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Congratulations and Welcome - The New WSAVA President

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Dr. Jolle Kirpensteijn graduated from the Utrecht University Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Holland in 1988 and finished an internship in small animal medicine and surgery at the University of Georgia in the USA in 1989. After his internship, he completed his residency training in small animal surgery and a Masters Degree at Kansas State University, USA. The residency was followed by a fellowship in

surgical oncology at the Colorado State University Comparative Oncology Unit, USA. In 1993, Dr. Kirpensteijn returned to Europe to accept a position in surgical oncology and soft-tissue surgery at Utrecht University. In February of 2005, he was appointed Professor in Surgery at the University of Copenhagen and in August 2008 Professor in Soft-Tissue Surgery at Utrecht University. Dr. Kirpensteijn is a Diplomate of the American and European Colleges of Veterinary Surgeons. His main clinical and research interests are surgical oncology, and endoscopic and reconstructive surgery. Dr. Kirpensteijn has published over 60 peer-reviewed articles, given more than 200 lectures worldwide and has received the prestigious BSAVA Simon Award in 2007 and the Hill's Voorjaarsdagen Excellence in Healthcare Award in 2009. Dr. Kirpensteijn is appointed President of the World Small Animal Veterinary Association in June 2010 after his 2 years service as President Elect of WSAVA.

“Our global responsibility is one of support and care of others that are in need and to make our Association stronger for the future. In this regard, I look very much forward to meeting you.”

Jolle Kirpensteijn / WSAVA President

WSAVA Standardization Groups

The V5 Nutritional Standardization Group

An innovative and important new initiative of the World Small Animal Veterinary Association will be formed in Geneva in June 2010.

What is V5?

Just as WSAVA led a global effort to elevate pain assessment to the “4th vital sign,” we see the need and opportunity to elevate nutritional assessment to the “5th vital sign” (V5) of a standard physical exam, with the appropriate nutritional recommendation to follow. Pet owners today are inundated with advice on nutrition for their pets, some of which is reputable but a lot of which is questionable. It is quite common for pet owners to hear a myriad of nutritional myths that if acted upon can actually be harmful to our patients. We believe it is important and timely to put nutritional recommendations back in the hands of the veterinarian.

The WSAVA will start up a Standardization Project to work to implement V5 globally through the development of science-based global nutritional Assessment Guidelines. An educational Grant to support this work will be provided by Hill's Pet

Nutrition. The WSAVA would like to thank Hill's Pet Nutrition for their kind generosity in sponsoring in this project.

WSAVA conducts the One Health Concept Survey at:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/U2ER6JQKH9AF>

During the 50th anniversary year WSAVA has adopted the theme of 'One Health' as a major focus. During the Geneva Congress there will be a plenary lecture on this theme, together with individual program lectures that provide examples of the impact of this concept in small animal science.

'One Health' fundamentally involves the medical and veterinary professions working together to address major issues of global importance in areas as diverse as zoonotic infectious disease and vaccination, environmental and climate change, food production and medical research.

WSAVA believes that as an international organization we can play an important role in One Health as it relates to small companion animals. The purpose of this short survey is to gauge the opinions of WSAVA member countries on this topic. Your participation is very important to us!

WSAVA CE Update:

Contributions from Asia Pacific to the funding of WSAVA Global CE program

It is the first time that WSAVA has received additional sponsorship support to our global CE program from 3 parties in Asia-Pacific. They have experienced and directly benefitted from the WSAVA CE program in China and Asia-Pacific, and would like to express their appreciation through a donation that would help see the continuous growth of these excellent CE programs for the benefits of small animal veterinarians throughout the world. The three sponsors are:

- *Shanghai Small Animal Veterinary Association, Shanghai, China, Dr. Geoffrey Chen, SHSAVA President*
- *AAS (Advanced Anaesthesia Specialists) Sydney, Australia, Dr. Colin Dunlop*
- *Mr. Eric T. Omura*

Once again, WSAVA would also like to thank our traditional association CE sponsors ASAVA, BSAVA, NACAM, NSAVA, and VOEK. They play an important role in WSAVA to share our vision and commitment to Continuing Veterinary Excellence.

The second and third South America "CE tours" are coming soon:

Subject: Respiratory diseases
Speaker: Dr. Patricio Faundez
Countries: Argentina and Uruguay in September 2010

Subject: Emergency critical care
Speaker: Dr. Luis Tello
Countries: Panama and Costa Rica in October 2010

Subject: Anesthesia
Speaker: Dr. Pablo Otero
Country: Chile in November 2010

WSAVA Activities & Member Association Update

WSAVA Member Associations continue in their traditional trend of being busy implementing CE and a variety of other association initiatives. In preparation for the WSAVA Assembly meeting held on 2-5 June 2010 in Geneva, Switzerland, the following WSAVA member associations have provided their CE activities and annual reports that are easily viewed on the Members' Pages of the WSAVA website (www.wsava.org):

Austria (VOEK)	New Zealand (CAS)
France (AFVAC)	Quebec Canada (AMVQ)
IVAPM (Affiliated member)	Singapore (SVA)
LAVECCS (Affiliated member)	South Africa (SAVA)
Malaysia (MSAVA)	Sweden (SSAVA)
Namibia (VAN)	Switzerland (SVK / ASPMA)
NAVC (Affiliated member)	

A wonderful milestone of WSAVA's new service

In the efforts of WSAVA office, to simplify payment methods and avoid expensive

bank transfer charges, WSAVA has opened a merchant account to provide members with the ability to pay by credit card. WSAVA now accept credit card transaction to allow payment for Subscription Dues.

The 78th General Session of the World Assembly of OIE Delegates

The 78th General Session of the World Assembly of OIE Delegates was held in Paris, France from 23 to 28 May 2010, bringing together representatives of 175 OIE Member and observers from international organizations that have signed an official agreement with the OIE, as well as other international and regional organizations and invited guests.

The General Session was held at the “**Maison de la Chimie**” from Sunday 23 May 2010 to Thursday 27 May 2010 inclusive, and at the OIE Headquarters from Friday 28 May 2010 (Friday’s session is exclusively for the Delegates; it concerns administrative and financial affairs and elections).



“**Maison de la Chimie**”

The World Assembly of OIE Delegates establishes the policies of the OIE and supervises their implementation. This year, its main work concerns:

- the adoption of international standards regarding the safety of world trade in animals and animal products;
- the fight against animal diseases and zoonoses and improving the quality of Veterinary Services;
- the election of the Director General;
- the elections to fill vacant positions in certain Commissions.

During the General Session, two Technical Items of general interest were presented by Rapporteurs chosen for their international competency:

- The Private Sector’s point of view on the use of public and private standards.

- The contribution of veterinary activities to global food security for food derived from terrestrial and aquatic animals

For details, please visit: www.oie.int

Alex Thiermann brings greetings from OIE to WSAVA World Congress 2010

DR. Alex Thiermann has been president of the standard setting committee for the World Animal Health Organization (OIE) in Paris, France since 1994. He has been seconded to the OIE by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to devote most of his time to the work of the OIE serving as a special advisor to the Director General. He is now President, OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code Commission. On behalf of OIE Director General Dr. Bernard Vallat, Dr. Thiermann joined us as a WSAVA very special guest on June 1 of the WSAVA Geneva 2010 World Congress. Tuesday, June 1 is the date of the WSAVA Assembly meeting, where representatives of our 83 national or specialty small animal veterinary associations gather to conduct the business of the WSAVA on behalf of its +75,000 members. Dr. Alex Thiermann brings greetings from OIE to WSAVA and shares OIE “One Health One Medicine” perspective with us.

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!!!

