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From the President



Dear colleagues and friends of the veterinary profession,
In the first newsletter of 2009, I invited nominations for this year's World Veterinary Day Award. I omitted to mention that each member of WVA and OIE can and is encouraged to nominate. Promoting the profession to society in general, is very

important. This year's theme:

“Veterinarians and Livestock farmers: a winning partnership” is a crucial one because, in the years to come, there will be a worldwide demand for greater quantities of animal protein.

Veterinarians play a crucial role in meeting this demand by promoting the very best of health and welfare of animals. You may have seen the advertisement encouraging nominations and I would like to add my own personal invitation to make your nomination as soon as you can.

A month ago I was in my own country for a meeting about animal welfare. The Dutch Veterinary Association, the veterinary faculty and the veterinary students' association organised the meeting which also included a large number of non-veterinary organisations. The main recommendation from this meeting was that, for the best animal welfare, veterinarians, animal protection groups and society in general, have to work together. When considering animal welfare and because animal welfare is so linked to animal health and public health, the veterinarian has to play the leading role. Bernard Vallat, General Director of OIE, said in the "Global Conference on Animal Welfare" in Cairo last autumn : For global public good, the veterinary profession should take the lead in

order to improve animal health, animal welfare and public health. Leadership by the veterinarians, working in partnership with all relevant stakeholders, were the two key components for improvement of animal welfare.

One of the issues in dispute, between veterinarians and animal protection groups, is the interpretation of the term animal rights. Throughout the world discussion about human rights is very difficult and so it is with animal rights. My opinion is that together we all have to seek to develop universal agreements about animal welfare independent of the actual wording. Let's act together for the benefit of the animals and consequently for the benefit of people.

In the year 2011 we celebrate 250 years of veterinary education. The Council of WVA has decided to become actively involved in the project "Vet2011" as an associate member. In the next Newsletter I will provide further details about the project.

Tjeerd Jorna, WVA President

Veterinary Education

In the last Newsletter I wrote an article about veterinary education in general. In October 2009 the World Animal Health Organization (OIE) will organise a Conference entitled "Evolving Veterinary Education for a safer world". During this conference I will have the opportunity to present a paper. My presentation will pay attention to three issues: Firstly, the minimum requirements the schools have to fulfil; secondly, what the profession expects of the education by the schools and finally, what may society expect of veterinary education. Within this Newsletter I give my personal opinion about what the profession expects of veterinary education by the schools. In the next Newsletters the two other aspects will be described.

So, what does the Veterinary Profession expect?

Veterinary professionals require an education provided by the schools that gives really good New Graduate Competence for the various disciplines in the daily life of vets. In most schools with a 4 to 6 years curriculum the graduates have general new graduate competences. In some schools there is tracking during the last year and in these instances there is more variation in the new graduate competences.

Throughout the world the curriculums of schools differ a great deal. Certain schools may concentrate on a more clinically oriented curriculum while other schools prefer a more generally oriented curriculum, within which public health is part. The profession requires that the graduate can develop into professional veterinarians. For graduates who take employment in governmental duties like meat hygiene or as a state veterinary officer or as an employee in industry or in other organisations, this development is relatively easy. All these organisations have their own procedures and schedules to guide the graduate to the function they require.

In veterinary practice this is more difficult. As a practitioner the new graduate will have immediate contact with the animal owner and most of the owners expect even a new graduate to examine, to diagnose and to treat their animals. A lot of owners have website knowledge and that can increase the challenge to the competence of the new graduate on entering practice. Even in a larger mixed practice the guidance of the

colleagues in the practice can not solve all the problems.
Experienced practitioners can expect too high a level of competence in new graduates from the veterinary schools. For young veterinarians this can result in a lot of veterinary and psychological problems. A lot of practitioners fail to recall the day they were newly qualified. Some 20 years ago it was easier to guide the young veterinarian.

World- wide we have to realistically define what are the DAY ONE COMPETENCES for new veterinary graduates.

The Day One Competences are the combination of knowledge and skills that the young graduate needs to possess for a safe start as a veterinarian entering the profession.

Dr Tjeerd Jorna
President WVA

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News from the World Organisation for Animal health (OIE)

Eliminating rabies in dogs is the optimal control method for preventing spread of the disease

Dog vaccination and stray dog populations control are more efficient and cost effective than post-bite treatment in humans

Prevention at the animal source is the optimal key in dealing with a prevalent and perennial zoonotic disease like rabies. Upstream control of rabies infection in dogs, including the control of excess stray dog populations, should rank high on the agenda of developing countries' national health and veterinary authorities for an efficient prevention of human and animal mortalities.

“The cost of a post-bite treatment in humans is about twenty to one hundred times more costly than the vaccination of a dog”, Dr Bernard Vallat, Director General of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) explains. « Currently with only 10% of the financial resources used worldwide to treat people after a dog bite Veterinary Services would be able to eradicate rabies in animals and thus stop almost all human cases », he added.

Animal vaccination remains the method of choice to control and eradicate rabies. For ethical, ecological and economical reasons, the OIE advises against trying to control and eradicate rabies by killing potentially infected animals, as a sole method. It has been demonstrated repeatedly that all successful rabies eradication campaigns in the developing world have included programmes for the control of excess stray dog populations as well as the systemic vaccination of owned dogs.

The OIE and the WTO strengthen their cooperation

During a visit by Mr Pascal Lamy, Director-General of the World Trade Organization (WTO), to the OIE Headquarters in Paris, the leaders of the two organisations further emphasised the benefits to the international

community of the animal health standards published by the OIE, which are considered as the reference within the framework of the WTO SPS Agreement.

Dr Bernard Vallat, Director General of the OIE, stated that “a large majority of the standards adopted by OIE Member Countries and Territories are designed to prevent sanitary risks linked with the world trade in animals and animal products. This trade is indispensable, especially to supply the poorest countries with animal protein, including in times of crisis. Yet compliance with OIE standards also results in the improvement of veterinary health governance in each Member country and territory, and in so doing improves animal health and welfare throughout the world, while at the same time improving public health by preventing and controlling animal diseases transmissible to humans.”

World Veterinary Day 25 April 2009

The theme for the World Veterinary Day 2009 is “**Veterinarians and Livestock Farmers: a winning partnership**”.

Please send your World Veterinary Day plans and news to: editor@worldvet.org.



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World Veterinary Day 25 April 2009

“Veterinarians and Livestock Farmers: a winning partnership”



The WVA and OIE have received early notification of plans to celebrate World Veterinary Day from a number of member countries.

The **Ghana Veterinary Medical Association** planned activities include:

- A radio discussion on “Public Health Significance of Tuberculosis in Cattle”.
- Television panel discussion on GTV and Sunrise on TV3
- Outreach programme of PPR vaccination in sheep and goats in some communities in Kumasi
- Seminar on the topics “Avian Influenza – current situation in Ghana” and “Emergency preparedness for AI in humans in Ghana”

The target audiences are livestock farmers, veterinarians and para-veterinarians, public health professionals and the general public.

The **Sudan Veterinary Medical Association** plans to celebrate World Veterinary Day in the White Nile State, about 400km south of Khartoum, which is rich in all types of animals, 6.5million heads, besides the riches in fisheries.

They hope that this day will be attended by many vets, animal owners, pastoralists,

and the sedentary farmers. The event will be called "Veterinary Camp" where vets will render veterinary health services, extension, exhibitions and selling cheap animal products to the public.

The **American Veterinary Medical Association** will promote the event to the press and public while encouraging U.S. veterinary groups to mark the occasion.

In **Spain** Merial have developed a project called “Elementos, esencia y vida” which wants to make the Spanish vets proud of their profession and wants to give them relevance of their important role in society, especially in the countryside.

The **Federation of Veterinarians of Europe** will be holding a Photo Competition. Dr. Winding is encouraging practitioners to use the occasion of World Veterinary Day to promote the profession, by “holding open-door days, visiting schools, and showing to clients and the public at large how veterinarians touch everyone’s lives – on a daily basis.

World Veterinary Day 2009 award



The deadline for national associations to apply for the award is May 1.

Information is available at www.oie.int/download/announcement-FINAL_EN.pdf.

News from Canada

Coming Soon: Species-Specific Antimicrobial Prudent Use Guidelines

In the coming weeks the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) will publish “**Species-Specific Antimicrobial Prudent Use Guidelines for Dairy Cattle, Beef Cattle, Poultry and Swine**”. The Guidelines will provide veterinarians with evidence-based antimicrobial treatment protocols for many of the common bacterial infections practitioners treat in these species and will be a useful reference document for both veterinary students and practitioners.

The guidelines will be available for download from the CVMA member Website www.canadianveterinarians.net. Stay tuned for more information.

Ontario Animal Protection Law Requires Veterinarians to Report Suspected Abuse and Neglect

A law that came into effect on March 1st, modernizes the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA) Act and strengthens provincial animal cruelty legislation.

The new Provincial Animal Welfare (PAW) Act introduces stiffer penalties for causing harm to any animal including jail time, fines of up to \$60,000, and a potential lifetime ownership ban. The legislation authorizes the OSPCA to inspect areas where animals are kept for entertainment, exhibition, boarding and sale and requires veterinarians to report suspected abuse and neglect. The Act provides immunity for veterinarians who break client confidentiality to report animal abuse in good faith.

The CVMA has long recognized the vital role that veterinarians play in addressing animal abuse issues and creating safe and humane communities and applauds the Government of Ontario for introducing the new legislation.

For more information on animal abuse and what veterinarians can do, visit the animal abuse section at <http://canadianveterinarians.net/animal-abuse.aspx>

One World One Health

Winnipeg, Canada, March 16-19, 2009

The World Veterinary Association was invited to participate in an expert consultation entitled “one world One Health-From Ideas To Actions” This event was hosted by the Public Health Agency of Canada in collaboration with the OIE, FAO, WHO, UNICEF, UNSIC and the World Bank. The consultation revolved around the document produced by these six agencies in October, 2008. (A Strategic Framework for Reducing Risks of Infectious Diseases at the Animal-Human-Ecosystem Interface)

The meeting objectives were to:

- Describe and explain the One World One Health Strategic Framework
- Share examples of best practices related to One World One Health
- Identify priority actions for implementation
- Identify barriers to implementation and strategies to address implementation, particularly in low-income countries

It is expected that recommendations on possible options for the implementation of the One World One Health Strategic Framework will be included in the final report and these recommendations can be delivered to appropriate stakeholders (countries, development agencies, financial institutions, industry, academia, non-governmental, regional and international organizations)

A final copy of the framework, with recommendations will be made available in a timely manner. This document will be of great interest to all member countries of the WVA. It certainly has a significant influence on all veterinarians as advances are made in global health.

**This edition of the Newsletter introduces three more WVA Council members
Dr Patricia V. Turner**



Dr Turner works in the Department of Pathobiology, at the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada.

Dr Turner has a B.Sc. (Biochemistry; honours) from McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario and M.Sc. (Pharmacology) from Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia. She received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) and Doctorate of Veterinary Sciences (DVSc) (Comparative Pathology) from the Ontario Veterinary College. In July 2000 Dr Turner became a Diplomate, American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine.

Professional memberships include : Canadian Association for Laboratory Animal Medicine (CALAM), Canadian Association for Laboratory Animal Science (CALAS), Canadian Veterinary Medicine Association (CVMA), American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS), American Society for Laboratory Animal Practitioners (ASLAP), Association of Primate Veterinarians (APV), American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM), Society of Toxicologic Pathologists (STP), Institute for Laboratory Animal Research (ILAR), International Association of Colleges of Laboratory Animal Medicine (IACLAM)

Dr Turner has been awarded the Charles River Canada Award (outstanding achievements in laboratory animal science in Canada), in June 2008; and in March 2007 was the inaugural recipient of the Procter & Gamble/Humane

Society of the United States – North American Animal Welfare Award.

Outside of veterinary medicine, Dr Turner is active in the Burlington Civic Chorale, the Toronto Early Music Players (TEMPO), running and cycling.

Dr Marc Janssens



Dr Janssens received his Doctor in Veterinary medicine (Ghent State University- Belgium) in 1979. In 1986 he received Manager for small and middle sized enterprises (CMO Waasland-Belgium).

His veterinary association memberships include: 1987 - Founder and councillor of Small Animal Veterinary Association – Flanders; 1991-2002 Founder and president of Flemish Veterinary Association (VDV); 1992 – 2002 President of Belgian Veterinary Association (BSDV-USVB); 1991 - Belgian delegate for Federation of Veterinarians in Europe (FVE); 1991 - Belgian delegate for Union of European Veterinary Practitioners (UEVP); 1994 – 2003 Belgian delegate for Advisory Committee on Veterinary Training of the European Union (ACVT); 1996 – 2005 Councillor for Western Europe in World Veterinary Association (WVA); 1998 - Expert in Clinical Veterinary Sciences for the Faculty visitation system of European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE); 2000 - Founder and councillor of Association for Good Veterinary Practice – Belgium (GVP); 2002 - Secretary General of Flemish Veterinary Association (VDV); 2003 Chairman of interim board of Federation of Veterinarians in Europe (FVE); 2008 – Councillor for Europe in world Veterinary Association.

Dr Janssens non professional activities and hobbies include the breeding of horses, a do-it-yourselfer in house construction and finishing; and walking on the Belgian North Sea beach.

Dr Yassir Yousif Alian



Dr Alian received his BVM in 1984, Zagazig University, Egypt and his MVSc in 1998, at the Khartoum University, Sudan. He has since received a Diploma in General Administration from the Khartoum University, Sudan; and a

Fellowship Strategic studies in 2002, from the Academy of Strategic Studies, Sudan.

His veterinary association memberships include: World Veterinary Association (WVA), Sudan Veterinary Medical Association (SVMA), General Federation of Arab Veterinarians (GFAV), African Veterinary Association (AVA) and the Euro-Arab Veterinary Association (EAVA).

His non professional activities and hobbies include the Sudanese Youth Federation Social Committee, Khartoum and the Public Health and Food Safety Committee, Khartoum.

News from Sudan

The Sudan Veterinary Medical Association (SVMA) Activities

The SVMA held its 19th Professional and Scientific conference, together with the 5th meeting of the SVMA Council, in Sinar State about 300km south of Khartoum, during the period: 25th - 27th January 2009. It was attended by about 250 veterinarians, representing 18 regional Veterinary Associations from all over Sudan, beside the dignitaries from the State and pastoralists union.

The logo of the meeting "The role of the veterinarian in the development of the animal and fishery sectors in the Sudan". Milk production, processing and safety represented the major subjects. Experts in these fields were invited from abroad.

This activity was well covered in the local and national media.

The General Federation of Arab Veterinarians (FAV)

The SVMA whose President, Prof. Hashim Mohamed Elhadi, is holding the position of General Secretary (President) of the GFAC and it H.Q. in Khartoum was the host for the 3rd meeting of the general secretariat, which coincided with the 19th SVMA conference, in Sinar State 25th - 27th January 2009.

The meeting discussed many issues concerning veterinary education, public health and animal welfare in the Arab world, beside Arab solidarity and professional cooperation.

African Veterinary Association Conference

The 7th African Veterinary Association conference is scheduled for 28th - 30th September in Youndi, Cameroon.

The last day to receive participatory papers is 30th May, to Dr Makek Maurice, President of the National Veterinary Association in Cameroon (fokaze@yahoo.fr, or website www.onvc.org or to Dr Yasir Alian, the General Secretary (AVA) e-mail: yasiralian@hotmail.com.

Victorian bushfires – an update from the Australian Veterinary Association

Following the devastating bushfires in the Australian State of Victoria, veterinarians and veterinary nurses from across the country responded in force to support their colleagues on the frontline of the fire zones.

Due to the tremendous number of offers of support, both of veterinary volunteers and supplies, the Australian Veterinary Association established the Veterinary Emergency Taskforce. The ongoing role of the taskforce is to link the support offered with the people and organisations needing assistance.

Such was the force and velocity of the fires that 210 people and an unknown number of animals – some estimates suggest more than a million – were killed. Those clinics and hospitals near the fires became makeshift triage and treatment centres for injured companion animals and wildlife and veterinarians were called to attend to livestock and horses suffering burns and smoke inhalation.

Their clinics remained open 24 hours on those days immediately following the fires, providing pro bono care and a refuge for people searching for their lost pets and needing a place to bring injured koalas, kangaroos and other animals.

Many vets in and around fire-affected areas became the sympathetic ear for their community members to talk about their traumatic experiences, particularly those related to their pets and other animals.

Despite the emotional and financial hardships experienced by veterinary practices and their staff in and around fire-affected areas, these professionals continue to play a vital role within their communities as the communities themselves slowly recover. As a profession we can be extremely proud of our colleagues who have been so vital to the care of both animals and people throughout the crisis.

While nothing surpasses the human tragedy of these fires, the animal devastation is one very close to so many people's hearts.

The Australian Veterinary Association would like to extend the appreciation from the profession to all our international colleagues who expressed their support and sympathy for those in the community affected by the tragedy.



Robyn the koala receives treatment for burns at the Animal Clinic Morwell, Victoria



Conferences and Congresses

World Veterinary Day

25th April 2009

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AVA Annual Convention

17-22 May 2009

Darwin, NT, Australia

More information at:

www.ava.com.au

2009 ACVIM Forum & Canadian Veterinary Medical Association Convention

June 3-6, 2009 in Montréal, QC.

For more information, visit www.ACVIMForum.org



Global Conference on Foot and Mouth Disease

24-26 June 2009 Asunción (Paraguay) .

For further information:

http://www.oie.int/eng/A_FMD2009/WELCOME-FMD.html



146th AVMA Convention

2009 July 11 - 14

Seattle

More information at:

www.avmaconvention.org



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

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BVA Congress 2009

Cardiff, Wales 24-26 September

More information at:

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

2011 Veterinary World Cup of Cricket

7-11 February, 2011, Palmerston North, New Zealand.

Further information at: www.vetcricket.com. Contact

Dave West at: D.M.West@massey.ac.nz.



30th World Veterinary Congress CapeTown 2011

More information at:

www.worldvetcongress2001.com



2011 will be the 250th anniversary of veterinary education, marking the world's first veterinary school in Lyon, France. For more information please contact: staff@vet2011.org or www.2011vet.org

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