



# World Veterinary Association

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## Newsletter

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### President Russell announces passing of former WVA President Beveridge



Dr Leon Russell has advised that the veterinary medical profession and the World Veterinary Association has lost one of its most notable leaders, Professor William Ian Breadmore Beveridge.

Professor Beveridge was President of the Permanent Committee from 1957 until 1975. During his presidency, Professor Beveridge chaired four World Veterinary

Congresses, which were held every four years then, beginning with the XVI Congress in Madrid, Spain, and ending with the XIX Congress in Mexico City. In 1958, Professor Beveridge suggested the name of the organization be changed from “World Veterinary Congress” to “World Veterinary Association”, which was finalized in 1971.

Professor Beveridge, who was born in 1908, passed away on 14 August 2006 in Australia. He was professor of Animal Pathology and Director of the Institute of Animal Pathology at Cambridge University, England, from 1947 until he retired in 1975. Professor Beveridge continued to write significant scientific articles after he retired. One book he wrote, “The Art of Scientific Investigation” has been recently reprinted as a vintage edition.

In 1975, Professor Beveridge became an Honorary Member of the WVA. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ellen Beveridge, who resides in Wentworth Falls, NSW, Australia. The WVA has indeed lost a great leader, Professor William Beveridge.

### The Trevor Blackburn Award

Mr Jack Reece BVSc BSc MRCVS of Hastings, East Sussex, was the winner of the first Trevor Blackburn Award in recognition of his contribution in the field of animal health and welfare in a developing country. The announcement came during the Awards Ceremony at the British Veterinary Association's Annual Congress in London. Mr Trevor Blackburn was a former President of the World Veterinary Association.

Mr Reece has spent much of his career in Jaipur, in India, serving as a veterinary officer with the charity "Help in Suffering" which is concerned with street dogs and methods of animal population regulation as well as other aspects of livestock care.

### World Veterinary Congress 2008



The World Veterinary Association and the World Veterinary Congress are grateful for the long history of support we have received from the OIE (World Organization for Animal Health). The Director General Dr. Bernard Vallat, has announced a key OIE seminar to be held in conjunction with the World Veterinary Congress, 2008 in Vancouver Canada. This is excellent news and promises to contribute significantly to our developing program.

We have already received other indications of interest from a number of Canadian and International veterinary special interest groups. By bringing these various segments together; we believe we can truly live up to our objective of providing an exceptional scientific program for both private and public practice veterinarians. There will certainly be an opportunity to "CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSITY".

The program committee, directed by Dr. Jeanne Lofstedt of the Atlantic Veterinary College, is developing a roster of speakers that promises to appeal to clinical practitioners in the fields of small animal, food animal, equine and various unique species. They are developing the major themes in support of the World Veterinary Association's major priorities, including; food animal welfare issues, antimicrobial use in agricultural practice and disease surveillance and epidemiology in regards to current diseases of major concern.

The Congress web site

[www.worldveterinarycongress2008.com](http://www.worldveterinarycongress2008.com)

will be used for communication with presenters and delegates and will provide a view into the wonderful city of Vancouver and the congress site.

While the summer of 2008 may seem like a long time away, mark your calendar now. We are excited to host the WVC 2008 and will go to great lengths to make it an exciting event with something for every member of the veterinary health care team.

July is a wonderful month in Canada.  
**COME FOR THE CONGRESS, STAY FOR THE ADVENTURE!**

Dr. Duane Landals  
Chair, World Veterinary Congress 2008.

**WVA to Commemorate the 150th Anniversary at 2013 World Veterinary Congress**

## British Veterinary Association Congress report

### “Vets, animal health and the human factor: Veterinary Medicine in 2015”.

WVA Councillor Bob Stevenson reported this banner headline for the annual Congress held in London in September. A similar title for World Veterinary Association discussion, for regional debate or for any of the national Veterinary Associations and Societies would be likely to feature similar issues albeit from a geographically different perspective.

Subjects which featured large at the London congress included animal welfare, with the veterinarian as the advocate for animal welfare; vaccination, as the answer to many of the world's animal health problems and veterinary education, focusing on the veterinary manpower/womanpower surveys and differing career progression. In addition, the focus by the Chief Veterinary officer for England on the Government's strategy for Animal Health and Welfare for the ten years to come, and the role of the veterinarian in health planning for each livestock unit set the scene for further presentations and discussion.. Looking back to the foot and mouth outbreak in 2001 in the UK, a civil servant view and an uncompromising opinion from a veterinary practitioner who was very much involved, provided a real highlight.

So, from a WVA standpoint, which titles provoked the most thought, stimulation and vision? Which sessions provided pointers covering the next ten years or so?

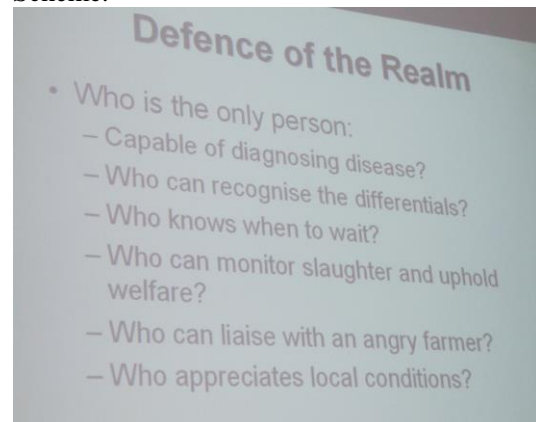
A previous President of FECAVA, Ray Butcher commissioned by the World Society for the Protection of Animals, to work in India, provided a compelling presentation on *Challenges in Animal Welfare: An International Perspective*. Challenges indeed and these were highlighted and wonderfully illustrated. A main theme focused on the need to manage all human - animal interactions. Although centering on the development of a strategy for stray dogs, nonetheless so many other aspects on animal welfare and of human animal associations were integral to this spell binding description of the work of this dedicated veterinarian. Veterinarians as the animal advocates and the questions as to how

the profession is performing this role were implicit in the presentation. The established link between animal violence and human violence, the need to balance emotions with science and the essential requirement to involve all stakeholders in the development of a welfare strategy despite the different “spin” on welfare was pin pointed.

Ray Butcher spoke of the natural empathy between children and animals and the value of harnessing the strength of that connection. By working with the hearts and minds of the next generation veterinarians can promote compassion while bringing rational and scientific approaches to welfare problems. Much of the messages could be fulfilled by veterinary input to the educators.



Susan Shaw addressed challenges faced following introduction of the Pet Travel Scheme.



Iain Richards highlighted the essential role of the practicing veterinarian in contingency planning for exotic and emerging disease.

### **DACOPA (Danish Consensus Platform for 3R Alternatives to Animal Experimentation)**

With the newly established forum of cooperation - DACOPA - Denmark now has a new effective national platform which can operate in the area of laboratory animals. The goal is to influence interested parties to find alternatives to laboratory animals or reduce or refine the use of them.

### **WVA welcomed at the WHO regional committee for the Americas: 25-29<sup>th</sup> September 2006**

Health ministers from throughout the Americas met at the Pan American Health Organization headquarters (PAHO) in Washington DC, for their 47th Directing council and 58th PAHO session. The Opening ceremony was honoured by the presence of the Acting WHO Director General, the Secretary General of the Organization of the American States, the US secretary of Health and Human Services and many international organizations. All the participants welcomed the WVA participation and approved the close co-operation between public and animal health and underlined the important and indispensable contribution of the veterinarians. Professor James H. Steele was honoured with a special WHO/ PAHO distinctive award for his contribution during many decades for the promotion of Public and animal health.

### **4<sup>th</sup> High Pathogenic Avian Influenza Conference**

Will be held in Bamako (Mali) from 6 to 8<sup>th</sup> December 2006.

### **New Board elected at the Euro-Arab Veterinary Association: 2006-2009**

President: Faouzi Kechrid Tunisia; Vice Presidents: Robert Allaire France, Jean Hokayem Lebanon; General secretary: Francisco Orozco, Spain; Deputy Secretary Jose De Resende Portugal; Treasurer: Georges Astridis Greece; Deputy Treasurer: Sultan Al Khalaf Kuwait

For more details visit the EAVA Website : [www.euroarabveterinaryassociation.org](http://www.euroarabveterinaryassociation.org)

### **New WVA associate members**

The African Veterinary Association and the Euro-Arab Veterinary Association have decided to join the World Veterinary Association in 2007. The general Arab veterinary union decided to join WVA in 2007 and to encourage their national members to join. Other countries from Africa and Middle East are also expected to join in 2007 as proposed by the WVA road map 2005-2008.

### **World Veterinary Day 2007 in Tunisia**

The Tunisian Veterinary Association (ATVAC) will celebrate World Veterinary Day in Tunis on 28 April, 2007. For more details, visit the website: [www.atvac.tripod.com](http://www.atvac.tripod.com)

### **The Sudan Vet Association**

President Prof Hashim M. Elhadi of the Sudan Veterinary Association (SVA) reports visiting 10 of their 19 state associations to discuss all aspects of our professional activities and to have joint meetings with the state ministers responsible for veterinary affairs and with the Governor of the State. The SVA took part in the general Arab Vet Association meeting in Jordan last April 2006.

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