The BEVA Equine Welfare Award (Sponsored by the Blue Cross)
Retraining of Racehorses (ROR) was launched in April 2000 and is the British Horseracing Authority's official charity for the welfare of horses who have retired from racing. It raises funds from within the racing industry to help support the retraining and re-homing of former racehorses. ROR provides funding for four charitable centres which provide care and retraining for former racehorses, adapting them to new equestrian activities, before placing them in suitable homes. It also provides emergency relief when former racehorses are found in a sick, neglected or ill treated state.

The BEVA Richard Hartley Clinical Awards
The winner of this award is Dr Florent David for his paper 'Ultrasound guided coxofemoral arthrocentesis in horses'. This award is given in memory of Richard Hartley, a founder member of BEVA and President 1974–1975, and is awarded for evidence-based papers.

The BEVA Trust EVJ Open Award
The winner of this award is Dr J.K. Belknap for his paper 'Lamellar pro-inflammatory cytokine expression patterns at the developmental stage and at the onset of lameness: innate versus adaptive immune response'.

The Horse Trust Clinical Evidence Literary Award
The winner of this award is Dr D.C. Archer as senior author of the paper 'Risk factors for epiploic foramen entrapment colic in a UK horse population'.

The BEVA Trust Queen Mother Award
This is awarded for the best travel report written by a Queen Mother Student Travel Award recipient. The winner is Judith Findley following her visit to Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital in Kentucky in July 2007.

The above awards will be presented during the President's Lunch on Friday 12th September 12.30–13.30.

The Voorjaarsdagen and BEVA Awards
In 2005 the Voorjaarsdagen and BEVA Awards were introduced to mark the close relationship between the two Associations. The award is selected and presented biannually, once at the Voorjaarsdagen Congress and once at BEVA Congress, and is open to all those presenting a Clinical Research paper.

This year’s BEVA Award winner is Dr Dominique De Clercq of the University of Ghent. Her paper ‘The use of intravenous propafenone in horses with chronic atrial fibrillation’ was first presented at the Voorjaarsdagen Congress in April 2008 and will be presented in the Clinical Research Sessions on Thursday 11th September.

The Voorjaarsdagen Award winner will be selected from those presenting a Clinical Research paper at this year’s BEVA Congress. Their prize will be an expenses paid trip to the Voorjaarsdagen Congress 2009 where they will have the opportunity to present their paper again.

The Sam Hignett Award
All Clinical Research presentations from general equine practice are eligible for the Sam Hignett Award. A continuous process of assessment will take place throughout the Clinical Research Sessions and the winner of the award will be announced after Congress through the BEVA website and newsletter.