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The 29th Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) Meeting, July 3-7, 2006



Dr. Leon Russell, WVA President, participated as the head of the WVA delegation to Geneva.

Since it was first supported by the United Nations in 1985, the CAC has been responsible for the Codex Alimentarius, or the food code, that has since become the global standard for national food safety and international food trade. The CAC food safety guidelines are enforced by actions of

the World Trade Organization (WTO). Also, nations involved in international trade of foods and foodstuffs are subject to the food standards and/or guidelines of the CAC through the Sanitary Phytosanitary (SPS) and the Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Agreements.

The WVA is the only veterinary organization that is a recognized NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) at the CAC meetings. National veterinary organizations that are members of the WVA can have a voice in the CAC discussions through the NGO status of the WVA.

The 29th CAC considered the actions and recommendations of its Codex Alimentarius Committees, which have met, in the past year. This includes such committees as the Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products, the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene, and, the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods. Before becoming a part of the Codex Alimentarius, the draft standards or guidelines from these Codex Committees have to go an 8 Step procedure, which generally means that the proposed standards have to be considered at three annual meetings of the CAC. Those proposed draft standards submitted at Step 5, usually the second year of the process, seems to be at

the most critical point in the approval process.

Many of these proposed guidelines or standards can have important effects on veterinarians throughout the world. For example, considered at the 29th session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission meeting this year was the proposed draft “Guidelines for the Design and Implementation of National Regulatory Food Safety Programs Associated with the

Use of Veterinary Drugs in Food Producing Animals”.

Since actions of the CAC affect the global society and international veterinary medicine, the WVA must be present to represent the veterinary medical profession at the CAC meetings.

Leon H. Russell DVM, President

World Veterinary Congress 2008



The World Veterinary Congress, 2008 will be held in Vancouver, Canada. Vancouver is a coastal city set at the foot of a magnificent range of snow capped mountains. It is lush and green with a very pleasant climate during the summer months.

The Congress theme is “Celebrate Our Diversity” and the program committee is working hard to live up to this theme. We intend to deliver a multitude of educational streams recognizing both clinical practice

and public practice. Species diversity will include; companion animal, equine, food animal and exotic practice. The public practice stream is being developed around the issues of; production animal welfare, antimicrobial use in food producing animals and diseases of global concern. Additionally there will be sessions regarding practice business management, personal development and a program for veterinary technicians, technologists and others involved in the delivery of our diverse range of veterinary services.

As a member of the world veterinary community, this is your congress. Contact your regional World Veterinary Association representative if you have any suggestions that will help us make this the best congress ever.

Dr. Duane Landals
Chair, World Veterinary Congress 2008.

Cattle Consultancy Days 2006 - Annual Conference for Bovine Veterinary Practitioners and Production Consultants, August 30-31, 2006, Nyborg, Denmark

Cattle Consultancy Days is a unique annual event, bringing together Bovine Veterinary Practitioners and Production Consultants. The CCDays 2006 will provide you with an opportunity to learn how to manage issues concerning food safety in a global perspective, key advisory methods, mastitis, animal welfare and ethics in dairy herds, efficient control of paratuberculosis and metabolic and digestive disorders.

The preliminary programme for Cattle Consultancy Days 2006 is available on the conference website: www.ccdays.com

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

The 14th WVA Council Meeting held 21 May 2006 in Malaga, Spain

A major focus of the meeting was on the WVA Road Map 2005-2008 developed last October under the leadership of President Leon Russell. Working Group Reports were presented from the International Standards Group by Dr Kechrid, the Accreditation of Veterinary Schools by Dr Russell, Animal Welfare from Dr Edwards, Membership Services by Dr Russell, Communication by Dr Johnson Chiang, Good Veterinary Practice by Dr Daniel and Industry Participation by Dr Nave.

The WVA's new strategic plan, the Road Map 2005-2008, is making good progress:

- **Animal Welfare** – Good progress towards WVA policy and action plan.
- **Communications** – The WVA Newsletter has been very well received.
- **Good Veterinary Practice** – The 14th Council agreed that each WVA member's code of veterinary practice should be posted on the WVA website to stimulate more interest in better codes.
- **Membership Services Committee** – The facilitation of WVA membership will continue to be pursued by the committee and the EXCOM. The Council recommended that Algeria be accepted for full membership in the WVA.
- **OIE/FAO/WHO** – The WVA had been represented at the 74th OIE General Session.
- **Global Veterinary Curriculum Standards** – An “expert accreditation” committee was established and would include Richard Halliwell (MRCVS), James Nave (AVMA), Ron Gibson (NZVA), Francisco Trigo (Mexico), Jim Edwards (NZVA).

The Council proposed Amendments to the WVA Constitution and By-Laws and will recommend to the Presidents Assembly that the WVC 2013, the 150th Anniversary Congress, elect new officers and Councillors to be installed in 2014 in order to keep with three year terms of office.

The Council discussed a proposal from the South African Veterinary Association to assist in the support of veterinary educational programs in Africa.

World Veterinary Day (WVD) - The Council approved a joint WVA-OIE WVD Award for the best 2006 World Veterinary Day to be presented at the 75th OIE General Session, May 2007.

The 15th Council Meeting will be held in Taipei, Taiwan on 29 April 2007.

Federation of Asia Veterinary Associations Congress

The 14th Congress of the Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations (FAVA) was held in Auckland, New Zealand, from 25-27 May 2006. There was an excellent technical programme on the theme “Veterinary Roles in the Health and Welfare of Animals and Humans”.

WVA President Dr Leon Russell and Vice-President Dr Johnson Chiang attended the congress along with Dr Yamane, JVMA President; other FAVA Councillors; Dr Roger Mahr, President Elect of the AVMA; Dr Kirsti Secksel, AVA President and Dr Mandy Nutting, NZVA President.

Former WVA President, Dr Jim Edwards from New Zealand was elected FAVA President and will lead the Association for the next two years in the lead up to the next FAVA Congress in Bangkok, Thailand in 2008.

Euro-Arab Veterinary Association celebrates 10th anniversary

The Euro-Arab Veterinary Association celebrated its 10th anniversary from June 1st to 3rd, 2006 in the beautiful city of Porto (Portugal). The Event was attended by 27 countries and by many international organizations, World Veterinary Association, World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), World Health organization/PAHO, World Union of Liberal professions, Federation of veterinarians of Europe, General Union of Arab Veterinarians, African Veterinary Association and national veterinary organizations.

The opening ceremony was chaired by his Excellency Dr Jaime Silva Ministry of agriculture, rural development and fisheries of Portugal and Dr Bernard Vallat, General Director of the OIE. In his presidential address, Dr Faouzi Kechrid underlined that WVA is considering The Euro-Arab veterinary association as an important link between the professions in Europe and the Arab countries and in regard of the great collaboration needed by the countries members. A new Website was developed by the Portuguese veterinary council: www.euroarabveterinaryassociation.org.

Dr Vallat presented a general overview on the importance of the veterinary profession and the big efforts to face the new emerging diseases and to protect the consumers and the animal health worldwide. The afternoon session was dedicated to the OIE presentation on traceability and identification and its importance for food safety and protection of animals and their products.

Dr Faouzi kechrid made a large presentation of the WVA activities, joined by the WVA Councillors presents at this meeting Drs Hashem Al Hadi, Jean Hokayem and Ramadeo Ramchurn and presented the 2008 Vancouver WVC with distribution of leaflets and CD Roms on behalf of Dr Duane Landals. They also promoted the World Veterinary Day and the WVA Newsletter.

1st International Conference of Institute Milton Thiago de Mello

The Brazilian Society of Veterinary Medicine (SBMV) and the Brazilian Academy of Veterinary Medicine (ABRAMVET) in celebration of the 90th Birthday of Professor Milton Thiago de Mello began a cycle of International Conferences to present papers related to the fields of scientific knowledge in which he has been in evidence.



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