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World Veterinary Congress 2008



World Veterinary Congress,
July 28-31, 2008,
Vancouver, Canada.

The 29th World Veterinary Congress is just a little over one year away. This hallmark international veterinary event will take place at the world class Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Center, situated on the water front in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

The event is supported by World Veterinary Association, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association and the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE).

The program is designed to “Celebrate our Diversity” and to bring veterinarians from all fields together in recognizing that, despite our diversity, we professionally have a common goal. To set the tone for this, the Congress will open with one common session on Monday morning. Keynote speakers will remind us that the phrase “One World-One Medicine” is truer today than at any time in history. Each veterinarian works in their own field of expertise but through the collaboration of the entire profession, we move forward in creating a world of health that is ideal for the entire planet population, both animal and human.

The program is divided into two major tracks that will offer various simultaneous sessions and run from Monday through Thursday, guaranteeing a program of interest to all veterinarians, veterinary technicians and others with a role in animal health.

The Clinical/Private Practice Track is specifically designed for individuals with an interest in private clinical practice. It will offer 5 daily streams in small animal practice, 1 in equine practice, 1 in bovine practice and 2 covering other species such as swine, avian, laboratory animals, aquatic animals, etc. Invited speakers will cover topics in medicine, surgery, veterinary specialties, practice/business management, diagnostics and other areas of clinical interest.

The Public Practice/Public Health Track is primarily intended for veterinarians who are engaged in government service, research and development, and academia.

Three general themes will be employed and each theme will run over two days, with a keynote speaker setting the stage for the theme, followed by presentations selected by the Congress Committee from submissions submitted by veterinarians from around the world.

- Disease Surveillance, Biosecurity and Emergency Preparedness
- Production Animal Welfare and Animal Care
- Judicious Use of Animal Health Products

Call for papers

Veterinarians are invited to submit papers for poster or oral presentation in these three thematic areas. Submissions will be made through the congress web site: www.worldveterinarycongress2008.com

By combining this diverse scientific program with exceptional social events, the Congress Committee believes it can offer you an experience that will linger in your memory long after the event. Please join us in Vancouver and remember: **“Come or the Congress, Stay for the Adventure”**

Visit www.worldveterinarycongress2008.com for more information.

Dr. Duane Landals, Chair, World Veterinary Congress 2008.

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

The 35th Taiwan Veterinary Day

The Taiwan Veterinary Medical Association held a celebration and seminars on 6, January 2007 to remember the 6, January, 1959, when the Taiwan government issued the Veterinarian Law. There were around 900 veterinarians and 300 companions present.

The Taiwan VMA awarded veterinarians who served in veterinary for 50 years and 30 years, and who are excellent in Foot and Mouth disease eradication and meat hygiene inspection.



Following the celebration were two seminars, one was “Avian Influenza prevention” the other was “Rabies prevention”. There were abundant discussion and experience sharing on these two issues. Everyone enjoyed all the programs in the Day. Dr Johnson Chiang, WVA Vice-President

World Veterinary Day will be celebrated on Saturday 28 April. The theme this year is **“Come Celebrate Our Diversity”**. The WVA will be pleased to receive news of plans before World Veterinary Day and will publish these and reports of activities.

The 2007 **WVA Council Meeting** and the **FAVA Council Meeting** will both take place on 28 April in Taipei.

The Taiwan VMA welcomes every veterinarian or veterinary student to attend an international advancing knowledge forum on 28, 29 April 2007 in Taipei.

Read more at: www.tvma.org.tw

Obituary



WVA President Dr Leon Russell has reported the recent passing of Dr Shelton Pinkerton who served the WVA on the Executive Bureau as the Vice-President representing North America from 1991 to 1996.

It was at the 1995 General Assembly in Yokohama that Dr Pinkerton along with the presidents from the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand urged the executive to call all presidents of veterinary associations for a discussion on the future goals and infrastructure, the funding of the WVA and the future activities of the WVA. This led to the restructuring of the WVA into the organisation that we know today.

Dr Shelton Pinkerton was AVMA President in 1990-91, and served on the AVMA Executive Board from 1983 - 89, and he was Chairman of the AVMA Executive Board in 1988-89. Shelton also served as President of the Florida VMA. He was a private small animal practitioner in Pensacola. His awards included: "AVMA Award"; "Distinguished

Alumnus of Auburn University"; and "Florida Veterinarian of the Year".

Former WVA President Dr Apostolos Rantsios expressed his "profound personal sorrow when he learned that the unforgettable Dr Shelton Pinkerton" had passed away. Dr Rantsios reflected on his work alongside Dr Pinkerton. "Through the works of the WVA Finance Committee and again, after his re-election as Vice President, at the Executive Bureau, I was able to have a first hand experience on his qualities in contributing to the functioning of selective bodies. His commanding personality significantly influenced the decisions and his positive approach, in the decision making process, gained for him widely acknowledged respect. In these ways he made a major contribution in shaping the WVA, guaranteeing in the process a distinguished position in the WVA history. His overall contribution to the WVA was recognized in 1996, when he was elected Honorary Member of the WVA."

Dr Rantsios said that "During these times, I was further able to appreciate the integrity, the realism, the commitment, the devotion of Shelton, in particularly to international veterinary affairs.

Both Dr Russell and Dr Rantsios reflected on Shelton's pride in being a "WW II veteran". He saw service in the U.S. Army during WWII and had his 19th birthday somewhere in France. He served in the Quartermaster Corps throughout France and Germany. Dr Rantsios concluded "Dr Shelton Pinkerton, a man of the World, is from now on part of the history of the WVA, which he honored with his commitment to it. But we, also, always will remember him as a dignified person and a trusty friend." The WVA sends its sad condolences to Dr Pinkerton's wife Dot and daughter Sharon, as well as the AVMA as it remembers Shelton's service.

Danish University Reform

Denmark reform has seen 25 small universities and research institutes have become 7 large universities. One of the consequences is that The Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University has become part of The University of Copenhagen together with The Danish University of Pharmaceutical Sciences. The new name is: Faculty of Life Sciences.

The Danish Institute for Food and Veterinary Research has become part of The Technical University of Denmark and has been split into two institutes and a commercial unit: The National Food Institute, The National Veterinary Institute and Dianova, the latter selling sera, vaccines, diagnostic analyses and consultancy on behalf of the two institutes.

The Danish Veterinary Association (DVA) extends its Secretariat Cooperation

For two years the Secretariat of the DVA has worked jointly with that of Jordbrugsakademikerne (The Association of graduates (BSc and MSc) in Agricultural Science, Agri-economics, Horticulture, Forestry, Bio-technology, Natural Resources and Landscape Architecture). This cooperation has been extended to include that of the Association of Public Health Dentists in Denmark.

The University of the West Indies

Professor A.A. Adesiyun is the new Director at the School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM), Faculty of Medical Sciences, at the University of the west Indies. Professor Adesiyun is keen to promote the existence and expertise of the School and to develop stronger links with colleagues overseas.

Prof. John E. Cooper reports the establishment of a Public Relations Committee which will be available to provide information about the SVM and its work and to respond to enquiries about veterinary medicine, emerging diseases, animal-associated public health matters and allied subjects.

Sudan Vet Association

President Prof Hashim M. Elhadi reported the 17th scientific conference in the State of Gadarif, about 500 km to the south east of Khartoum. It was attended by about 150 vets from all parts of the country and other State professionals. The meeting was opened by His Excellency The Federal Minister of Animal Resources and Fisheries and the Governor of the State (a veterinarian).

Among the many scientific papers presented was a well received paper from the Governor on the traditional export of Sudanese camel to Egypt, usually on the hoof, a trade which have not been studied for more than 100 years.

The governing General Veterinary Council met the following day between the executive office and the general assembly. This council is held annually in the different states and is attended by 3 representatives of each of the regional veterinary associations. Each association presented an activity paper, beside the comprehensive annual report of the executive office. At the end of the two meetings, some recommendations were drafted to the benefit of the state and the country at large in the areas discussed.



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11-14 November Melbourne AUSTRALIA

The 13th International Symposium for the **World Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians** will be held in Melbourne Australia. Please register your interest at the Symposium website:

<http://www.wavld2007.com/melbourne.php>

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