



# World Veterinary Association

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## Newsletter

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### From the President



Dear colleagues and friends of the veterinary profession,  
Further to my greetings sent by email and posted on the WVA website, I would like to wish you all a very prosperous 2009. For WVA this will be a year of hard work. Together we have to draft our strategy-plan

for the forthcoming years and I will try to contact you about this issue during the coming month. Working out the strategy has to be completed in the first half of the year. Two other main issues in this first six months are the appointment of a new secretariat and the selection of the World Veterinary Day Award for 2009. The invitation to offer a bid for the new secretariat was sent out in the first week of January and I would like to receive all bids before 15th March.

The invitation to nominate for the World Veterinary Day Award 2009 has been sent out from OIE by e-mail and was also placed on the website of WVA. The theme for the year 2009 is: “**Veterinarians and Livestock Farmers: a winning partnership**”. You will find further information about this WVD award later in this Newsletter.

In the second half of this year we have to focus on two other main issues. We as the whole WVA family have to stipulate our strategic plan. When we have drafted the plan from the bottom upwards we have to accept our responsibility and carry it out. It is our common goal that the WVA-plan will be developed and executed by the current President, Excom and Council working together for Animal Health, Animal Welfare and Public Health and, for the benefit of the

veterinary profession and world society in general.

Also we have to discuss and present our policy on Veterinary Education and to prepare our professional view in time for the Conference in Paris in the Autumn entitled “**Evolving Veterinary Education for a Safer World**”. I will explain in a separate article in this Newsletter the importance of this topic for the profession, the schools and society. In addition, WVA has to be involved in the project VET 2011 which is considering 250 years of veterinary education worldwide.

**Tjeerd Jorna, WVA President**

### **Veterinary Education**

Veterinary Education is a very important topic for the profession in controlling animal health, animal welfare and public health. The great mobility of people and animals and the trade of animals and products of animal origin requires a high standard of veterinary education to prevent outbreaks of animal diseases, to prevent zoonoses and to certify that animals are healthy and products of animal origin are safe. Even to investigate and to diagnose diseases and to cure animals requires a high standard of basic veterinary training. Also the “tracking” to specific disciplines of animals and specialisation for in-depth health care for animals needs adaptation in veterinary training; science and education.

We all know that all over the world some schools do not meet the minimum requirements of veterinary education to exercise the veterinary profession as it needs to be practised. Those countries with schools, which are not meeting the minimum requirements, may not have to deal with the main problem. From a worldwide view is not fulfilling the minimum requirements that can be a disaster for the profession and society worldwide because of the mobility of people, animals and products of animal origin which need the guarantee of a high standard of veterinary education to certificate. People

need to have confidence in this aspect of the profession.

The World Animal Health Organisation (OIE) in Paris has identified the poor situation in some parts of the world and the lack of confidence of certification in trade of animals and products of animal origin by veterinary services in some countries. This is their main concern. Therefore, the OIE is organizing a conference about “**Evolving Veterinary Education for a Safer World**” to restore the weak position of veterinary education in some countries and to discuss with the deans of all schools in the world the position of veterinary education in the future. General Director of the OIE, Dr Bernard Vallat discussed with me during my visit at OIE, that this is a proper task for WVA as representative of the veterinary profession. Because of lack of executive procedures they have taken the lead, but they expect that WVA will take over. This is a little bit of blame for WVA and we have to take up our duty.

The last WVA policy paper on veterinary education is from 1998. The objectives of veterinary education, the minimum requirements adopted and the implementation programme selected for the recommended Continuous Education policy were partly executed. Some regions like North America and Europe have had accreditation and evaluation systems for a long time. In Australia, New Zealand and some parts of Latin America a start has been made with accreditation systems. Since 2005 the WVA Excom has discussed further the minimum requirements for veterinary education. In the last Council meeting these were adopted, but the link to the veterinary profession and society in general has to be made.

What can society expect from the veterinary profession in the wider sense? What can the veterinary profession expect from the schools and the education policies of governments and what can schools offer to the veterinary profession as the so-called

Day One Skills or Start Competence ? WVA Excom and Council are already preparing new proposals for the veterinary education policy to discuss with our members. The minimum requirements of education and the level of Day One skills is of great importance for the veterinary profession.

At the end of this year, during the Conference in Paris, we have to present our update of education policy to the veterinary profession and society in general. When we as WVA and that means all members, agree with the proposals we have not only then to present these but also to carry them out. The society and the global organisations need to

trust our high standard of veterinary education and professional implementation. As President of WVA, I hope this short introduction will lead to a discussion by all members about this important issue. I would like to get a lot of reactions from deans all over the world and to discuss in a proper way. Do not hesitate to tell me what the objectives are in different parts of the world and what the needs of veterinary education are for the local society where the veterinary profession has to carry out its function. All your reactions are most welcome via my e-mail: [t.jorna3@upcmail.nl](mailto:t.jorna3@upcmail.nl)  
**Dr. Tjeerd Jorna**  
**WVA President**

### World veterinary Day Award 2009

World veterinary Day was instigated by the WVA in 2000 to be celebrated annually on the last Saturday in April. Although this is a special day, WVD can be celebrated on other specific days during the year. This depends on the opportunity to pay special attention to animals in our different member organisations, e.g. in my country we celebrate “Animal Day” on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October and a lot of people and children pay particular attention to their animals on that day. It is important that children are involved in animal health and animal welfare of their animals. By starting at a young age, “practice will make perfect” doing their whole lifetime!

The theme for the year 2009: “**Veterinarians and Livestock Farmers, a Winning Partnership**” has worldwide significance. Outbreaks of some diseases, particularly zoonoses, can cause upheaval in society. Also, food security and food safety is of great importance for our whole society.

Veterinarians play a key role in all countries in the world as guarantors of animal health and public health. The effectiveness of their actions is strongly linked to and dependent on their relationship with livestock farmers. Confidence between farmers and veterinarians can prevent, through early warning of diseases, a lot of damage to our society both economically and socially. Veterinarians and their organisations, national, regional and worldwide, play an extremely important role in the confident approach of society to intensive livestock farming.


The 2009 Award will reward the veterinary association who will best publicise the theme involving livestock-farmers in the organisation of events along with all other stakeholders such as the media and the general public.

The “toolkit” for applicants has been sent to the members by OIE and applicants should return their submissions by 1st May 2009 to the WVA-secretariat: [BS@emdrupvej28a.dk](mailto:BS@emdrupvej28a.dk)  
I wish you a fair competition.

Your President.

**Dr. Tjeerd Jorna**

## WVA-OIE World Veterinary Day AWARD 2009



World Veterinary Day was instigated by the World Veterinary Association in 2000 to be celebrated annually on the last Saturday of April. In 2008 the WVA and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) agreed on the creation of the 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.

The 2009 Award will be delivered at the 77th OIE General Assembly to be held in Paris, France on 24-29 May 2009.

The prize: US\$ 1,000 will be donated to the winner.

**TOOLKIT FOR APPLICANTS**  
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 in an interesting, entertaining and stimulating way (using, for example, musical and gastronomic events as a support).

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION**  
The application for the award must include:

- Name of the individual veterinarian representing the veterinary association involved
- Country and e-mail address
- Number of veterinarians members of the applicant association
- Subject addressed to celebrate the event, the specific audience for which it was organized and the attendance rate
- Press coverage received
- Number of non veterinarians and veterinarians attracted to the event
- Number of livestock farmers involved in the organisation of the event and number of livestock farmers attending the event
- Proposed actions to be taken as a follow up
- Supporting materials: when applying provide copies of posters, stickers, photographs, press releases, TV spots, etc.

**CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**  
National veterinary associations that celebrate World veterinary day alone or in cooperation with others can participate in the competition of being selected WVD award winner of the year by sending in a completed application form (see instructions).

**THEME FOR THE YEAR 2009**  
*Veterinarians and livestock farmers, a winning partnership*

Today more than ever, outbreaks of some animal diseases, particularly those harmful to humans (zoonoses) can cause considerable economic and social upheaval and send a wave of panic at national, regional or global level. Recent crises have shown how a serious health event for the animal kingdom can have a global impact on the rural economy and consumers and constitute a threat to public health. An early warning associated with a rapid response is key to fight contagious animal diseases at source, through the integration of all relevant stakeholders in the prevention and disease control mechanisms.

Veterinarians play a key role in all countries as guarantors of animal health and public health. But the effectiveness of their action is strongly linked to and dependent on their relationship with farmers. Livestock farmers all around the world are the first sentinels of animal disease events and a rapid response in the fight against animal diseases cannot leave aside their crucial role. They are also the first to suffer from animal diseases through important losses in their livelihood. Experience has shown the importance of organisational and economic factors in enabling the world's 600 million livestock farmers to fulfill their role in the chain of protection. Improvement of their animal health training through the support of veterinarians must be considered central to the risk anticipation and risk mutualisation strategies that the international community will increasingly have to initiate.

The 2009 Award will reward the veterinary association who will best publicise the theme by involving the livestock farmers in the organisation of events along with all other stakeholders such as the media and the general public.

**HOW TO APPLY**  
Applications should be submitted by 1 May 2009 to the World Veterinary Association: BS@vwdi.dk

### The first World Veterinary Day Award



The first WVA-OIE World Veterinary Day Award was presented to the Kenyan Veterinary Association, represented by its President Dr Christopher Wanga at the 29<sup>th</sup> World Veterinary Congress in Vancouver.

**This edition of the Newsletter introduces WVA Council members**

**Mr Robert (Bob) Stevenson**



Qualified BVMS (Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine & Surgery) from Glasgow in 1966 and gained his RCVS Certificate in Pig Medicine 1983.

Bob has been in general veterinary practice with emphasis on food producing animals and a particular interest in swine and dairy cows. He retired from full time practice in 2004.

Bob has been a member of the British Veterinary Association since 1966 and was President of BVA in 2005-2006. He is a member of the UK Pig Veterinary Society and was its President in 1992-1993.

Bob has been the Commissioner on the UK Medicines Commission 2000-2006; Chairman of the UK Animal Medicines Training

Regulatory Authority since 2007; Vice Chairman of UK Responsible Use of Medicines in Agriculture Alliance since 2005; National representative and European Councillor in the WVA.

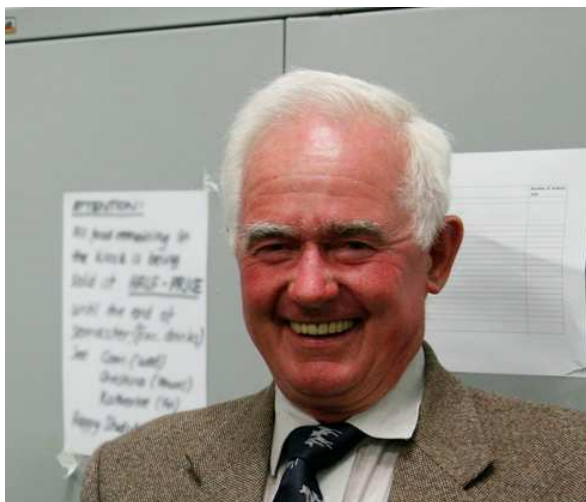
He has been a consultant to the British Pig Association since; a consultant to the Veterinary Centre Usk in Monmouthshire, UK since 2004; consultant to the UK Agricultural Development and Advisory Service since 2008; member of Wales Regional TB Eradication Board; and member of Wales Blue Tongue Stakeholder Group.

Bob Stevenson's non-professional activities and hobbies include hill walking in Wales and Switzerland; being a horse owner and rider; road running mid to long distances for charity.

Bob is a Veterinary Helpline Helper; Chairman of the Regional Rural Stress Network; and Veterinary Officer for Riding for the Disabled.

Bob is a passionate believer in planning for health in both animals and humans. He is "entirely happy to propound the key role of the veterinarian in the context of the One Health philosophy".

**Dr Jakob Malmo**



Jakob Malmo was a partner who helped develop an 11 veterinarian practice in the

Macalister Irrigation Area of Victoria. He continues to work full-time as a cattle specialist in the practice. He is also Principal of the University of Melbourne Rural Veterinary Unit at Maffra. He provides lectures in cattle medicine and production to students at the University of Melbourne Faculty of Veterinary Science during the last 2 years of their course. He is a Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists in the area of Dairy Cattle Management and Disease and is a Veterinary Board Registered Specialist in Veterinary Medicine - Cattle medicine.

His areas of special interest include individual animal cattle medicine, dairy cattle reproduction, mastitis control programs, lameness and dairy cattle production. A textbook of which he is a co-author (Cattle Diseases in Australasia) is now in the prepublication phase. He owns and manages two dairy farms, between them milking in excess of 1100 cows.

He has been an invited speaker at veterinary meetings and conferences in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Holland and Canada and has undertaken several short term consultancies in Asia. He has served as president of the Australian Veterinary Association and

President of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists. He also served a term as an inaugural director of the Australian Animal Health Council and has served as chairman of the National Herd Improvement Association of Australia.

He was been awarded the T. G. Hungerford Award for Excellence in Postgraduate Education in 1988 and in 1994 was awarded the honour of Officer of the Order of Australia for services to the veterinary profession, veterinary education and the dairy industry. He has also been awarded D. V. Sc. (*honoris causa*) by the University of Melbourne and has received the Gilruth Prize - the highest award of the Australian Veterinary Association.

### Dr. Heidemarie Coreth



Heidimarie was educated in Salzburg and studied Veterinary Medicine in Vienna. She worked in the clinic for obstetrics, gynaecology and andrology at the Vet.Med.University in Vienna. Heidimarie founded and has managed the “Doebbling small animal clinic” in Vienna, since 1993.

Heidimarie has been a member of the Austrian Chamber of Veterinarians since 1974. She was Vice president of the Vienna Branch of the Austrian Chamber of Veterinary Surgeons 1998-2003; Vice president and Board member of the Austrian Chamber since 2003; member of the Animal welfare counsel of the Ministry of health; and Board member of the NGO-organisation “Veterinarians without border” (VSF).

Heidimarie is interested in everything new and unknown, be it faraway countries or new developments in the veterinary profession. She says that it “enriches me and expands my consciousness”  
“Beautiful voices and pictures move me deeply. I love the opera. I love to be in contact with nature, playing golf, gardening etc.”  
“My joy and respect of all living being-people and animals, make my job so good for me.”  
“Nothing that concerns animals is alien to me”.

**Paris, France, 12 -14 October 2009**



In a rapidly changing world, veterinary education must face new challenges and continually evolve to meet societal demands in the field of food security, food safety, public health and animal welfare. Appropriate education and training have a direct effect on the quality and performance of public and private components of Veterinary Services; therefore, the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) is considering the issue of initial and continuous veterinary education as part of its commitment to encouraging its Members to strengthen the animal health policies and activities of their national Veterinary Services. Well-educated veterinarians who have received appropriate training will help the OIE to

fulfil its global mission: improve animal health worldwide.

The meeting will be an opportunity for deans and key national animal health policy makers from all over the world to exchange views on priorities for the content of academic courses, the main purpose being to reach consensus in order to recommend an updated veterinary curriculum to the international community. This should ensure that future graduates are increasingly able to work in an international environment, applying international standards for disease surveillance, veterinary public health, food safety and animal welfare. The conference will also provide a forum for discussing the involvement of veterinary statutory bodies in the harmonisation of accreditation procedures for veterinary faculties, which would help foster recognition of the importance of veterinary activities for society as a whole at global level.

More information is available at:  
[http://www.oie.int/eng/A\\_DEANS2009/HOME.html](http://www.oie.int/eng/A_DEANS2009/HOME.html)

**Laudatio on the occasion of the 95<sup>th</sup> birthday of  
Professor Emeritus Dr. James Harlan Steele, Houston / Texas on 3 April 2008**

My dear friend Jim, dear Brigitte,  
distinguished guests,

First of all let me say that it is a great honor and pleasure for me to have the opportunity – during such a ceremonial Gala Diner – to recognize and certify the international merits of our person of honor to-day.

I have come the long way over the Atlantic – this time not in an official function as in former times as President of the Federal Health Office in Germany – but this time as a

friend, a personal friend to congratulate you, dear Jim, on your 95<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Fifteen years ago you taught us: Life begins at 80. According to your statement, Jim, I understand you are in the right age now!

When praising your professional and human work I do this also on behalf of all colleagues and friends in the field of Veterinary Public Health world-wide but especially of the colleagues and friends in Germany and Europe. They all mentally take part in this moment of such an excellent banquet tonight.

I have met you, dear Jim, for the first time at the XIX World Veterinary Congress 1971 in Mexico City. Since that time we have developed very close co-operations in the large field of Veterinary Public Health. Your position as former Assistant Surgeon General facilitated these contacts very much. From my personal viewpoint your merits are based on your conseller position in the Robert von Ostertag-Institute of the Federal Health Office in Berlin which you took over in 1972.

In your function you promoted very convincingly the research work of this Federal Institute which had been designated in 1975 as WHO Collaborating Center for Training and Research in Food Hygiene and Zoonoses. At the same time you were appointed as a member of the Zoonoses Expert Committee of the World Health Organization (WHO) and you acted very successfully as consultant in various fields of the Division of Communicable Diseases and Food Safety of this agency. During those years the important work of the veterinary public health unit of the WHO was decisively influenced and promoted by your extraordinary extensive knowledge and ideas in this field. The same applies for your supporting activities in the Food Safety Program of the WHO. In addition, you have been well known as an international scientist within the World Veterinary Association (WVA) coupled with a viable knowledge in the entire field of veterinary public health, and up to now, you were still active as an indispensable consultant covering a wide range of scientific topics. In most World Congresses held on veterinary science you were nominated to act as keynote speaker and chairperson. In such a way you supported very much the World Congresses Foodborne Infections and Intoxications held and founded in Berlin 1980. Because of your admirable and simply wonderful rhetorical qualities you represented your home country – the United States of America – in a very specific and brilliant way.

In 1975 you were nominated as an Honorary Member of the WVA. Without any interruption you have supported for the last 30 years symposia, round table conferences, world congresses and other activities of the World Association of Veterinary Food Hygienists (WAVFH) with your advice, with

lectures and with your participation. In 1985 you were nominated as a member of the advisory board of the Federal Health Office in Berlin / Germany. You supported the President of this office with more than 3000 workers mainly in questions of national and international Health Care and Public Health considering especially Veterinary Public Health experiences in zoonoses control, in food hygiene and food-borne disease control. You acted very successfully in building bridges between the US Surgeon General, the US Public Health Service, the Center of Disease Control in Atlanta and the NiH's in Washington on the one hand and the 6 institutes of the Federal Health Office (including the famous Robert-Koch Institut) on the other hand.

In 1992 you were awarded for all your activities with the “Medal of Merit” during the inauguration ceremony of the newly constructed Robert von Ostertag-Institute of the Federal Health Office, the only central Federal Veterinary Public Health-Institute in Germany and Europe. Your remarkable contributions in the field of food irradiation as one important way to eliminate agents in food of animal origin initiated heated discussions in Germany and among the EU member states. Beyond that you developed close contacts to scientists, teachers and students not only in Germany but also in various member states of the EU and in Eastern European countries. There you acted always as a kind of ambassador to unify countries and people to overcome ideologies by means of accomplishments on a very high level and information on the basis of liberty and democracy. There is no other person behind you who were better suited to do so: a well-known and recognised scientist and character – an outstanding example with respect to bringing people together and to preparing our veterinary students for their professional future with enthusiasm and an up-to-date curriculum. To emphasize is your remarkable capability describing convincingly the importance of Veterinary Medicine for the development of Public Health, to better lives of both – animals and people – which is combined with the highest level of professional accomplishments in this field.



Your monographs and numerous publications in particular in the field of zoonoses prove to be a highly valuable and important source of information and knowledge both for scientists and students alike.

You were able to establish a network of contacts and friendly relations with most of the Colleagues of Veterinary Medicine world-wide and in our region. This proved to be very valuable for the city of Berlin and its Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at the Free University. After the unification of Germany in 1989 you were the first lecturer from the United States to speak at the Humboldt University, the former University of East Berlin. Indeed: Professor Dr. James Harlan Steele: That means “Mr Veterinary Public Health” – as you were called by your students – is a recognised leader in this field world-wide.

### **Director and Professor Dr. med. vet. Fritz Käferstein 70 years**

Fritz Käferstein, a German and internationally well known Food Hygienist, studied veterinary medicine in Gießen and Berlin (West) and obtained in 1963 his Dr. med. vet. degree with a thesis on the identification and significance of the presence of antibiotic residues in meat. His first scientific work in the field of food hygiene and consumer protection arose as research assistant in the Institute of Food Hygiene at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Gießen. From 1968 to 1972 he worked on behalf of the New Zealand Department of Agriculture as a Supervising Veterinarian in the meat industry. As a former founder and first Director of the Robert von Ostertag-Institute at the Federal Health Office (BGA) in Berlin the second author of this laudatio caused his return to Germany and appointed him first as Chief of the Food Hygiene Unit. Later on he became Director of the newly founded Center for Monitoring and Health Evaluation of Environmental Chemicals in Food (ZEBS) at the Federal Health Office. In this capacity he was also directing the WHO and FAO Collaborating Center for Food Contamination Monitoring in this office. This collaborating center collaborated very closely with various groups in WHO. In 1977 Fritz Käferstein was appointed by the Federal Republic of Germany with the scientific title “Director and

Colleagues and friends all over the world congratulate on your 95th birthday and thank you very much for your efforts to fight against zoonoses and to promote in such a convincingly way the role of veterinarians in the field of Public Health and comparative medicine during your sixty-five years of professional career.

We all would like to wish you and your charming wife Brigitte all the best for the years to come in health and happiness. With a Texas hug – all the best and God bless you.

Professor Dr. Dieter Großklaus  
President of the Federal Health Office  
(retired), Berlin (Germany)

Professor” for his outstanding work in this field. During his activities in the BGA he worked closely together with Prof. Dr. M. Abdussalam, the former Chief of the Veterinary Public Health Unit in the WHO and later on Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre in the Robert von Ostertag Institute. Among both it was the beginning of a long period of esteem and friendship.

His successful work was accepted very soon and he won appreciation at the WHO. In 1980 this agency offered him a high position to manage the just established Food Safety Programme, which already got in 1985 its own administrative structure by his activities. Among his major achievements some are of main importance. He alerted public health and food control authorities worldwide to the health and the significance of food safety, he emphasized the importance of education of consumers and food handlers for the prevention of foodborne diseases, including cholera and infant diarrhoea. In this connection he developed the “WHO Golden Rules for Safe Food Preparation“. He promoted and harmonized the HACCP concept, facilitating its implementation in large and small food industries. Further is to consider his assessment and promotion of food technologies of public health importance as he promoted the acceptance of food irradiation to

prevent foodborne diseases. Last but not least Fritz Käferstein guided very successfully the work of the FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission as the WHO/Joint Secretary with respect to the health and safety requirements. With other words: Before he retired as Director of the programme on food safety and food aid of the WHO in 1998 the jubilar developed within 18 years food safety from a marginal to a core and priority public health programme. He initiated at the same time the concept of shared responsibility of food safety.

After his retirement from WHO in 1998 Fritz Käferstein served from 1998 to 2001 as Distinguished Visiting Scientist for the US Food and Drug Administration and the USDA (Food Safety Inspection Service). During that time he very much influenced the adoption of a WHO Resolution that identified food safety as an essential public health function. Beside those activities he lectured Food Safety at the Georgetown University in Washington and Yale University in New Haven. Among other distinctions Fritz Käferstein received the

R.E.Engel, the Walter F. Snyder-Award and he was appointed as an Honorary Diplomat of the American Veterinary Epidemiological Society.

On July 28, 2009, Fritz Käferstein turned 70 years old. He dedicated his career to public health in a high position in the WHO and was the first veterinarian in this agency who was appointed as Director. With some others he served in a remarkable and worldwide appreciated professional career for Food Safety and Food Protection and he was able to demonstrate with his knowledge in a convincing way the importance of veterinary medicine as an unrenounced part to develop Public Health. Among others his remarkable contributions in this field caused colleagues all over the world to congratulate him on his birthday and wish him and his family many years in health and satisfaction.

Ad multos annos!

James H. Steele, Houston (USA)

Dieter Großklaus, Berlin (Germany)

### **British Veterinary Association Congress: Cardiff 24-27th September 2009 Overseas Group Sessions**

Previous newsletters and the WVA Website have highlighted the activities of the BVA Overseas Group. Most recently we reported on the successful session at BVA Congress 2008. In 2009, the intention is to have an overseas focus session with three speakers. From the International Association of Veterinary students to those more senior members of the group there is agreement for more equivalent provision of care to both working and pleasure animals worldwide. The presentations and discussions will provide opportunity to concentrate and to agree on methods for advancement.

Of real interest to WVA members will be:-

#### **“Unlocking the potential of Africa’s livestock”** (Speaker from Farm Africa)

The intention is to look at a new approach to veterinary service delivery by the integration of para-veterinary personnel in animal health delivery systems in areas with low veterinary density. What is the role of the Community Animal Health Worker?

#### **“Working together to improve animal health: integration and cooperation of NGOs”** (Speaker: Stephen Blakeway)

This presentation will contrast the view from within an EU funded veterinary development project embedded within a government ministry and the view from within a privately funded NGO. It will promote the idea that all organisations need to cooperate, particularly in sharing best practice, if animal health and welfare services are to improve around the world.

#### **“Four Decades of Commonwealth Veterinary Association Activity”** (Speaker: Dr Robin Yarrow)

CVA has advanced animal health, welfare and productivity and living standards, especially of rural women. Climate change and emerging diseases constitute new challenges, whilst in the Pacific Islands a shortage of veterinarians is a special constraint.

#### **Bob Stevenson (WVA Councillor)**

**CARING FOR ANIMALS: HEALTHY  
COMMUNITIES**  
30<sup>th</sup> WORLD VETERINARY  
CONGRESS 10-14 October 2011



Planning is well under way for the World Veterinary Congress 2011 in Cape Town South Africa.

This prestigious event will welcome veterinarians, para-veterinarians, other health-care professionals and their families from Africa and around the world to South Africa's premier tourist destination city.

The theme "CARING FOR ANIMALS: HEALTHY COMMUNITIES" lends itself to fulfilling a global need and sets the scene for a varied, stimulating, multi-session scientific and professional programme, to cater for the diverse needs of a multi-disciplined veterinary profession. With more than a century of organised veterinary science, South Africa has an important role to play in the dissemination of knowledge across the continent and the globe.

The focus will be on food production, safety and security as well as disease control in communities served by the veterinary profession. The continuing professional development needs of veterinary clinicians will also be comprehensively catered for. This will be the most extensive veterinary scientific showcase ever offered in Africa.

World Veterinary Congress 2011 will be held at the world-class Cape Town International Convention Centre, nestled at the foot of Table Mountain.

The social and accompanying-persons programme will include day trips in and around the breathtaking Cape Peninsula, flanked by the frigid Atlantic Ocean on the west and warm Indian Ocean on the east, as well as to world-renowned vineyards. Pre- and post-Congress tours guarantee a taste of the scenic splendour, cultural diversity and unrivalled wildlife heritage that South Africa can offer its visitors. All this, together with 320 days of sunshine per year will have you planning your next African adventure!

On behalf of the South African Veterinary Association, hosts of the 30th World Veterinary Congress and the Congress Organising Committee, I extend an invitation to come and experience the warmth and renowned hospitality of Nelson Mandela's rainbow nation.

Dr Anthony Erasmus

Chairman: World Veterinary Congress 2011

[www.worldvetcongress2011.com](http://www.worldvetcongress2011.com)



WVA to Commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at 2013 World Veterinary Congress in Prague

## Conferences and Congresses

### First OIE International Conference on Animal Identification and Traceability



«From Farm to Fork»

Buenos Aires (Argentina), 23 - 25 March 2009  
For further information, please contact the OIE Headquarters: E-mail: [traceability-2009@oie.int](mailto:traceability-2009@oie.int)  
Telephone: + 33 (0)1 44 15 18 88

### World Veterinary Day 25<sup>th</sup> April 2009

“Veterinarians and Livestock Farmers, a winning partnership”.

### AVA Annual Convention

17-22 May 2009  
Darwin, NT, Australia  
More information at:  
[www.ava.com.au](http://www.ava.com.au)



### Global Conference on Foot and Mouth Disease

24-26 June 2009 Asunción (Paraguay) .  
For further information:  
[http://www.oie.int/eng/A\\_FMD2009/WELCOM\\_E-FMD.html](http://www.oie.int/eng/A_FMD2009/WELCOM_E-FMD.html)



### 146th AVMA Convention

2009 July 11 - 14  
Seattle  
More information at:  
[www.avmaconvention.org](http://www.avmaconvention.org)



Congress website: <http://www.wcva2009.com/>

### BVA Congress 2009

Cardiff, Wales 24-26 September  
More information at:  
[www.bva.co.uk/congress](http://www.bva.co.uk/congress)

### Evolving veterinary education for a safer world



This worldwide conference will take place at the Maison de la Chimie in Paris from 12-14 October 2009. For more information please contact: [s.suarez@oie.int](mailto:s.suarez@oie.int)

### 2011 Veterinary World Cup of Cricket

7-11 February, 2011, Palmerston North, New Zealand. Further information at:  
[www.vetericricket.com](http://www.vetericricket.com). Contact Dave West at:  
[D.M.West@massey.ac.nz](mailto:D.M.West@massey.ac.nz).



### 30<sup>th</sup> World Veterinary Congress Cape Town 2011

More information at:  
[www.worldvetcongress2001.com](http://www.worldvetcongress2001.com)

### Vet 2011

2011 will be the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of veterinary education, marking the world's first veterinary school in Lyon, France. For more information please contact:  
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