

Tour of museum, which is located in the royal mew of Naser Al-Din Shah Qajar (Shah of Persia) and especially its veterinary department provided an enjoyable interlude, during which participants had the opportunity to observe and discuss about the history of veterinary profession.

First Ordinary General Assembly of the International Bourgelat Committee

The International Bourgelat Committee (IBC) has been established in Paris, on Monday May 21st 2012, on the occasion of the General Session of OIE. Under the terms of its statutes, the Association has the following objective: “the inventory and preservation of the tangible and intangible scientific and cultural veterinary heritage and its mediation to the widest possible public.”

The first Ordinary General Assembly of the IBC took place on Monday, May 27th 2013 in Paris, once more on the occasion of the General Session of the OIE. Brazil, Kenya, France, Iran, Tunisia and USA were represented. Representatives of Australia, Benin and Sudan were invited.

After a welcoming address by the President of IBC and by the Director General of the OIE, the draft of the International and of the National Websites has been presented and discussed. They will be definitively adopted at the end of June after the last observations. They will be officially opened at the beginning of next December, on the occasion of the third World Conference on Veterinary Education in Brazil.

A new Executive Committee has been nominated:
- President: Ron De Haven (USA).
- Vice-President: Benedito Fortes De Arruda (Brazil) and Faouzi Kechrid (Tunisia).
- General Secretary: Jean-François Chary (France).
- Treasurer: Claude Grandmontagne (France).

The objective of IBC is to have 12 members in December 2013 and at least 20 in May 2014.

From the left: Dr C. Grandmontagne (France), Mr. H. Mahmoudi (Iran), Dr C. Wanga (Kenya), Dr F. Kechrid (Tunisia), Dr K. Doyle (Australia), Dr B. Fortes De Arruda (Brazil), Dr R. De Haven (USA), Dr L. Gnaho (Benin) and Pr J.-F. Chary (France)
End of an Era

The WVA Council decided to move the hosting and management of the WVA website to the office of the WVA Secretariat in Brussels from the 1st of July.

The WVA website was established about 15 years ago by former WVA President, Dr Jim Edwards. Previous to that, the main communication tool used by the WVA was the “Bulletin”. It was an excellent publication, but was out of date once published and it had limited availability and readership because of the numbers published and limited distribution.

The evolution of the WVA website meant that news was current and available immediately around the World, except for those remote locations where internet access was not available. Over the last 15 years, the spread of the internet has seen it become readily available and accessible almost everywhere.

The WVA website has a public readership as well as its veterinary audience. The website has enabled information to be shared from a number of sources, including those organisations such as the OIE, FAO and WHO, with whom the WVA has collaboration agreements.

We have been able to communicate with all stakeholders groups including the public and animal owners. We have had strong readership with 7 – 8 million page views (12 – 13 million hits) annually.

Communication remains one of the most fundamental functions that the WVA must do well to be a successful global representative organisation for the veterinary profession. Key to successful information sharing is two way communication. It is important for the WVA to receive and be able to publish the news and information about the whole spectrum of veterinary work around the World.

Please continue to support the WVA website for the long term success of the veterinary profession. It has been an honour and a pleasure to serve you.

Dr Jim Edwards ONZM
WVA Editor

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Calendar of Events

Africa Vet Experience course
4th – 15th August 2013
Website: www.facebook.com/africavetexperience

9th International Veterinary Behaviour Meeting
“All different, all the same: from behaviour to welfare”
26th to 29th September, 2013
Lisbon, Portugal

4th IVSA Asia Conference
9th – 12th, August 2013
Chiang Mai, Thailand
Website: http://ivsathailand.wordpress.com/asia-conference/

SVA Annual Conference 2013
One Health in Asia Pacific
25th - 28th October, 2013

13th International Dengue Course
12th – 23rd August 2013
“Pedro Kouri” Tropical Medicine Institute
Havana, Cuba

5th African Veterinary Association Congress and General Assembly
29th to 31st October 2013
Lubango, Angola
African Veterinary Association & The Ordre des Vétérinaires of Angola

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

Vet Med of the Far East
22nd – 28th August
Website: http://ivsa.org/2013/05/vet-med-of-the-far-east/

5th African Veterinary Association Congress and General Assembly
29th to 31st October 2013
Lubango, Angola
African Veterinary Association & The Ordre des Vétérinaires of Angola

Petfood Forum China
August 23rd, 2013
Shanghai, China
Website: www.petfoodindustry.com

Health Summit 2013
November 2013

International Seminar 2013 and The 12th Asian Association of Veterinary School Congress
5th – 6th September 2013
Garuda Mukti Management Office
Airlangga University Surabaya, Indonesia

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

5th animal welfare workshop
12th – 13th September, 2013
The Netherlands
Agenda and registration:
http://animalwelfare.onetec.eu/programme.html

25th VAM Congress 2013
Symbiosis: Enhancing Animal, Human & Environmental Health
13th – 15th September, 2013
Website: www.vam.org.my

BVA Congress 2013
21st & 22nd November 2013
Olympia, London
Website: www.bva.co.uk/events/BVA_Congress.aspx

International Veterinary Congress
21st – 23rd November, 2013
Uruguay
Website: www.congressoveterinario.com.uy

Website: www.wvc2013.com/en/
Global Conference on Veterinary Education and the Role of the Veterinary Statutory Body
4th – 6th December 2013
Foz do Iguazu (Brazil)

Website:
www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/Conferences_Events/docs/pdf/A_Concept_note_Brazil.pdf

16th International Congress on Infectious Diseases
2nd – 5th April 2014
Cape Town, South Africa
Website: www.isid.org/icid/

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

2014
First Latin American Congress of Veterinary Medicine, Traumatology, Orthopaedics and Radiology.

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

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

31st World Veterinary Congress
Prague, Czech Republic, 17–20 September 2013

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