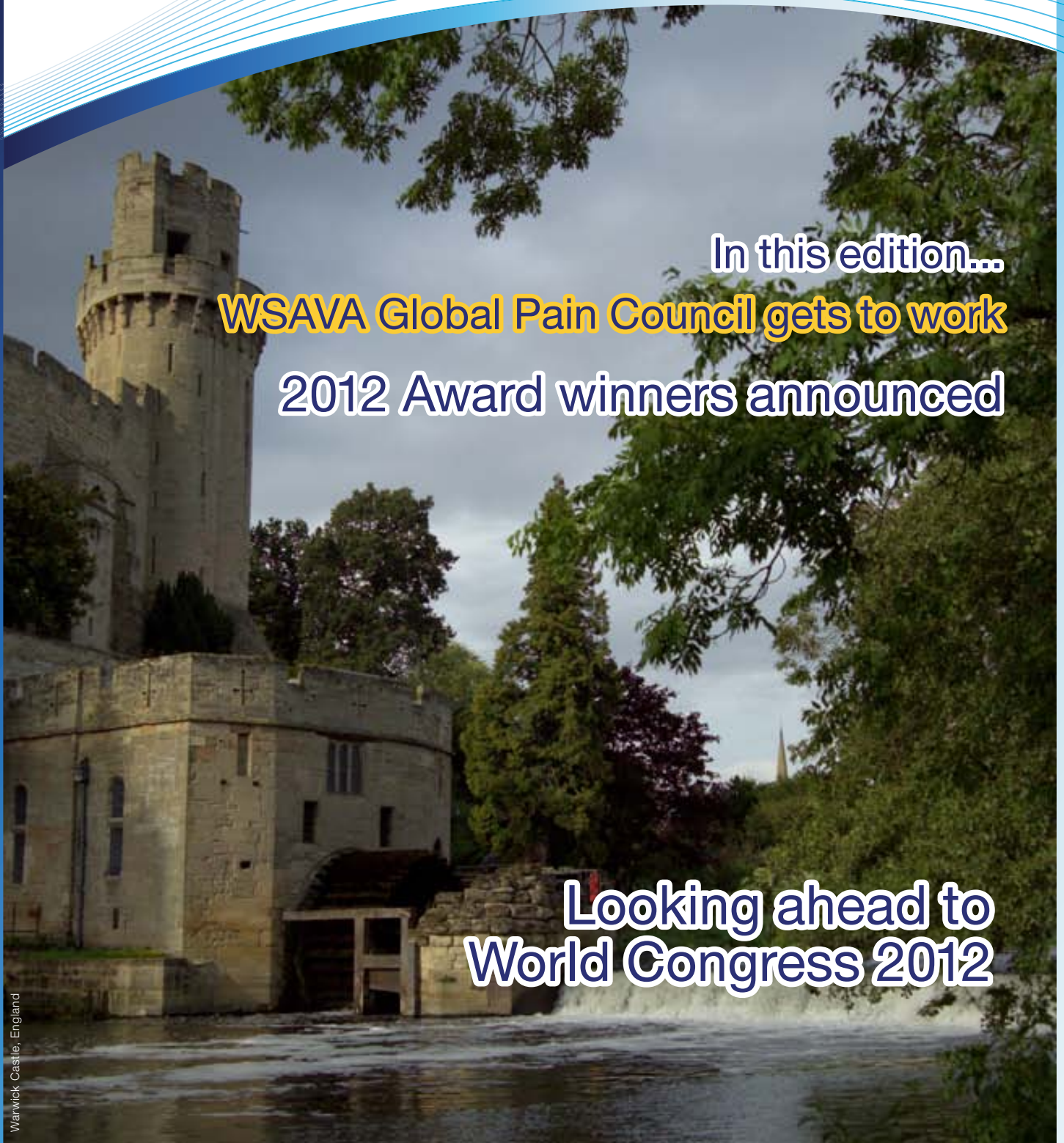


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The WSAVA – our mission

The World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) is dedicated to the continuing development of companion animal care around the world. We aim to achieve this through fostering the exchange of scientific information between individual veterinarians and veterinary organizations.

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Welcome from the President

Wow! My presidential term has passed in a flash and, in April, I'll pass the mantle on to Dr Peter Ihrke. Since Jeju, I've attended meetings in Copenhagen, Hawaii, Berlin, Chicago, and Atlanta. A quieter time in December meant I could focus on my 'day job' as a surgeon at Utrecht University in The Netherlands. I sometimes wonder if they recognize me there!

As I reflect on the last two years, I have enjoyed my time with all the local and regional organizations in improving veterinary care all over the world tremendously. We have achieved a lot: Global CE in more than 30 countries; membership of the OIE, some excellent initiatives in terms of standardization committees and a doubling of our membership. There's no time to rest, however. There are many parts of the world that need our help. We must build the WSAVA's strategy and brand image and we must secure the finances we need for the good work of the WSAVA. Finally, of course, the WSAVA also needs financial support in order to deliver its goals.

Life has its ups and downs. We face choppy and calmer waters as we go about our work all over the world. One thing I've learnt during my presidency is that the WSAVA family is bigger and stronger than ever and the veterinarian remains the champion of animal care, wellness and welfare. It's been my pleasure to be your President and I look forward to meeting you all in Birmingham.

Jolle Kirpensteijn



Vets pull together to help animals during Bangkok flooding

Following severe flooding in Bangkok, Thailand, between September and December last year, 500 vets formed a volunteer task force to help stranded and injured animals and their owners. Working together, they operated rescue missions on foot, by boat and by military truck, caring for animals taken into shelters and running free vet clinics to treat affected pets, livestock and wildlife. They also delivered 'survival bags', containing pet food, poop bags, collars and other basic equipment to help owners forced out of their homes and into shelters to care for their animals.

Inspired by their response, EB member Siraya Chunekamrai commented: "Many of the vets involved in the task had themselves been flooded out. They worked so well together, taking turns to sort out their homes and practices before coming back to the front line. They came from all six vet schools in the country, the Veterinary Practitioner Association of Thailand (VPAT) and the Department of Livestock Development. They worked long hours for three months to deal with the

immediate aftermath. It was wonderful to see how they came to the rescue of so many animals and helped each other through difficult times."



DKSH which donated 30,000 kgs of pet food, medicine, veterinary supplies and equipment.

Dr Kaywalee Chatdarong, VPAT president and task force member, acknowledged VPAT's partners, including Pfizer, Hill's, Virbac, Bayer, Novartis, Royal Canin, CP and

Latest WSAVA/NSAVA CE events prove popular in Cuba

The WSAVA recently completed the latest in a series of CE events which have been taking place in Cuba since 2003 and which are run jointly with the Norwegian Small Animal Veterinary Association (NSAVA). The topic for November 2011 was Ethology and the speaker was Kristin Vear Prestrud DVM PhD, Scientific director of the Norwegian Kennel Club. Seminars took place in the Cuban cities of Pinar del Rio and Havana during November 2011, attended by more than 500 enthusiastic veterinarians and non-veterinarians alike.



Left to right: Tech Milagros Morejón, Tech Leonardo Somonte, Tech Miriam Peña, Dr Kristin Vear Prestrud (lecturer), Tech Marioly's Pérez and Dr Caridad Fernández.

If your association has news it would like to share with WSAVA members or topics it would like to hear more about, please contact wsavasecretariat@gmail.com

Obituary – Dr Hans-Klaus Dreier (1942-2011)

Fondly remembered by David Wadsworth

Klaus Dreier was one of the most delightful people that I've had the privilege to meet and I count it as an honor to have known and worked with him in his continuous desire to improve the lot of veterinarians around the world.



Klaus graduated from the University of Vienna in 1970 and became a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine the following year. He had a special interest in small animal reproduction, obstetrics and gynaecology and published over 50 papers. He worked in this discipline at the University of Vienna until 1986 when he founded the Dreier

Hans-Klaus Dreier (left) is pictured receiving the WSAVA President's Award in 2008 from then President Brian Romberg.

Kleintierklinik with his wife Dr Christine Dreier. He maintained his interest in canine reproduction publishing a textbook in 2009, *Klinik der Reproduktionsmedizin des Hundes*.

Klaus was President of the Austrian Veterinary Association (VOK) from 1992 - 1998, a period which saw the most successful WSAVA VOK Congress in Vienna in 1991. He was subsequently elected to the Board of WSAVA and served as President from 1998 - 2000. Klaus was also deeply involved in the WSAVA Continuing Education Committee.

As a result of his many contributions to the profession Klaus received numerous awards and medals and latterly received the WSAVA President's award in recognition of exceptional service to World Small Animal Veterinary Medicine.

Klaus was a true gentleman and the world is a poorer place for his passing. He is survived by his wife Christine and children Christina, Stefan and Andreas.

2012 Executive Board Update

It's been a busy start to the year for the members of the WSAVA Executive Board (EB).

Walt Ingwersen and June have been working hard to complete our financials and Walt has also been instrumental in the launch of the Global Pain Council.

President Elect Peter Ihrke, has been on a tour in South America, teaching the basics of dermatology. He's also playing a central role in the WSAVA standardization committees and, in particular, the new Animal Wellness and Welfare committee, chaired by Michael Moyer. I had the pleasure of sitting in during its last meeting at NAVC 2012. This committee will rock in 2012!

The One Health Committee (OHC) made great progress last year. It published two scientific papers in the open access journal Parasites and Vectors and is currently working on a series of review articles. It has now identified global rabies eradication as a focus for attention and will shortly announce exciting new initiatives in this area.

The V5 Nutritional Assessment committee is well on its way to making a difference in pet nutrition standards globally. Clayton McKay steered it to meet its goals within a year and steps down as chair in 2012. Lisa Freeman and Gregg Takashima will take over as co-chairs. The committee has formed a partnership with the Pet Nutrition Alliance, a US-based organization initiated by AAHA and endorsed by all large companion animal associations, including the WSAVA. The Pet Nutrition Alliance will probably be launched at the AAHA meeting in March 2012.

Our Vice President, Colin Burrows, is focusing on strategy

and branding for the WSAVA this year. He's working on a new visual tool set and you'll be hearing more about this soon. He's also just organized the largest veterinary conference ever with approximately 16,000 attendees present at NAVC 2012. NAVC has been a great partner to WSAVA and we're delighted that it is bidding for the 2016 World Congress.

Meanwhile, Shane Ryan, our Treasurer, is working with his team to improve our financial control. They have done a superb job and this is no mean feat because we had little time to get the audit complete for our 2012 Assembly meeting. Our newest EB member is Siraya Chunekamrai. She is responsible for Communications – her real passion. Despite having had little time to adjust to life on the EB, she's already doing a great job.

I'm sad to say that David Wadsworth is leaving us early 2012. He's been a force within the WSAVA for so long and will be greatly missed. His greatest achievement is our Continuing Education (CE) program, which he is handing over to his successor Professor Jill Maddison.

I would like to thank all the members of the EB and their teams for their commitment and hard work to drive the WSAVA forward.

Finally, I'm very sad that we have lost two of our past presidents, Bill Jackson and Hans- Klaus Dreier recently. Both were wonderful, visionary people, and dedicated to the WSAVA. They were taken from us too soon and leave loving families behind. Our hearts go out to them.

Jolle Kirpensteijn Chairman of the Executive Board

WSAVA Global Pain Council gets to work

The work of the WSAVA's Global Pain Council (GPC) is now underway with the aim of raising the standard of pain management in small animals. We've set it up in response to challenges faced by the profession in diagnosing and managing pain in small animals and because of the unavailability of various analgesic agents around the world.



During 2012, the GPC will conduct research into existing pain assessment and management procedures throughout the world. Based on this, in early 2013, it will produce a 'Global Pain Treatise.' Designed to be of daily clinical relevance, it will provide a comprehensive resource on pain management. Later in 2013, pain management CE programmes will be developed and rolled out globally.

GPC Chair, Dr Karol Mathews (above), Professor Emerita of Emergency and Critical Care Medicine at the Ontario Veterinary College, Canada, comments: "Assessing and managing small animal pain is an issue of global significance. Pain accompanies many of the common ailments affecting animals but its treatment has not kept pace with its incidence, leading to what we believe to be a 'treatment gap'.

We would like to thank the generous sponsors which are supporting the work of the GPC. They are: Boehringer Ingelheim, Elanco, Novartis Animal Health, Pfizer Animal Health and Vetoquinol."

The members of the GPC are:

Karol Mathews

DVM, DVSc, DACVECC - Canada, Chair

Peter Kronen

DVM, DECVA - Switzerland

Duncan Lascelles

BSc, BVSc, PhD, DSAS, DECVS, DACVS - USA

Sheilah Robertson

BVM, PhD, DACVA, DECVAA - USA

Andrea Nolan

MVB, DVA, PhD, DECVA, DECVPT- Scotland

Paulo Steagall

MV, MS, PhD, DACVA – Canada and Brazil

Bonnie Wright

DVM, DACVA - USA

Kazuto Yamashita

DVM, MVM, PhD, DJCVS – Japan

Walt Ingwersen

DVM, DVSc, DACVIM - WSAVA Honorary Secretary



WSAVA PRESIDENT'S AWARD - Professor Anjop Venker-van Haagen

This award is made periodically by the President of the WSAVA to a member judged to have made an outstanding contribution to the association.

Dr Venker-van Haagen graduated from Utrecht University in 1967, working there until 2004 as Associate Professor, Ear, Nose and Throat Diseases. She is a founder of the International Veterinary Ear, Nose and Throat Association, one of the first specialist groups to be affiliated with the WSAVA. She is also Associate Editor of 'Veterinary Sciences Tomorrow.' Commenting on her award, Jolle Kirpensteijn said: "Dr Venker-van Haagen has carried the WSAVA name with pride, working for years as the chair of our prestigious Scientific Advisory Committee and as President of IVENTA, the International Veterinary Ear, Nose and Throat Association. She is an inspiration to us all and a worthy winner of this award."

WSAVA GLOBAL ONE HEALTH AWARD - Professor Ab Osterhaus

This award recognizes an outstanding contribution made by an individual or organization in promoting the One Health concept globally.

Since 1994 Dr Osterhaus has worked at Erasmus MC in Rotterdam as Head of the Department of Virology, building a specialism in viruses which cross the species barrier. His team's work has enabled health authorities around the world to prepare for potential disease outbreaks and, at an individual level, he has campaigned tirelessly for a global taskforce to prepare for and combat viruses such as H5N1.

WSAVA HILL'S EXCELLENCE IN VETERINARY HEALTHCARE AWARD - Dr Marty Becker

This award recognizes the outstanding work of veterinarians in promoting companion animal healthcare and the family pet/veterinary bond through a special sensitivity to both clients and patients using leading edge clinical nutrition and advanced medical and surgery techniques.

Dr Becker, a graduate of the Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine, is a regular contributor to national media in the USA and a best-selling author. He is a practicing veterinarian at Lakewood Animal Hospital in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho and North Idaho Animal Hospital in Sandpoint. He also is adjunct professor at the Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine and at the Colleges of Veterinary Medicine at both Colorado State University and the University of Missouri. He has lectured at every veterinary school in the USA.



WSAVA INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENT - Professor Richard Halliwell

This award recognizes the work of a veterinarian in advancing the profession's knowledge of companion animal disorders. Dr Halliwell graduated from the University of Cambridge before spending 16 years teaching in the USA, at the University of Pennsylvania, then the University of Florida. In 1988 he returned to the UK as William Dick Professor of Veterinary Clinical Studies at the University of Edinburgh, serving six years as Dean of the Faculty.

Now a Professor Emeritus, he has served as President of both the American and the European Colleges of Veterinary Dermatology and of the World Association for Veterinary Dermatology. He teaches dermatology at St George's University, Grenada, as well as giving presentations at national and international meetings.



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WSAVA HILL'S PET MOBILITY AWARD - Professor Daniel Lewis

This award recognizes the outstanding work of a clinical researcher in the field of canine and feline orthopaedic medicine and surgery. Dr Lewis, Jerry and Lola Collins Eminent Scholar in Canine Sports Medicine and Comparative Orthopaedics at the University of Florida, graduated from the University of California, Davis in 1983. In 1993, he was appointed Professor of Small Animal Surgery and Eminent Scholar at the University of Florida. His special interests include traumatology, fracture management and reconstructive surge with a focus on the utilization of circular and hybrid external skeletal fixation for fracture management, deformity correction and limb salvage procedures.

Commenting on the 2012 WSAVA Awards, Jolle Kirpensteijn, said: "Yet again our award winners set new standards for excellence and we look forward to learning from them all at World Congress. When you read of their achievements you realise that WSAVA could also stand for 'Welfare, Science, Advancement, Veterinary care and Absolute dedication to the profession.'"

Looking ahead to World Congress 2012: April 11-15, Birmingham UK

The countdown is on for this year's World Congress. Taking place at the ICC/NIA in Birmingham, WSAVA / FECAVA / BSAVA World Congress 2012 will be the largest international veterinary event ever held in the UK. It will offer more than 40 streams of veterinary CPD lectures spread over four days, a world-class exhibition showcasing the latest industry advances, plus a vibrant social program.

For further information, including registration details and ideas on where to stay and what to do in Birmingham, please visit the Congress website at

www.bsava.com/BSAVACongress/tabid/74/Default.aspx



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