Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends,

Being 150 years young, the World Veterinary Association is now full of energy and commitment to the promotion of veterinary profession through animal health, animal welfare and public health.

With our new and modern constitution unanimously adopted by the general assembly in Prague last September, the WVA has been more and more accessible to all new members and partners.
In this spirit and after signing relevant MoU’s with great partners as WMA, WSPA, IDF, and many others coming soon (e.g. WSAVA, IVSA), we look forward to work with you to face the current challenges and those that lay ahead.

The WVA is organising a Global veterinary education Conference on 30th November and 1st December 2014 in Singapore together with its General Assembly during the 18th FAVA Congress.

The WVA and the World Medical Association (WMA) agreed to organise in 2015 a global conference on One Health in order to enhance our collaboration with the physicians and medical doctors and to implement the first action after the signature in October 2012 of our MoU with the World Medical Association.

In the same way, the 2014 World veterinary Day celebration launched by the WVA and OIE under the theme of Animal Welfare will strengthen our close collaboration with our new partners and is promising very interesting participations from our members as this theme is very rewarding for animal and public health, the one health initiative and for the profession in general.

The WVA more than ever is associated and welcomed to many professional events in the different continents to give more visibility and better promote the future of our association.

Recently, The Khartoum Veterinary Faculty in Sudan celebrated successfully its 75th Diamond Jubilee. During the event, three continental associations; AVA, PANVET and FAVA signed a memorandum of understanding. This close collaboration will enhance the relationship between veterinarians, veterinary faculties and statutory bodies from the 3 continents and will fully benefit for our profession and for the pride and honour of our world veterinary association.

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 our profession and Happy New Year 2014 for all.

Dr. Faouzi Kechrid
President
World Veterinary Association

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**WVA Elections 2014**

In September 2014, the WVA will hold the WVA Elections for President, President-Elect and 14 Councilors via an electronic voting system.

Provisional timetable for the WVA 2014 Elections process:

- April 2014: Calls for nominations for the WVA elections will be sent to constituent members.
- June 2014: Deadline for submissions for nomination.
- July 2014: Announcement of all candidates.
- September 2014: Elections via electronic voting system (the electronic voting system will be open for 14 days).

More details will be communicated soon
New Year’s Update

Every New Year brings the promise of change. This has never been truer for the World Veterinary Association! Following the election of Dr. Tjeerd Jorna as WVA president during the Presidents Assembly in Vancouver (2008), the process of reviewing the association constitution and bylaws was undertaken by EXCOM and Council. It was evident that the governing documents of the association need to be continually reviewed and periodically updated.

A proposal for change was presented to the Presidents Assembly in Cape Town (2011). Two important decisions were made by the assembly at that time. Dr. Faouzi Kechrid was elected as our new president and direction was given to strike a working group to review the constitution and further develop the proposal for consideration by the PA in Prague (2013). Thanks to the hard work of the working group, council and EXCOM, a new constitution was approved at that meeting. This document combined the constitution and bylaws into one item and maintains flexibility by keeping procedural matters outside of the constitution.

As Vice President responsible for policy I was very pleased to present this constitution to the assembly for their approval. Despite some areas of concern that were raised from the floor, the motion passed with one hundred percent acceptance once we gave assurance that the outstanding issues would be re-visited during the General Assembly of 2014. So, it is evident that 2014 is a very important year for WVA. This is a year that will bridge us between the old and the new constitutions; it will see the election of a president and president elect, as well as a new Council. These are important steps that will require careful consideration and guidance from the membership to insure that we obtain the goals we have set out to reach.

We have also been busy in reviewing the rules of the World Veterinary Congress. There is a plan to bring this event under more direct control of the WVA. The amended constitution has allowed for this to happen. Our working group has reviewed and considered numerous applications for the contract of Professional Congress Organizer for the WVA. It is anticipated that council will be able to make a decision in this regard in the near future.

The objective is to develop greater continuity in the event, increase its frequency and ultimately expand its success. There will still be close collaboration and input from the local veterinary community in the host region but the financial burden will be borne by WVA directly. It is hoped that the expanded congress will allow for participation by members in regions that have been unable to host a congress in the past and that educational opportunities
might be presented in areas not typically viewed as congress destinations.

So as you can see, 2014 truly is an important year for the WVA. I have been pleased to work with the association as Vice president for the past five years and I hope to be able to continue to serve the association into the future as we move forward with these important initiatives.

Mission Report Visit

75th Diamond Jubilee 1938 - 2013 Faculty of Veterinary Medicine
University of Khartoum, Sudan
Khartoum, 18th – 22nd January 2014

Report from Dr. Faouzi Kechrid
President
World Veterinary Association

Following the invitation received from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Khartoum for the celebration of their 75th Diamond Jubilee organised in Khartoum at the Friendship Hall Convention Centre from 19th to 22nd January 2014, I had the honour and the pleasure to represent with my Colleague Johnson Chiang the WVA at this event.

This Celebration was placed under the auspices of the President of the Republic of Sudan with the participation of his two Vice Presidents at the opening and closing ceremonies as well as the participation of the ministry of Livestock, fisheries and rangelands and the ministry of agriculture, animal resources and irrigation, high authorities from the parliament international organisations OIE, FAO, AU-IBAR, PANVET, FAVA, AVA, EAVA, the University of veterinary medicine of Hannover Foundation, the Deans, Professors and representatives of veterinary faculties of Sudan, Egypt, Uganda, Nigeria, Kenya, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Libya, Tunisia, Malaysia, Colombia, Germany, Ethiopia, Oman, Emirates, Taiwan, UK, Turkey, India, Qatar and USA.

The WVA was warmly welcomed for attending the 75th Diamond Jubilee and I addressed the participants by thanking the organizers and congratulating the Government of Sudan and the Staff of the University of Khartoum.

We have been invited to visit the veterinary faculty of Khartoum through all the departments and the old and new facilities, discussed with the professors and students and we took the opportunity to promote the WVA activities for 2014 - 2015 and particularly the organisation of the Global conference on veterinary education in November 2014 in Singapore, the 2015 Global conference on One Health with the WMA in Spain and the 32nd WVC in Istanbul, September 2015.
We also visited a cattle farm belonging to the ministry of livestock established as a model for farmers and students.

During the event celebration, the African Veterinary Association AVA organised a tripartite meeting with the PANVET and FAVA and drafted MoU’s between AVA-PANVET and AVA-FAVA and also FAVA-PANVET.

A ceremony for the signature of the MoUs was held on Wednesday 21st January 2014 during the Gala Dinner offered by the Government of Sudan in the beautiful Open Garden facility of the ministry of livestock, fisheries and rangelands for the signature of the MoUs with the participation of the 2 ministers, the high authorities, the international organisations and all the participants attending this celebration event.

The initiative of mutual collaboration between the 3 continental organisations was very much welcomed by all the participants and by the large medias covering this Diamond Jubilee (TV, Radio, Carnaval, Exhibition and newspapers).

During the Gala Dinner I presented on behalf of the WVA A nice Gift to the Dean of the veterinary faculty and 2 WVA medals to Prof Hashem Al Hadi and Dr Yasir Alian for serving the WVA Council during the 2008-2011 term.

WVA Global conference on Veterinary Education

The World Veterinary Association (WVA) is happy to announce the WVA Global conference on Veterinary Education that will take place in Singapore on 30th November and 1st December 2014 during the 18th FAVA Congress (www.fava2014.com). The conference aims in bringing together veterinarians and veterinary schools deans from all over the world. Main discussions will focus on the implementation of Day 1
competencies and core curriculum and on veterinary needs in the different regions of the world. The WVA conference will also give a platform for veterinary deans to discuss the possibility to establish a global forum/association of vet school deans.

More details regarding the WVA conference’s program and registration will be published soon. See you in Singapore.

WORLD VETERINARY DAY AWARD 2014

World Veterinary Day was instigated by the World Veterinary Association (WVA) in 2000 to be celebrated annually on the last Saturday of April.

In 2008 the WVA and the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) agreed on the creation of the World Veterinary Day Award aimed at rewarding the most successful celebration of the contribution of the veterinary profession to society.

The competition is open to all WVA veterinary associations, alone, or in cooperation with any other selected veterinary body.

The winner of the 2014 World Veterinary Day Award will be invited to the OIE 82nd General Session of the World Assembly of National Delegates to be held in Paris, France on 25 May 2014 where he/she will receive the WVD 2014 Award and a price of 1000 US$.

SELECTED THEME 2014: ANIMAL WELFARE

In the last decades, there is a global increase of societal interest and concern on how animals are used and treated.

The societal expectation from the veterinary profession regarding Animal Welfare now expands well beyond simply individual veterinary daily practices.

The veterinary profession has a unique position between man and animal to deliver animal welfare services to the benefit of all animals and society.

The theme of Animal Welfare was chosen to highlight the role of veterinarians in Animal Welfare in line with OIE standards and the great contribution of the veterinary profession to animals and society around the globe.

The announcement document and the application form for the World Veterinary Day Award 2014, can be found by clicking on the following HERE
World Veterinary Day - Animal Welfare

GLOBAL WEBINAR

29 April 2014 – 15:00-17:00 (Belgium time: GMT+1)

Veterinary leadership: “Empowering tools for vets in the field of Animal Welfare”

SAVE THE DATE

Following the huge success of the WVA Global Seminar on Animal Welfare (held in Prague on 17th – 18th September 2013), the WVA and the European Commission agreed to keep “alive” the global panel discussions platform on Animal Welfare (AVMA, EFSA, EC, FAO, FVE, OIE, WSPA, WVA and others) and to organize a follow up event via webinar.

The webinar will be streamed online for free and will give the public the possibility to ask questions and to comment the discussed Animal Welfare issues.

More details regarding the program and the registration for the Global Webinar on Animal Welfare will be published soon.

www.worldvet.org
Obituary: Birgitte Sorensen

Birgitte was born and lived in Denmark. Her education included her attending the Asham School, Sydney, Australia, about 1960 - 1963. As a result she had a strong command of the English language, in addition to her fluency in other European languages.

Birgitte became the WVA Secretary when the Danish Veterinary Association hosted the WVA Secretariat in 1994. She worked very closely with the WVA Presidents and Council members during the 15 years of service until the WVA Secretariat moved to Brussels in 2009.

Birgitte was a very effective Secretary and together with Executive Secretary Lars Holsaae, supported the WVA through a period of restructuring and strengthening. She worked closely with the Presidents of that era and kept them very well informed and organised in their respective roles.

Birgitte was much appreciated by those who worked closely with her.

Dr Apostolos Rantsios from Greece spoke of Birgitte’s strong support for his work during the period of his leadership from 1995-1999 when the WVA consulted widely in preparation for the new Constitution which was adopted in 1998.

Dr Jim Edwards said that despite the distance between Denmark and New Zealand, Birgitte maintained regular contact and support during his Presidency. He said that they became close friends and together with his wife Pam, he had the pleasure of visiting Birgitte and Hans Jørgen twice, the most recent time being a few weeks before Birgitte died. “She was a very special and dearly loved lady”.

Dr Herbert Schneider of Namibia paid tribute to Birgitte for her strong support and kindness.

Our very sincere condolences go to her husband Dr Hans Jørgen Sorensen and their families.
Australia Day Achievement Awards

The Australia Day Achievement Awards recognise individuals and small teams in each division for their outstanding contribution above and beyond that of day to day operations in the previous calendar year.

Selection criteria for Achievement Awards includes instances where the nominee has:

- displayed excellence in nominee’s field
- made a significant contribution to the department’s policy, program or management/administration work
- delivered outstanding service, either internally or to the department’s clients, throughout the year
- demonstrated outstanding leadership and creativity
- demonstrated outstanding people management practices
- championed a Whole of Government (and whole of department) approach
- made an outstanding contribution to the achievement of the Australian Government’s objectives on Department of Agriculture issues or projects.

Left to right were: The four Australian Government veterinarians: Khazal Zorah, Peter Thornber, Paul Grimes (Sec DoA), Allan Sheridan and Maged Tawadros who received Australia Day Achievement awards for going ‘above the call of duty’ after they were sent to Egypt.

The veterinary team released media footage of unacceptable handling and slaughter of Australian imported cattle at the Ain Sokhna abattoir and Ismailia feedlot and abattoir in Egypt (only 2 facilities are approved to receive Australian live cattle).

Australia and Egypt worked cooperatively to investigate the situation at Ain Sokhna and Ismailia to ensure that respective obligations under the joint memorandum of understanding (MOU) on animal handling and slaughter were being met.
The MOU requires that Australian imported cattle are transported and slaughtered in compliance with the animal welfare standards of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).

Team investigated allegations and oversaw slaughter in both establishments under difficult circumstances (riots in Cairo and unrest and active kidnapping/hostage taking in the Ismailia region close to the Gaza strip) and reported on findings.

Are you helping clients successfully manage pet diabetes?

We are looking for encouraging stories from pet owners who have moved beyond the diagnosis and are successfully managing their dogs’ or cats’ diabetes. We could use your help to connect with them as their stories could help other pet owners make treatment decisions for a newly diagnosed pet. We want to share how diabetic pets can live happy, healthy lives with their human families when their diabetes is well-regulated – with very little impact on daily activities.

Please ask your clients for permission to share their stories, and then email their contact information (name, country of residence, and email address) to us at PetDiabetesStory@morganmyers.com.

Your client may have the opportunity to be featured in a special video or other exciting communications from a major animal health company. Please email us with any questions.

Calendar of Events

Vet Lectures and IUVC: CE event

February 15th - 20th, 2014
Baja on the Sea of Cortez
Website: www.vetlectures.com/IUVC/IUVC.html

Eurasia Veterinary Conference

17th – 21st February, 2014
Singapore
Website: www.eurasia-vc.com/en/index.html

81st PVMA Scientific Conference and Annual Convention

February 19th - 21st, 2014
“Competitive Roadmap for Global Opportunities”
Palawan, The Philippines
Website: www.pvma.com.ph

Strategies for Modeling Human Disease in the Laboratory Mouse
26th – 28th March 2014
Taipei, Taiwan

Website:

16th International Congress on Infectious Diseases

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

International Conference on Diseases of Zoo and Wild Animals

28th to 31st May, 2014
Sunday excursion on 1st June, 2014
Warsaw, Poland
Website: www.zoovet-conference.org

World Buiatrics Congress

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

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

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

3rd International Conference on Responsible Use of Antibiotics in Animals

29th September – 1st October 2014

Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
Website: www.bastiaanse-communication.com/RUA2014/

FAVA 2014 Congress

28th – 30th November 2014
The Rise of the Asian Veterinary Profession - Emerging Global Player
18th Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations
Marina Bay Sands, Singapore
Website: www.fava2014.com
Includes WVA Global conference on Veterinary Education
WVA President's Assembly 2014

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

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