



# **World Veterinary Association**

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## **Newsletter**

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## **World Rabies Day September 8, 2007**

Dear Colleagues:

I call your attention to “World Rabies Day”, 8 September 2007. This is a day to recognize a serious and totally unacceptable problem, human rabies. Over 55,000 people, mostly children, die from rabies every year. Since most of this is from dog rabies, it is a preventable disease problem. There are excellent vaccines available to control dog rabies.

Elimination of human rabies transmission from the dog-to-dog rabies cycle has been accomplished in much of the world, but it still occurs in some large geographical areas. The veterinary medical profession has the prime responsibility to prevent human rabies, which has been accomplished in most of

the developed countries. This can be done through organized community educational efforts, domestic animal vaccination programs and humane animal control procedures.

Veterinary medicine must undertake its responsibility to the global society, and actively support World Veterinary Day. The WVA is already a partner with many other national, international professional and non-governmental organizations in this important, landmark day. Please encourage your international, national, and local organizations to take part in the World Veterinary Day, and make it a day of declaration and action wherever possible.

**Dr Leon Russell, President**

**Young Scholars Award**  
**World Association for the History of Veterinary Medicine (WAHVM)**  
**Call for Applicants**

The history of veterinary medicine is a fascinating and multi-faceted field of enquiry that has attracted the attention of veterinarians, scientists and historians alike. The newly founded Young Scholars Award aims to stimulate and encourage the interest of younger researchers, in the hope that their work will illuminate the profession's past, present and future development. The prize of € 1000 will be awarded to the best original essay on any topic of relevance to the veterinary field.

The prizewinner will present his or her paper at the following World Congress of WAHVM, where the prize will be awarded. Additionally, travel expenses of the prize winner will be granted up to the amount of € 1000.

**OIE / PVS missions**



The World veterinary association is strongly supporting OIE in their activities. In addition to the WVA involvement at the OIE annual sessions and Ad/hoc committees, Dr Herbert Schneider and Dr Faouzi Kechrid are leading some OIE /PVS missions (Performance, Vision and Strategy) for the evaluation of veterinary services of countries such as Brazil, Cameroun, Egypt, Djibouti and Benin.

**Applicants** must not be older than 38 years. The award is open to scholars of all educational backgrounds.

**Submitted papers** will be accepted either published (not earlier than Jan. 1st, 2006) or as manuscripts and shall be sent to the address of the WAHVM Board (see below). Papers must not exceed a size of 10,000 words and will be accepted in English, German, French and Italian language.

**Deadline** for submission is December 31st, 2007. All submitted papers will be reviewed by a jury; deadline for decision will be March 31st, 2008.

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**Dr Faouzi Kechrid appointed by FAO as Regional Manager for North Africa**

Dr Kechrid is based in Tunis to manage and coordinate the Animal Health centre ECTAD (Emergency Centre for transboundary diseases). The Tunis centre will be joined next September by the OIE Sub regional office in order to have an animal health platform for the North Africa region according to the Global framework of transboundary animal diseases agreement between FAO and OIE (GFTAD).

Contact Dr Faouzi Kechrid at [faouzi.Kechrid@fao.org](mailto:faouzi.Kechrid@fao.org)

## World Veterinary Congress



It is very evident that the success of a world congress is directly related to the number of organizations supporting and participating in the program development. The 29<sup>th</sup> World Veterinary Congress, to be held next summer in Vancouver, Canada, has been exceptionally successful in gaining broad support.

I am very pleased to announce that the newly formed “World Aquatic Veterinary Medical Association (WAVMA)” will be joining our congress. Not only will they be contributing to the development of a strong fish medicine/aquaculture program in the Private Practice segment of the congress but they will also facilitate an in depth, multi day work shop, “Biosecurity in Aquaculture” immediately following the congress. This addition of world renowned aquaculture and biosecurity specialists is a great supplement to our already extensive program.

Our expanding list of supporting or participating organizations includes:

- \*World Veterinary Association
- \*Canadian Veterinary Medical Association
- \*World Organization for Animal Health

- \*Canadian Food Inspection Agency
- \*World Aquatic Veterinary Medical Association
- \*Canadian Association of Animal Health Technicians and Technologists
- \*Canadian Association of Laboratory Animal Medicine
- \*Canadian Council for Animal Care
- \*Canadian Academy of Veterinary Dermatology
- \*Canadian Association of Veterinary Ophthalmology
- \*CanWest Veterinary Conference

The combined expertise and input of this wide range of experts has resulted in an exceptional program that will be invaluable to veterinarians in all career paths.

I encourage you to visit the congress website:

[www.worldveterinarycongress2008.com](http://www.worldveterinarycongress2008.com) to view the list of speakers and topics. You will also locate information regarding submission of presentations and can register for the congress on line. Plan now to attend. Register soon!

Dr. Duane Landals B.Sc.Ag., D.V.M.  
Chair  
29<sup>th</sup> World Veterinary Congress

Authors are asked to submit abstracts under one of the following streams:

- \* Disease surveillance, biosecurity and emergency preparedness
- \* Production animal welfare and animal care
- \* Judicious use of animal health products

**Abstract Submission Deadline:  
November 2, 2007 at 17:00 PDT**

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

## Congresses

**Veterinary Pathology Symposium  
August 30-31, 2007** at the National Taiwan  
University, Taipei, Taiwan

To foster scientific cooperation among the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Asian Society of Veterinary Pathology (ASVP), Association of Asian Veterinary Schools (AAVS), and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian Conservation Medicine/Wildlife Pathology Workshop (ASZWM) and to promote progress in sciences of veterinary pathology in the Asian region, the Chinese Society of Veterinary Pathology (CSVP) (CSVP, also known as Veterinary Pathology Society of Taiwan, VPSTw), Taiwan Animal Health Research Institute, and National Taiwan University (NTU).

The organisers expect to have 150-200 administrators, scientific researchers, specialists, and pathologists from Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, United States, and Vietnam to discuss and exchange experiences on mutual topics such as veterinary education, emerging and important animal infectious diseases and other related diseases, and wildlife conservation and medicine in Asia.

Please send the registration form before to Dr. Victor Fei Pang, Secretary General of the Joint Meeting by e-mail at: [pang@ntu.edu.tw](mailto:pang@ntu.edu.tw), Tel: +886 2 3366 3867, Fax: +886 2 2366 1475).

**Canadian IVAS Affiliated Basic  
Veterinary Acupuncture Course. October  
2007.**

**2007 CanWest Veterinary Conference  
October 13-16, 2007.** More details at:  
[www.avma.ab.ca](http://www.avma.ab.ca) or [www.bcvma.org](http://www.bcvma.org).

**13<sup>th</sup> International Symposium for the  
World Association of Veterinary  
Laboratory Diagnosticians 11-14  
November 2007.** More details at:  
<http://www.wavld2007.com/melbourne.php>

**Third African Veterinary Congress  
Yaounde 13-15 November 2007**

**11th Euro-Arab Veterinary Congress  
Khartoum, Sudan 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> December  
2007.**

The Sudanese Veterinary Syndicate will be organizing the 2007 edition after Porto (Portugal) 2006. The Euro-Arab veterinary association has been organizing annual events in alternate years in Arab and European countries since 1996.

For more details:

[www.euroarabveterinaryassociation.org](http://www.euroarabveterinaryassociation.org)

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

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

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

**Fourth African Veterinary Association  
Congress, Algiers, Algeria, May 2008**  
in conjunction with the Maghreb veterinary congress. Contact: Dr Faouzi Kechrid:  
[faouzikechrid@yahoo.fr](mailto:faouzikechrid@yahoo.fr)

**15<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Federation of  
Asian Veterinary Associations  
27-28-29 October 2008.**

Congress activities will take place at the Central World Hotel and Convention Center, Bangkok, Thailand.

For more information, please visit:

<http://fava.thaivma.com>

## World Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (WAVLD)



Proudly Hosted by AAVLD  
[www.wavld2007.com](http://www.wavld2007.com)  
**REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!**

The 13<sup>th</sup> International Symposium of the World Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (WAVLD) will be held in Melbourne, Australia from 11-14 November 2007.

Held in conjunction with the OIE 8<sup>th</sup> Biotechnology Symposium titled "Applications of biotechnology to the diagnosis and pathology of animal diseases" the event will provide an exciting and relevant program of presentations, papers and posters. These will cover not only the current global risks and challenges associated with new and emerging animal diseases but how we can prepare for the future on such issues as bio-security, bio-safety and new technology uptake. This will be a great opportunity for scientists throughout Australia to hear from some of the world's top experts in this area.

The symposium will be hosted by the:

- Australian Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD)
- CSIRO Australian Animal Health Laboratory (AAHL)
- OIE – World Organisation for Animal Health

An impressive scientific program will provide plenty of opportunity for scientific interchange and discussion to maximise the benefit of each attendees visit but, equally, a range of social events will be organised to ensure that the science is interspersed with some fun and relaxation.

Invited speakers:

- Professor Peter Doherty AC FAA FRS Laureate Professor
- Professor Corrie Brown
- Dr Luis Rodriguez
- Dr Linfa Wang
- Dr Ilaria Capua
- Dr Tammy Beckham
- Professor Mark Rweyemamu
- Steve Edwards

For more information please visit [www.wavld2007.com](http://www.wavld2007.com)

### New WVA Animal Welfare List Server

The WVA website recently introduced an Animal Welfare page which can be accessed from the main menu on the website homepage. This has now been supplemented by the development of a list server to facilitate active discussion on animal welfare issues.

The messages will all be subject to moderation to prevent SPAM and other unwanted material being distributed.

To subscribe to the WVA animal welfare list server, please send a message to: [animalwelfare-subscribe@worldvet.org](mailto:animalwelfare-subscribe@worldvet.org)

## World Aquatic Veterinary Medical Association

The WAVMA held its first Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Washington DC on July 18, 2007. The WAVMA President, Dr. Peter Merrill, who emphasized the global reach of WAVMA. He estimated 7,500 plus veterinarians are already involved with different aspects of aquatic veterinary medicine. He also emphasized the need for the WAVMA to help address and focus on educational needs for aquatic practitioners, the clear recognition of aquatics as a unique discipline of veterinary medicine, and the need to certify practitioners who are clinically competent in this discipline.

Other speakers included international leaders in veterinary medicine including Dr. Leon Russell (President, World Veterinary Association President), Dr. Jim Edwards (President, Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations), Dr. Julius Tepper (Treasurer, International Association for Aquatic Animal Medicine), Presidents of national veterinary associations (Drs. Greg Hamner - America; John Drake – Canada; Nick Blayney - Britain; Diane Sheehan – Australia) and veterinary organizations with aquatic species focuses, Dr. Hamish Rodger (Fish Veterinary Society), Dr. Carol McClure (Eastern Aquatic Veterinary Association), Dr. Leigh Anne Clayton (Association of Reptilian and Amphibian Veterinarians).

The discussion recognized the common global need for, and importance of a global organization that help the veterinary profession grapple with a wide cadre of

aquatic veterinary issues, and programs to advance the private practitioner dealing with aquatic animal companion or food production practice on a daily basis. Overwhelmingly, the emphasis on the vast opportunities for private practitioners to expand their current practices in any areas of the fastest growing discipline of veterinary medicine permeated the whole meeting.

Following the AGM the Executive Board discussed the World Veterinary Congress aquatic veterinary medicine program, to hold the 2008 WAVMA AGM, and possibly develop a special workshop for aquatic veterinarians on developing and implementing aquaculture biosecurity certification programs for finfish operations in conjunction with this Congress.

Veterinarians and veterinary organizations that have an interest or involvement in any aspects of aquatic veterinary medicine, and wish to join or become affiliated with the WAVMA should contact the Secretary (Chris Walster – E-mail: [chris.walster@onlinevets.co.uk](mailto:chris.walster@onlinevets.co.uk)) and visit the WAVMA website ([www.AquaVets.org](http://www.AquaVets.org)).



**Quote:**  
**“When I collect an injured bird, the first thing I think of is I need a vet”.**

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