



WSAVA
Global Veterinary Development

WSAVA Vision: The WSAVA is dedicated to the continuing development of companion animal care around the world.

WSAVA Mission: to foster exchange of scientific information between individual veterinarians and veterinary organizations.

Presidential Report



It has been an eventful year for WSAVA and as I draw to the end of my Presidential term, I can reflect on the advances that we have made. First and foremost is the incorporation of WSAVA as a not for profit company based in Canada. This will give stability to WSAVA as a global entity, a legal framework in which we have to operate and will regulate the financial reporting. We are grateful to Dr Ingwersen, the Hon. Secretary and his wife June (the Secretariat) for all their hard work in the process of our incorporation.

The WSAVA is also moving towards greater stability by forming the basis of a secretariat with currently June Ingwersen operating as administration officer. You may have noted that a new e mail address wsavasecretariat@gmail.com has appeared and this will be

the main reply address for all correspondence in the future. The plan is that even if Walt moves on from his position as Hon. Secretary, June will continue in this position and set up an office that can be run as a permanent secretariat in the future.

Financially we are slightly more secure, despite the expenses incurred by the incorporation process and the concerns caused by the recession. The main reason for the increased profitability is of course the highly successful WSAVA Congress in Sao Paulo which attracted 3500 delegates – our biggest ever congress. The ANCLIVEPA-Br Board is to be congratulated on such an achievement.

The Board has seen changes this year. 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 strengthen our PR portfolio which is necessary in these days of instant communication.

There will be more changes in Geneva as Brian Romberg leaves the Board after serving WSAVA for 20 years. His career started with his managing a most successful WSAVA Congress in Durban and we will all miss his wisdom, enthusiasm and dedication to the Association. He will continue as a Director of the WSAVA Foundation, so his talents will not be completely lost! The Hon. Treasurer Di Sheehan will be standing for election as Vice President in June and we wish her well after her spell in the Treasury.

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.

The Congresses in Geneva, Jeju Island, Birmingham and New Zealand reflect the wide diversity of the impact of WSAVA and our commitment to global continuing education. 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.

The Assembly voted in Sao Paulo to form a Congress Steering Committee which under the chairmanship of Nicola Neumann is looking at all aspects of staging a WSAVA Congress. They have a difficult task as they have to consider the current system with its variability between large and small congresses, the use of a new PCO each year – which results in a lack of continuity for the exhibitors and sponsors and a leaching of profits out of the profession. Other questions to be considered are of course the current

selection process, should it be more defined and the venue site regulated to rotate around the continents more evenly. They are charged with a wide ranging thought process which could even consider thoughts such as – why hold one congress, why not three or four smaller ones around the world each year! We look forward to their deliberations though it has to be remembered that any radical change will not come into effect until at least 2015.

Professor Jolle Kirpensteijn is a tireless worker on behalf of WSAVA and we are all looking forward to his Presidency. There will be many new ideas and the Assembly will be able to see the wisdom of their choice as we move forward into a very challenging time for WSAVA and the veterinary profession.. He has been working hard with Professor Michael Day to develop our “One Medicine, One Health” theme which will be a feature of the Congress in Geneva. We are fortunate that a representative of OIE will be able to attend the Assembly meeting in Geneva to work with us in developing the theme in parallel to their, essentially large animal programme.

The Strategic Planning process identified Animal Welfare as one of the four pillars that underwrote the raison d’etre 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 3500 delegates in 30 countries and the hard work of the committee. 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, NACAM and NSAVA have once again been extremely helpful and generous in 2009 in providing expertise and funding which has continued to help our programme to expand. To date in 2010 BSAVA and NACAM continue their support as well some new sponsorship for our CE programme including donations from Shanghai, AAS in Australia and Dr. T. Omura a private donar. Many thanks to our generous sponsors.

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 are 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 it’s 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 Animalhealth 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. IntervetSP Animal Health have been our partners in this exciting and challenging subject which is setting new standards and causing questions to be asked in many countries.

It has been a great pleasure for me to work with you all during the last two years and of course for the five years I spent as Hon. Secretary. The changes that have taken place are enormous and must continue as we continue to be the only true global veterinary small animal association.

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David Wadsworth

WSAVA President

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