



WSAVA
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What an eventful year for WSAVA! The WSAVA Congress held in Sao Paulo was a great success with over 3500 delegates making it the biggest WSAVA World Congress ever staged. It was always going to be a huge party and the Saturday night event had the delegates dancing and partying until the early hours of the morning. The education programme was superb and great credit must go to Drs. Wanderson Ferrara, Saliem Sayeed and Marco Gioso and their committees for their work in staging the Congress and setting such a high standard for the future. Talking of which, the Assembly voted to take the 2013 Congress to Christchurch New Zealand and we are already working hard with them to ensure our ongoing Congress success. We are immensely grateful to our Prime Congress Sponsor, Hill's Pet Nutrition for all the help given to WSAVA who are continuing to work with us as we aim to set the highest standards in veterinary education.

There have been changes to the WSAVA Board. We were saddened that Dr. Luis Tello resigned because of time commitment pressures but I am really pleased that he has been able to continue to look after the WSAVA CE programme in Latin America. His deep knowledge of the area and his many friends and contacts mean that the programme runs very smoothly and I am very grateful for all the help he gives. He was replaced by Professor Peter Ihrke – who I am sure needs no introduction. He is currently Vice President and we will be looking to him for his wisdom and knowledge of international committee work. Dr. Veronica Leong also joined the Board to add greater depth to a committee which is struggling under an expanding workload. Her expertise in marketing will be invaluable in helping us to expand our PR portfolio.

Professor Jolle Kirpensteijn – and we must congratulate him on being elected a full Professor in the University of Utrecht, has been working tirelessly on future WSAVA Congresses and developing sponsorship opportunities with our commercial partners. The Assembly voted in Sao Paulo to form a Congress Steering Committee to look into the current structure and future development of the WSAVA Congress. The committee is composed of veterinarians with experience of WSAVA and other large congresses and also, for the first time ever, contains a representative from our commercial partner companies to add greater depth and breadth to the discussions. Drs. Kirpensteijn and Sheehan have worked tirelessly to form this committee which will have as one of its first remits, the job of examining the bids for the 2014 Congress and making a recommendation to the Board and the Assembly in Geneva.

Dr. Sheehan has continued to work hard in developing the treasury and is now faced with the task of working with the new Canadian accountants and instituting another new system that will hopefully be stable for many years to come as the WSAVA settles into its new incorporation as a Canadian Registered not-for-profit company.

Hon. Secretaries are always spoken of as hard working and Dr. Walt Ingwersen is no exception. As well as his normal duties, he has been the lynch pin in all the discussions and negotiations with the Canadian authorities and we are grateful to him and his wife June for all their hard work. June will also be developing the prototype WSAVA secretariat which will function separately to but under the jurisdiction of the Honorary Secretary.

Dr. Brian Romberg has not been relaxing after his tenure as President, he has been working on the formation of the WSAVA foundation, again as a registered company based in Canada and he will be submitting his report on this exciting project in Geneva.

The Strategic Planning process identified Animal Welfare as one of the four pillars that underwrote the raison d'être of WSAVA. I am extremely pleased to announce that WSAVA is entering into a partnership with WALTHAM, a division of Mars Incorporated, who will work with the Association in promoting animal welfare during the WSAVA and other large congresses, in promoting animal welfare in member association countries where there is an identified need for an improvement in standards and to promote the WSAVA Animal Welfare Convention. We are entering a very exciting phase of development of heightened awareness of the veterinary profession in this subject.

The WSAVA CE programme last year hosted 5000 delegates in 32 countries and the work of the committee will be reported in detail later. I am grateful to the help given to me by Drs. Julian Wells, Roger Clarke, Lawson Cairns and Luis Tello in overseeing their various regional meetings. Our sponsors, Hill's Pet Nutrition, Intervet/Schering Plough Animal Health and Bayer Animal Health provide invaluable help in the planning stages and work with the Association representatives in setting up the local meetings. Our member associations, ASAVA, BSAVA, VOK, AFVAC and NSAVA have once again been extremely helpful and generous in providing expertise and funding which has continued to help our programme to expand.

Professor Urs Giger and his team have been making excellent progress in the mapping of the canine and feline genomes and identifying the many hereditary diseases. WALTHAM is to be thanked for their background assistance and funding for this extremely worthwhile project which will hopefully improve standards in breeding for generations to come.

Professor David Polzin has been organizing the Renal Standardization Project which should now be getting well into its stride and the information produced in two years time should benefit current generations of animals. This is a huge project and we are grateful to both Hill's Pet Nutrition and Bayer Animal Health for their support in this project.

Professor Michael Day has been chairing the second phase of the vaccination protocol group and will be reporting in Geneva on this first truly global project which will add much needed clarity to a subject which seems to vary from country to country. Intervet/Schering Plough Animal Health have been our partners in this exciting and challenging subject.

Michael Day and the SAC have worked unceasingly in advising the Congress organizers on the scientific programmes of the WSAVA congresses and will be overseeing the One Health One Medicine initiative which will form part of the programme in Geneva. Renowned international speakers from both the medical and veterinary professions will exchange ideas and look to future developments of mutual interest.

We are looking forward to the next Congress in Geneva next June. Dr. Chris Amberger and his team have prepared an excellent programme. CPD with Lac Leman

and Mont Blanc as a back drop – what more can one say! Make a note in your diaries and join us there.

In Memoriam

Dr. Lluís Pomar (WSAVA President 1980-82) passed away in Palma de Mallorca on 8 November 2009 at the age of 92. Please see below short biography of Dr. Lluís Pomar. Although one does not pass on such news about a valued friend and colleague without a touch of sadness, it is also a time to celebrate Lluís's many achievements and to be thankful for the opportunity to have known him. He was one of WSAVA primary mentors. The President's in the eighties achieved a great deal and put WSAVA on the firm footing that it now holds. President Dr. David Wadsworth sent our message of condolence on behalf of WSAVA. We will miss him.

Messages of condolence to the family can be sent to Dr. Joaquin Aragones, Director of AVEPA at: jaragones@avepa.org

Dr. Lluís Pomar - Past President of WSAVA - 1980-1982

Lluís Maria Pomar i Pomar was born in 1917 on the island of Mallorca, Spain, and died on 8 November 2009 at the age of 92. He was one of the founders of AVEPA (Spanish Small Animal Veterinary Association), and WSAVA President from 1980 to 1982. He was one of the first Spanish veterinarians to perform procedures in traumatology in small animals and a driving force of small animals veterinary in Mallorca and Spain. During most of his career, Dr. Pomar practiced both as a small animal's and health veterinary. He was one of the main drivers of the city ordinance for the inclusion of domestic animals in the island of Mallorca. A pioneering legislation that, in due course, was one of the most advanced in the country. He was fluent in German, English, French, Italian and Spanish. Dr. Pomar developed both a multifaceted career as a member of discussion groups and columnist in several Spanish media.

WSAVA World Congress Geneva 2010 Update:

Board Meeting

WSAVA Board will hold it's next bi-annual Board meeting in Geneva on 11-13 February 2010. The Board will take this opportunity to visit the venues of the World Congress and Evening Social events.

Social Events

June 2nd 2010 - Welcome Reception



The official welcome reception will take place on June 2nd at Palexpo and be followed by a Swiss Aperero in the exhibition hall.

June 3rd 2010 - Gala Dinner



The world famous Geneva Fountain will form the backdrop for the Gala Dinner. Participants will leave from Downtown Geneva on a boat for a 1-hour relaxing cruise on the Lake of Geneva.

A welcome drink will be served onboard to help guests getting delighted by the last lights of the day reflecting on the Lake. The boat will end his trip around 8.30pm to allow everyone to walk down the streets of Geneva. For those who want to continue with the gala dinner, main dishes will be served in a musical atmosphere.

June 4th 2010 – Swiss Evening Party



The Swiss Evening Party will allow participants to discover an historical location of Geneva: the Bâtiment des Forces Motrices (BFM). Former hydro electrical factory

built on the Rhône River, the BFM will be converted into a giant gala room to make this Swiss Night a unique event for the WSAVA 2010 Congress.

Scientific Program

WSAVA World Congress 2010 Scientific Program is now available at WSAVA Geneva website. Look for more information and print your own copy at:

www.wsava2010.org

To keep up with the latest progress and learn more about “One Medicine”, please join the WSAVA World Congress Geneva 2010 – June 2-5, 2010 in Geneva, Switzerland.

It's our 50th anniversary!!!