ANNUAL WSAVA COMMITTEE REPORT

2018
In this document, reports for 2018 of the following committees are included:

- Animal Wellness and Welfare Committee
- Congress Scientific Program Committee
- Congress Steering Committee
- Continuing Education Committee
- Dental Standardization Project Committee
- Financial Advisory Committee
- Global Nutrition Committee
- Global Pain Council
- Hereditary Disease Committee
- Leadership & Nomination Committee
- One Health Committee
- Professional Wellness Group
- Scientific Advisory Committee
- Therapeutics Guidelines Group
- Translation Committee
- Vaccination Guidelines Group
Annual Report for the WSAVA Animal Wellness and Welfare Committee

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Mission/Tagline of the Committee

To make welfare issues an everyday consideration for small animal practitioners and to ensure that WSAVA becomes a proactive and respected partner within international welfare circles by combining advocacy with mutual respect and consensus-building amongst partners.

Committee Activities of 2018

A brief history

The AWWC was formed in 2009 thanks primarily to the efforts of Drs Roger Clarke of Australia and Ray Butcher, a UK-based veterinarian, who dedicated their careers to advancing animal welfare and had the foresight to ensure that animal welfare was enshrined as one of the WSAVA’s four key ‘pillars’.

Opportunities and challenges

The AWWC faces a series of changes over the next 2 years as members retire from the committee. An action plan was developed to ensure a smooth transition from existing members to new members. This has provided an opportunity to broaden the geographical representation of the committee and ensure appropriate onboarding for new members.

We are often asked to comment on specific welfare issues raised by WSAVA members. Rather than comment on specific cases we have decided that, where possible, we will develop and maintain a generic position on a welfare issue that can be applied more generally. Often other veterinary associations have taken a position and where this is consistent with our views we may endorse that position.

Key activities this year

Committee membership: Nienke Endenberg stepped down from the committee following two 3-year terms of service. Abdul Rahman (India) and Natasha Lee (Malaysia) were welcomed to the committee in 2018.

At the Singapore meeting in 2018 two new nominations were recommended to EB to come onboard the AWWC in Toronto 2019:

1. Dr Julio Ceaser Aguirre from Colombia
2. Dr. Katherine C. Polak from USA based in Thailand

**Brachycephalic breed position statement**: AWWC has collaborated with the Hereditary committee to support a position statement on the health and welfare issues experienced by brachycephalic breeds.


**Outreach Programme**: An Outreach programme in Sri Lanka was successfully completed, we were able to offer one opportunity before the Singapore world congress, and another one after the congress. This program was run in cooperation with the Blue Paw Trust and our volunteers were able to provide vaccinations, parasite prevention treatment, spay-neuter surgeries and education on responsible pet ownership and animal welfare to local school children.

**Shelter Medicine Workshop** was successfully completed in Singapore with 35 participants from both government and private animal shelters, veterinary clinics and animal welfare NGOs. Participants came from Singapore, Thailand, Cambodia, India and Malaysia

**Priorities/Calendar for next year**

- Disseminate and promote the WSAVA Animal Welfare Guidelines (Animal Welfare Guidelines group incl. Natasha Lee and Shane Ryan) including translation to Polish, Spanish and French, and other languages. Create CE opportunities both online and offline. Create quizzes for Clinicians’ Brief and social media platforms to raise awareness.
- Collect feedback from member associations and practitioners so that we can develop useful tools for practitioners – e.g. charts, diagrams, easy references
- Domestic Violence and Pets initiative (in cooperation with One Health Committee) – develop position statement and
start mapping existing programs and needs in member countries. Launch of project planned for pre-congress workshop in Poland 2020

- Lecture tracks at the VMX in January 2019 and WSAVA world Congress in July 2019
- Shelter Medicine Workshop in Toronto 2019 - In cooperation with the Toronto Humane Society. Including one day of forensic medicine and one day on anesthesia/analgesia. Melinda Merck and Sheilah Robertson will lecture. Already a lot of interest in program.
- Prepare an Animal Welfare Charter for WSAVA
- Developing position statements on relevant animal welfare issues
Priorities for 2019

1. Animal Welfare Guidelines
   a. Print – hardcopy printed copies to be disseminated at important events for publicity
   b. Translate – Polish, Chinese, Spanish, French, etc
   c. Publicise at relevant events/channels
      i. OIE Focal Points – disseminate to the animal welfare focal points via OIE meetings
      ii. Pan-commonwealth Conference, Bangalore
      iii. VMX
      iv. Other conferences
   d. Continuing education
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      ii. Create suitable articles/quizzes for Clinicians’ Brief
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   c. Poland 2020
   d. Hyderabad 2021

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   b. Conduct workshop in Poland together with One Health committee
   c. Create survey (to raise awareness)
   d. Put together a resource ‘basket’

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   a. Mutilations – first priority
   b. Disaster management
   c. Domestic violence and pets
d. Early-age neutering

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Annual Report for the WSAVA Congress Scientific Program Committee

Name of the Committee | Congress Scientific Program Committee
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Name of the Committee (Co-)Chair(s) | Frederic Gaschen
Name of the Committee Members | Ameet Sing

Mission/Tagline of the Committee
Design the scientific program of the annual WSAVA congress, invite speakers, on site problem-solving at the time of the congress.

Committee Activities of 2018

2018 WSAVA Congress in Singapore
The committee worked with all involved parties (Congress Liaison Officer, Kenes, Local Host Committee, invited speakers, invited abstract reviewers) to finalize the scientific program. Highlights included:
- Final completion of the program grid and communication / problem-solving with invited speakers.
- Evaluation of and decision on scientific abstracts for the poster session.
- Problem-solving on site – a few speakers had to cancel at the last minute, and the committee was able to organize a remote session (via video) with Kenes, or to find replacement.
- Selection of a speaker-of-the-year by the delegates who votes using the app.

The 2018 annual congress was a success on many levels: it attracted a record number of delegates, and positive feedback was received on the scientific program. Based on several communications, the speakers’ experience was positive as well. Please note that the success of the congress is only partially due to the work of the Congress Scientific Program Committee. The Singapore Local Host Committee, the Congress Liaison Officer, and the Team at Kenes all did a terrific job and contributed to this success as well.

2019 WSAVA Congress in Toronto
The committee worked with all involved parties (Congress Liaison Officer, Kenes, Local Host Committee, invited speakers) to complete the design of the program grid for Toronto. Highlights included:
- Visit by chair of the Toronto Convention Center, and meeting with the CVMA Local Host Committee in Ottawa in March, 2018.
- Addition of a new member to the committee: Dr. Ameet Singh, a board-certified surgeon from the Ontario Veterinary College, Guelph, Canada.

2020 WSAVA Congress in Warsaw
The committee made first contacts with the Polish Local Host Committee to plan an on-site meeting with the chair in April, 2019.

Priorities for 2019
Complete organization of the scientific program grid for the 2019 congress in Toronto, work with local host committee and design program for the 2020 congress in Warsaw.
Annual Report for the WSAVA Congress Steering Committee

Name of the Committee
Congress Steering Committee
Name of the Committee (Co-)Chair(s)
Kevin Stevens
Name of the Committee Members
Jim Berry, Jerzy Gawor, Adrianna Lopez, Umesh Karkare and Eleanor Ho

Mission/Tagline of the Committee
The Congress Steering Committee (CSC) was formed with a specific brief to guide and strategically develop the annual World Congress.
To ensure that it meets WSAVA aspirations in terms of thought leadership, scientific content, organization and branding.
To ensure that our annual World Congress is the flagship of our organization and meets a consistently excellent standard.

Committee Activities of 2018
The CSC members attending WSAVA engaged in face to face discussions during this conference which proved very productive.

The bidding guidelines and local host committee guidelines were updated, simplified and revised. The new guidelines were finalized prior to the call for bids for WSAVA 2022.

Bids for WSAVA 2022 were received from:
ANCLIVEPA, BRAZIL
AVEACA, ARGENTINA
AVMA, USA
AMVEPPA, PERU
MEVEPES, COSTA RICA

The consensus of the committee was to recommend to the Assembly that AMVEPPA, Peru be awarded the bid to host WSAVA 2022 in Lima, Peru with the following provisos:
- the WSAVA PCO needs to submit a letter of intent to the Ministry in Peru with contractual guarantees securing commitments for 2022.
- A joint congress protocol needs to be signed with AMVEPPA and WSAVA
- AMVEPPA should endeavour to host a joint congress with WSAVA should any national veterinary congress be planned to be hosted in Latin America in 2022.

This decision was ratified by the Assembly and Peru was congratulated on their successful bid to host WSAVA 2022.

In Singapore, face to face meetings occurred within the CSC, with EB, LHC and Kenes.

There were positive outcomes from these meetings.

Minutes were circulated to the attendees and EB outlining our deliberations and recommendations.
In terms of the succession plan, Kevin Stevens will exit as Chairman at WSAVA 2019; Jim Berry will then take over the Chair.

The bidding document has been refined to allow an on-line document submission.

The terms of reference of the CSC were revised and updated and circulated to EB and LNC.

### Priorities for 2019

- PCO assessment
- Brainstorm new conference ideas
- Bid consideration for WSAVA 2023
Annual Report for the WSAVA Continuing Education Committee

Name of the Committee
Continuing Education Committee

Name of the Committee (Co-)Chair(s)
Zoe Belshaw

Name of the Committee Members
Lawson Cairns, Nic Hayward and Jill Maddison

Mission/Tagline of the Committee
The goal of WSAVA CE is to provide practical, relevant and inspiring CE that assists general practitioners solve clinical problems regardless of the size and sophistication of their practice.

Committee Activities of 2018
WSAVA CE had another busy year in 2018 thanks to the kind sponsorship of MSD Animal Health in their role as WSAVA Global Preferred CE Partners with significant additional funding from NACAM, BSAVA and ASAV.

Grateful thanks must go to the speakers who kindly lectured for us without a speaker fee, and in particularly to the Global Veterinary Dermatology Education Group (GVDEG) for their ongoing support in finding us excellent speakers who will work pro bono. We have for the first time this year worked in collaboration with the Dental Guidelines Group, and many thanks are owed to Drs Brook Niemec and Ana Nemec for their support and assistance. Delivering WSAVA CE would not have been possible without the hard work of our regional coordinators Nic Hayward, Jill Maddison, Lawson Cairns, Marcello Roza and Ellen van Nierop, the local coordinators working in each CE-recipient country who have worked particularly hard this year finding additional sponsorship, and our incredible speakers who are prepared to get on a plane, often to visit a country new to them, to spend their free time teaching. Finally, huge thanks to Emma van Roojen whose secretarial help has been invaluable. As the outgoing Chair, I am immensely grateful to everyone involved.

In Europe, the first meeting of the year was held in Serbia where Dr Federic Fricassi delivered very well received lectures on endocrinology. In September, Dr Kit Sturgess travelled to Riga, Latvia to lecture on topics related to endocrinology, and in October Dr Manfred Hochleitner spoke for us in Stara Zagora, Bulgaria on exotic pet species – the first time this topic has been covered in WSAVA CE. In November, Dr Sandra Corr spent time in Tirana, Albania lecturing on topics related to dog and cat orthopaedics, and Dr Mike Willard lectured for us in Podgorica, Montenegro on internal medicine topics. Ukraine and Croatia who have previously received funding from WSAVA CE were this year able to receive lectures from the Dental Guidelines team. Finally, Iran received another excellent practical and lecture CE event organised by Dr Cedric Tutt, covering further dentistry tips.

In Africa, Dr Lawson Cairns again worked incredibly hard to ensure a full programme of events, and funding from BSAVA ensured that we were able to continue to reach several very deserving non-member countries. I was fortunate to be invited to lecture in Lagos, Nigeria as part of their SAVAN two-day event, and was inspired by the enthusiasm of both delegates and local organisers. Dr Cedric Tutt kindly delivered lectures for us on the Dental Guidelines in Nairobi, Kenya. WSAVA CE stalwart Dr Martin de Scally travelled to Zimbabwe to lecture on a range of topics, and Dr Andrew Leizewitz kindly travelled to Mozambique to
deliver lectures on dermatology to a very grateful audience. In Zambia we were pleased that Dr Greg Irvine-Smith’s lectures could form part of the Zambian association conference scheduled at the same time, ensuring both lower costs and a wider audience than in previous years. Dr Antony Goodhead delivered lectures for us in Mauritius and Ghana on ophthalmology and we were delighted that Dr Jeannie Budgen was able to lecture in Malawi as part of the GVDEG free lecturer scheme, and thanks to additional financial support from NACAM. As I type, CE is kindly being provided in Tanzania by members of the AFSCAN Board. Madagascar could not receive CE this year for logistical reasons but we are planning to deliver this in early 2019.

In Asia this year, Dr Meng Siak travelled to two destinations in Vietnam to lecture on dermatological diseases as part of the GVDEG initiative, and with financial support from ASAV. Drs Richard Squires and Janice Lloyd lectured on feline infectious diseases, behaviour and handling in Beijing, Chengdu, Shengzen and Shanghai in China. Drs Alan and Susanna Taylor kindly travelled to Myanmar to deliver two engaging days of lectures and workshops on analgesia and anaesthesia, and Dr Steve de Decker delivered very well received lectures on canine and feline neurology.

The organisation of CE in Latin America was very much a team effort this year with Drs Ellen van Nierop, Marcello Roza and Juanjo Krauss working closely with local organisers to manage a very tight budget. Despite this, we were still able to organise a full programme of events. Drs Kraus and Auzmendi travelled to Cordoba and Buenos Aires in Argentina to lecture on veterinary dentistry. Dr Jorge Hun travelled to Costa Rica to lecture on dentistry, and Dr Lopez Quintana lectured on emergency and critical care in Puna and Piura in Peru. Dr Reyes lectured in Guatemala on neurology and Dr Yomaira Abraham travelled to Quito in Ecuador to teach an enthusiastic audience about surgical techniques.
CE Event in Sri Lanka  

CE Event in Kenya  

CE Event in Albania with Dr. Sandra Corr  

CE Event in Malawi with Dr. Budgin  

CE Event in Iran (*the CE Event in Iran are not sponsored by MSD)  

CE Event in Ghana  

CE Event in Nigeria  

Priorities for 2019  
Not yet determined  

Sponsors of the Continuing Education Committee  
MSD Animal Health and member sponsorship from BSAVA, NACAM, ASAV
Annual Report for the WSAVA Dental Standardization Project Committee

Name of the Committee
Dental Standardization Project Committee

Name of the Committee (Co-)Chair(s)
Brook Niemiec

Name of the Committee Members
Rod Jouppi, Kymberley Stewart, Marge Chandler, Marco Gioso, Gottfried mortenegg, David Clarke, Ana Nemec and Paulo Stegall

Mission/Tagline of the Committee
To improve the oral health of small animal veterinary patients worldwide.

Committee Activities of 2018
The whole committee was involved in the review of the submission for JSAP. In addition, we are working on a shorter version of the document for actual publication.

In 2018, we had lecture streams at AVDF and WSAVA.

Dr. s Nemec and Steagall also lectured extensively in Eastern Europe and Dr. Tutt in Africa.

Priorities for 2019
Lecture stream at VMX
Lecture stream at WSAVA
Lectures in Greece, Slovenia,

Sponsors of the Dental Standardization Project Committee
Boehringer Ingelheim, Merial, Addisons, Virbac, Hills, Kruuse
Annual Report for the WSAVA Financial Advisory Committee

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Mission/Tagline of the Committee
Helping Keep WSAVA Sustainable

Committee Activities of 2018
The main activity of the Financial Advisory Committee for 2018 was the review of the WSAVA auditing firm. Proposals were received from five firms based in Toronto, Canada. The top three firms were interviewed using Zoom Video Conferencing. After the interviews, references were checked for the top two firms. Based on the original proposal, interview and references, Collins Barrow was the preferred firm for provision of auditing services to WSAVA for 2018 – 2023. This recommendation was put to the Executive Board and approved at the 2018 WSAVA Assembly Meeting.

Other activities during the year included providing feedback to the EB on:
- CEO remuneration package
- Contract with Kenes (PCO for WSAVA Congress)
- By-law revisions relevant to finances of WSAVA
- New sponsorship arrangements
- Banking and investments

Past Chair of FAC, Dr Mark Shepherd from South Africa, retired from FAC after the meeting in Singapore and is replaced by Dr Dave Miller, also from South Africa. Dr Ellen van Nierop from Ecuador finished her term as WSAVA Treasurer in 2018 and is replaced by new WSAVA Treasurer, Prof Michael Day from the United Kingdom. The WSAVA Treasurer is a non-voting member of the FAC. Continuing members of FAC are Dr Debbie Osborne from Australia (Chair), Dr Laurel Kaddatz from USA and Dr Manfred Hochleithner from Austria.

Priorities for 2019
1. Monitoring the new sponsorship arrangements and providing feedback to the EB.
2. Monitoring the costs and benefits to the WSAVA of the expanded central secretariat.
Annual Report for the WSAVA Global Nutrition Committee

Name of the Committee: Global Nutrition Committee
Name of the Committee (Co-)Chair(s): Gregg Takashima & Marge Chandler
Name of the Committee Members: Rachel Lumbis, Martin deScalley, Minna Rinkinen, Cecilia Villaverde, Lisa Weeth, Ping-Chih Teng and Adriana Lopez Quintana

Mission/Tagline of the Committee
To improve awareness and education of pet nutrition, encourage routine nutritional assessments in the veterinary hospital, and to advance the key role of the veterinary team for nutritional information for optimal pet health

Committee Activities of 2018
The WSAVA Global Nutrition Committee has continued on its course of promoting awareness in the veterinary and public sphere of the vital role of nutrition in optimum pet health, the importance of nutrition in the educational curricula, the need to perform a nutritional assessment for every patient as a vital part of patient care, and to advance the role of the veterinary team as the expert source for optimal pet nutrition.

This past year, our committee has been involved in over 31 nutritional presentations around the globe, including an all-day veterinary track and a 3-hour technician/nurses talk at the WSAVA Singapore Congress. Presentations have been to veterinarians, veterinary nurses and technicians, and students around the world. A brief review of places where we have presented include Finland, England, British Columbia, Peru, Zimbabwe, Taiwan, China, Japan, Mexico, Spain, and the USA.

Usage of information on the GNC Toolkit remains high, with at least 12 publications citing or displaying such information this past year, (Feline Focus, Veterinary Times, Consulta de Diffusion Veterinaria, Veterinary Nurse, AAVN newsletter, Vetted, Vet Record).

In addition, we continue to receive requests for usage for our Toolkit, with 15 requests this year. Again, the requests are quite diverse and include Reference books (Handbook of Feline Endocrinology, The Cat, Cotes Clinical Veterinary Advisor: Dogs and Cats, Obesity in Dogs and Cats), to a phone app, several brochures, a master’s thesis in Portugal, a Standards and Guidelines publication out of Western Australia, a joint disease study in Sweden, a Swedish kennel club, Senior pet handouts, and articles for the American J of Veterinary Research, to name a few.

The GNC had a productive all-day meeting after the Singapore world congress. We reviewed our accomplishments and ongoing and new projects for the future. Our Key Action Plans:
Continue translations of our Toolkit as requested by many, continue to assess our website for ease of use, work on voice over for some of our instructional videos and produce additional instructional videos, work to produce additional tools on understanding food labels, work to publish our surveys once statistical analysis completed, explore collaboration...
with the One Health Committee on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and diets, especially raw foods, and also explore a replication of the Australian Veterinary Associations PetFAST adverse diet tracking tool.

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Sponsors of the Global Nutrition Committee
Purina Pet Health, Hills Pet Nutrition, Mars Animal Health
Annual Report for the WSAVA Global Pain Council

Name of the Committee
Global Pain Council

Name of the Committee (Co-)Chair(s)
Duncan Lascelles

Name of the Committee Members
Kazu Yamasita, Paulo Steagall, JC Murrell, Peter Kronen, Bonnie Wright, Sheilah Robertson and Beatriz Monteiro

Mission/Tagline of the Committee
To raise global awareness and provide a call to action based upon the understanding that all animals are sentient and can therefore feel pain and suffer from it. The Global Pain Council strives to elevate the level of confidence and competence in recognising and managing pain in small animals.

Committee Activities of 2018
The ability to experience pain is universally shared by all mammals, including companion animals, and as members of the veterinary healthcare team it is our moral and ethical duty to mitigate this suffering to the best of our ability. This begins by evaluating for pain at every patient contact. However, and, despite advances in the recognition and treatment of pain, there remains a gap between its occurrence and its successful management; the inability to accurately diagnose pain and limitations in, and/or comfort with, the analgesic modalities available remain root causes.

Vision
An empowered, motivated, and globally unified veterinary profession that effectively recognizes and minimizes pain prevalence and impact.

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Goals
a) Develop pain assessment and treatment guidelines having universal relevance and maintain their currency  
b) Develop programmes of education that promote improved awareness of animal pain and its management, taking into account regional differences in attitude, education and available analgesic modalities.  
c) Build capability and capacity in assessing and managing animal pain internationally, through the supported development of talent.

Summary of 2018 activities:  
- Successful face to face meeting and creation of a 5-year roadmap including detailed budget (see below); 8 group teleconferences throughout the year  
- Translation of the Pain Guidelines into French, Japanese,  
- Replacement of retired members of the GPC with new members (Drs. Bea Monteiro and Jo Murrell) via a nomination and voting process
- Initiation of ‘Pain Capsules’ with first two capsules submitted to JSAP
- Recording of ‘Pain Capsule Videos’ for website
- Re-vamping of GPC website
- Successful lectures at WSAVA Singapore
- Initiated comprehensive update of the Pain Management Guidelines
- Initiated expansion of the Pain Management Guidelines (Small Mammals)
- Fully planned a GPC stream and a joint IVAPM/GPC stream for WSAVA Toronto 2019
- Facilitated $300,000 in sponsorship from Zoetis for Platinum status at WSAVA and exclusive sponsorship of GPC Streams WSAVA 2019 and 2020
- Designed and drafted a GPC Teach the Teacher academy for veterinarians and technicians, to be launched at WSAVA Toronto, 2019

**GPC 5 year Roadmap: 2018-2023**

**Phase I: Preliminary Phase**
Define the objectives for the GPC over the next 5 years at a face to face meeting (June 2018)

**Phase II: Initiatives**

**Update Guidelines**
Update the Guidelines
Update the scientific and recommendation content
Add additional chapters where needed
Update protocols – see separate document detailing required updates
New figures and images

**Expand Guidelines**
Expand the guidelines to include small mammals
Expand the guidelines to include reptiles

**Translate guidelines into other languages**
Translate the full Guidelines into Spanish; Thai; Portuguese; Spanish; Chinese; Hindi; Arabic; Russian

**Public Outreach Initiative**
Create website pages with helpful information for owners

**GPC Teach The Teacher Global Scholarship:**
Create and fund a competitive scholarship program for individuals from developing countries in order to develop local teachers. Each scholar would undertake a structured program of education with GPC members and have requirements for producing and giving mentored GPC CE in their home country

**Develop mobile phone ready instructional content from the guidelines.**
Create a mobile phone App with structured content reflecting the guidelines.

**Create a ‘one stop’ website-based repository of small animal Pain Assessment Tools.**
A website based repository of all the small animal Pain Assessment Tools will be created. It will contain the actual tools and instructions, or links to the tools.

**Continue WSAVA CE support**
Create CE event at each annual WSAVA Congress, with or without partners (e.g. IVAPM)

**‘What you really need to know’ Capsules**
Create and publish two 1000 word ‘capsules’ of clinically relevant information on key topics in pain management. Published four times a year (in JSAP) under GPC collective authorship of each

**Pain Capsule Videos**
On a rolling basis, whenever the GPC members are collected together, we will create short videos on key topics of pain management. These will be intermittently posted on the website.
Phase III: Follow up Activity Phase
Track the impact of the Guidelines and CE efforts, analyse this and adjust goals to maximise our impact in achieving our mission

Priorities for 2019

- Update Guidelines
- Update the Guidelines (update the scientific and recommendation content, add additional chapters where needed, update protocols – see separate document detailing required updates, new figures and images)
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- Translate guidelines into other languages
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- Public Outreach Initiative
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- GPC Teach The Teacher Global Scholarship:
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Sponsors of the Global Pain Council
Boehringer Ingelheim, Elanco, Zoetis, Vetoquinol
Annual Report for the WSAVA Hereditary Disease Committee

Name of the Committee

Hereditary Disease Committee

Name of the Committee (Co-)Chair(s)

Jerold S Bell

Name of the Committee Members

Helle Friis Proschowsky, Åke Hedhammar, Susan Little, Monique Megens, Cathryn Mellersh and Claire Wade

Mission/Tagline of the Committee

Mission: To facilitate improvement of the genetic health of dogs and cats
Tagline: All cats and dogs deserve to live healthy lives.

Committee Activities of 2018

- Departing Chair Dr. Giger organized a WSAVA Clinical Genetics tract at the VMX Conference in Orlando, FL in February.
- Dr. Hedhammar contributed to outlining the effects of extreme selection including brachycephaly on animal welfare, and the preparation of a position statement through FVE & FECAVA.
- Departing member Dr. Cole participated in published research identifying genetic disease variants in over 100,000 mixed and purebred dogs.
- Dr. Mellersh organized a Companion Animal Genetic Health Conference in the UK in May.
- Dr. Bell presented in the Clinical Genetics tract at the AVMA conference in Denver, CO in July.
- Under Dr. Giger’s leadership, the Genetic Database continues to be maintained and kept up to date.

Priorities for 2019

- Continue to disseminate detailed communications/articles regarding the importance of physical examination and genetic testing of breeding stock for health-conscious breeding.
- Contact and engage feline organizations regarding hereditary disease.
- Collaborate with International Partnership for Dogs regarding Harmonization of Genetic Testing as well as other items to improve the genetic health of dogs.
- Engage National and local VMAs to both understand local issues with hereditary disease, as well as to disseminate information on improving genetic health.
- Set up a veterinarian e-mail discussion group on hereditary disease.
- Maintain and enhance the WSAVA sponsored Genetic Testing Database at UPenn.
- Pursue initiatives to improve the teaching of clinical genetics and genetic counselling to veterinary students worldwide.
- Develop tools for practicing veterinarians to educate themselves on genetic testing and genetic counselling.
- Communicate via e-mail, have Skype meetings and meet as a group in the Spring at the or Dog Health Workshop (UK) and the 2019 WSAVA Congress (Toronto).
- Individual committee members will publish papers and present on hereditary disease at various National and International conferences.

Sponsors of the Hereditary Disease Committee

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Annual Report for the WSAVA Leadership and Nomination Committee

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**Mission/Tagline of the Committee**
Assist the EB in identifying future leaders and Committee members, to make sure that the global family is fully represented when ever possible;

**Committee Activities of 2018**
The LNC F2F meeting in Singapore heralded new roles for the LNC. We have a new EB liaison: Walt Ingwersen is replaced by Renee Chalmers Hoync van Papendrecht. We had very fruitful discussions about our future tasks:

- Most of the Committee ToRs have to be revised and tenures have to be established.
- The role of technicians in the WSAVA family has to be defined.
- Nominations for non expertise based Committees should be open, our role is to overview the process.
- Applications for WSAVA Assembly membership should go through LNC’s hands in order to establish whether membership nominations comply with WSAVA Bylaws, or if there are any issues with possible membership, before voting at the Assembly meeting.
- A review of the Membership by laws is a topic for the LNC in 2019.
- We need more information from the committees to understand their needs, so we need to establish guidelines to do that.
- The LNC advised the EB that nominations for the Next Generation Award and the Meritorious Service Award should be restricted to the area of the Congress each year.
- The number of LNC members will be reviewed in light of possible increased workload.

We found a new LNC member for Asia: Makravand Chavan, welcome Mac.
The Chair went from Käthi Brunner to Geeta Saini, Australia. Käthi stays past president till Toronto.
We were involved in the Evaluation of the WSAVA 2018 award for Global Meritorious Service and the WSAVA-Hills Next generation award Prize winners.
Meeting of the LNC at the WSAVA World Congress 2018

**Priorities for 2019**

- F2F Meeting Toronto
- evaluate the ToRs of the committees
- WSAVA Hills Next Generation Award
- WSAVA Meritorous Service Award
Annual Report for the WSAVA One Health Committee

Name of the Committee
Name of the Committee (Co-)Chair(s)

One Health Committee
Michael R. Lappin
Sarah Cleaveland, Chand Khanna, Casey Barton Behravesh, Umesh Karkare, Gregg Takashima, Alex Thiermann, Will Eward, Peter Karczmar and Luca Guardabassi

Name of the Committee Members

Affiliate Members
Ed Breitschwerdt
Thijs Kuiken
Gaetano Oliva
Observers
Rod Jouppi [AWWC]
Shane Ryan

Mission/Tagline of the Committee
To ensure the prominence of the small companion animal human interface in the global One Health agenda.

Committee Activities of 2018
- Development of a lecture on “Zoonotic Diseases for physicians and veterinarians.” The presentation was given remotely, but live to physicians in the Netherlands. A recording of the lecture is available on the One Health site.
- One Health Stream on disaster management at the Singapore WSAVA meeting.
- One Health Stream on World Rabies Day at the Singapore WSAVA meeting.
- One Health Committee meetings in 2018 by teleconference and in person in Singapore.
- Global One Health Award Recipients.
- Dr. Ed Breitschwerdt (North Carolina State College of Veterinary Medicine and Dr. Chris Woods (Duke Medical School). Topic; Zoonotic Bartonellosis
- Initial planning on a pre-Congress Day on Comparative Oncology for the Toronto WSAVA meeting in 2019; headed up by Dr. Chand Khanna and Dr. Will Eward.
- Continued development of a One Health online certificate course for delegates; to be launched in the first quarter of 2019. In the USA, these modules will also qualify for CPD credit.
- Plans initiated to develop additional interactions with physicians to be headed up by Dr. Karczmar. The ultimate goal is to have a significant presence if WSAVA at One Health related meetings of physicians.
- New interaction started with Dr. Melinda Merck to develop One Health initiatives centering on domestic abuse. The strategic plan is to have a workshop or pre-Congress Day at the WSAVA meeting in 2020.
- Executive Board approval of a plan to have the One Health Committee review the American Association of Feline Practitioners Zoonoses Guidelines and potentially endorse.
- Exploratory plans to expand the One Health Committee interactions in the area of environmental health; potential addition of a new committee member active in this field.
- Continued interactions with the Antimicrobial Resistance group; the One Health Committee agreed to sponsor 2 speakers at the International Conference on One Health Antimicrobial Resistance meeting in Amsterdam in April, 2019.
- Continued interactions with OIE and rabies control affiliates headed up by Professor Day.

Award Lecture for the WSAVA Global One Health Award by Drs Breitschwerdt and Wood

**Priorities for 2019**

- Launch the One Health Certificate course
- Develop the domestic abuse interactions for WSAVA 2020.
- Build interactions with One Health meetings for physicians.
- Review and possible endorse the AAFP Zoonosis Guidelines.
- Develop a plan to write Zoonoses Guidelines from the WSAVA One Health Committee.
- A manuscript is planned on "Pet ownership by immune suppressed individuals" authored by Dr. Lappin and a physician Dr. Benjamin Young

**Review**

**Sponsors of the One Health Committee**

Annual Report for the WSAVA Professional Wellness Group

Name of the Committee
Name of the Committee (Co-)Chair(s)
Professional Wellness Group
Nienke Endenburg and Derick Chibeu

Name of the Committee Members
Martin Soberano, Vicki Lim, Michael Paton, Janet Donlin, Marie Holowaychuk, Patricia Dowling and Shane Ryan

Mission/Tagline of the Committee
A focused, united effort to maintain and advance the health and well-being of all veterinary professionals.

Committee Activities of 2018

Introduction:
WSAVA has as its mission, the advancement of the health and welfare of companion animals worldwide. It achieves this mission through an educated, committed and collaborative global community of veterinary peers. It is imperative that the health, welfare & wellness of the veterinary team is maintained & advanced to ensure – equally - the health, welfare & wellness of companion animals under this global veterinary community’s care. The personal & professional wellness of veterinarians & veterinary staff has been receiving increased attention in veterinary publications & conferences (FAVA, 2014; AVMA, 2017), social media and the non-veterinary press.

This increased recognition that stress & compassion fatigue coupled with a demanding workplace environment are adversely affecting the mental well-being and physical health of veterinarians. As such, the WSAVA Professional Wellness Group (PWG) was started in March 2018.

The overall goal of the PWG is to improve the health and well-being of veterinarians, para-veterinarians & all members of the veterinary team.

Activities 2018:
Being a nascent committee, the activities of the PWG in 2018 include the following:

a) Meetings:
   i. 9th May 2018 – TC
   ii. 20th July 2018 – TC
   iii. 27th September 2018 – Face – to – face Meeting in Singapore
   iv. The PWG held a half a day’s workshop and lectures during the WSAVA Congress in Singapore.

b) Creation of Resources:

The committee, during its face-to-face meeting during the WSAVA Congress in Singapore, was able to come up with OGSM Action Plan (attached) as well as took part in the committee’s forum to meet various sponsors and partners of the WSAVA.

c) Publicity:
1. The importance and work of the committee has also been highlighted in the WSAVA Bulletins subsequent to the WSAVA Congress in Singapore with the Co-Chairs, Drs. Nienke Endenburg and Derick Chibeu giving interviews about the work of the group.
2. Dr. Endenburg managed to give an interview for a publication magazine from India [link](http://www.dogsandpupsmagazine.com/industry-views/#top)
3. Members of the group have also been vigorously involved in publicizing the PWG’s work in different regions during CE activities / conferences / congresses in their respective regions eg.
   i. Dr. Chibeu gave a presentation at the launch of the Tanzania Small Animal Veterinary Association on 3rd December 2018 and shared the work of the PWG with AFSCAN Ambassadors.
   ii. There has also been collaborations with other regional associations to promote and publicize the work of the PWG [link](https://www.rcvs.org.uk/news-and-views/news/rcvs-and-avma-join-forces-to-tackle-veterinary-mental-health/)
   iii. Vetstream has been an invaluable partner in disseminating the work of PWG.

   d) Survey:

   The PWG launched a global Mental Wellness Survey during the WSAVA Congress in Singapore. The survey ended on 31st December 2018 and its outcomes will be published in 2019 with a presentation to be done at the WSAVA Congress in Toronto, 2019 [link](https://www.wsava.org/Committees/Committees/Professional-Wellness-Group)

   Conclusion:
   The Professional Wellness Group (PWG) will pursue a scientifically rigorous, evidence-based approach, envisaged as a three-year project. The expected outcome is that the PWG will design guidelines and toolkits for veterinary practitioners to improve professional wellness; review state-of-the-art thinking and provide a WSAVA perspective that recognises regional, economic and cultural needs.

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Dr. Martin Soberano, Dr. Vicki Lim and Dr. Nienke Endenburg at the Wellness Workshop

**Priorities for 2019**

1. Publish the results of the 2018 PWG Survey on wellness in a peer-reviewed journal
2. Identify wellness needs, challenges and risks in all cultures
3. Literature Review on wellness
4. To disseminate relevant information on veterinary mental health and well-being to a global audience
Annual Report for the WSAVA Scientific Advisory Committee

Name of the Committee: Scientific Advisory Committee

Name of the Committee (Co-)Chair(s):
Gad Baneth

Name of the Committee Members:
Jane Sykes (USA), Alek Koutinas (Greece), Hajime Tsujimoto (Japan), Lorrie Gaschen (USA), Richard Squires (Australia) and Cecile Clerx (Belgium)

Mission/Tagline of the Committee
The WSAVA Scientific Advisory Committee advises and assists the WSAVA Executive Board in developing links with the academic world involved in research and development in small animal veterinary science. Its aim is to stimulate academic participation under the auspices of the WSAVA and at the same time to promote worldwide access to knowledge resulting from research.

Committee Activities of 2018
The WSAVA Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) advises and assists the WSAVA Executive Board in developing links with the academic world involved in research and development in small animal veterinary science. Its aim is to stimulate academic participation under the auspices of the WSAVA and at the same time to promote worldwide access to knowledge resulting from research.

The SAC advises the WSAVA on the scientific program of the world congress, performs scientific review of proposed and ongoing research projects, selects the State of the Art (SOTAL) lecturers for the WSAVA annual conference, selects candidates for Scientific Achievement Awards, and provides advice and judgement of scientific abstract for the annual congress. It also advises the WSAVA on any scientific matters requested by the WSAVA board.

The SAC endeavours to keep a high standard of scientific level in the congress programs, scientific activities and guidelines produced by the WSAVA or associated with it, and to provide recognition to leaders of the small animal medical world who have made outstanding contributions to the profession. The SAC also wishes to encourage a diversity of membership and field of activities with members from many countries and a variety of veterinary medical disciplines.

In the previous year, the SAC has advised and made input and on the WSAVA scientific congress program and selected the SOTAL lecturers for the WSAVA annual conference.

The SAC also provided scientific opinion on several issues such as the WSAVA Global Spay-Neuter Standardization Project and the problem of megaesophagus in dogs in Latvia. The SAC has also selected the winner of the 2018 WSAVA Scientific Achievement Award which was Prof. Colin Harvey of the University of Pennsylvania (see website links), and evaluated African Small Companion Animal Network (AFSCAN) research projects managed and funded by the WSAVA foundation.

Priorities for 2019
The SAC will evaluate an additional round of AFSCAN proposals, it will provide input on research abstracts for the WSAVA congress in Canada, and will be involved in the selection of a new winner of the Scientific Achievement Award. It will also provide opinion of the future congress programs available during 2019.
Annual Report for the WSAVA Therapeutics Guidelines Group

Name of the Committee
Therapeutics Guidelines Group
Paulo Steagall
Guillermina Manigot, Scott Weese, Ludovic Pelligand, Stephen Page, Melissa Buregeois, Devon Dublin and Carel du Marchie Sarvaas

Name of the Committee (Co-)Chair(s)
Paulo Steagall

Name of the Committee Members
Guillermina Manigot, Scott Weese, Ludovic Pelligand, Stephen Page, Melissa Buregeois, Devon Dublin and Carel du Marchie Sarvaas

Mission/Tagline of the Committee
A specific mission/tagline has not been developed. We should discuss this topic at our TC meeting in February.

Committee Activities of 2018
The WSAVA TGG was formed in early 2018 with the generation of a document with the terms of reference and with the appointment of Dr. Luca Guardabassi as a chair, and later on the addition of Dr. Paulo Steagall, member of the WSAVA GPC and DSC as a co-chair. The purpose, goals, regulations and obligations of the committee membership were described in that document. A list of individuals representing different stakeholders and with different background was composed and members invited to participate.

The group approved a strategic plan for years 2019-2020 that included the purpose, goals, TGG structure and composition and a background and specific planning for priorities topic A (antimicrobial guidelines) and topic B (drug availability and quality) with objectives for both subgroups clearly established. A list of advisory members that will act on a consultancy basis was defined and all elements were reviewed, discussed and approved by TGG committee members (Table 2). The list of advisory members of topic A will be extended with the addition of new members.

The TGG committee had its first teleconference and defined specific short-term specific objectives and actions for the WSAVA annual meeting in July, 2019 in Toronto, Canada. Future dates and frequency of TCs were scheduled and arranged with planning of a face-to-face meeting in Toronto. Additionally, a budget was submitted in the end of December for activities in 2019.

The group is now working in the definition and a list of ‘essential medicines’ to be presented in Toronto. Some other parallel activities are ongoing as well.

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Priorities for 2019

There are two groups within the TGG - A) antimicrobial and B) Drug availability and quality of medicines. The strategic objectives for group A are:

1. Release a yearly infographic at the time of the annual WSAVA Congress to update veterinary practitioners on the most important news regarding AMR and antimicrobial therapy in companion animals.
2. Complete and analyze a survey to outline antimicrobial use practices and access to guidelines among WSAVA members.
3. Collate all the available guidelines pertaining to antimicrobial use in companion animals and make them publicly available on the TGG homepage.
4. Develop practical summaries with flow charts of the ISCAID guidelines for respiratory and urinary tract infections, and translate them into a wider range of languages in collaboration with WSAVA Translation Committee.
5. Publish a position paper addressing the methodology for developing and implementing evidence-based antimicrobial use guidelines, the importance of national guidelines, priority topics for future guidelines, and research needs to improve the quality of evidence.

For group B:

1. Launch a list of essential medicines at the WSAVA Congress in July 2019 along with information on current availability and appropriate use (script, label, warnings,
storage, etc.) based on review of the data from the two past WSAVA member surveys.

2. Establish a global network to collect data at the regional level, identify short-term/acute shortages, and resolve them using a collaborative approach with the relevant stakeholders.

3. Generate a checklist to guide users in assessing ethical and safety implications for products purchased from online pharmacies.

4. Perform a pilot study to assess the quality of selected essential medicinal products on a global scale.

5. Arrange an inaugural TGG meeting in 2019 to further develop these strategic objectives as well as implementation strategies, deadlines, responsibilities, and meeting schedules for the TGG Core Group and both Advisory Groups.
Annual Report for the WSAVA Translation Committee

Name of the Committee

Translation Committee

Name of the Committee (Co-)Chair(s)

Martin Soberano

Name of the Committee Members

Ellen van Nierop, Rebecca George, Anna Martin, Ana Reisinho, Lee Song, Cecile Guerche, Olga Kurbatova, Vivian He, Tanya Malkova, Faouzi Kechrid and Maya Cyganska

Mission/Tagline of the Committee

The Translation Committee aims to help with the WSAVA to overcome the language barriers faced by its members in order to promote effective communication and engagement within our global veterinary community.

Committee Activities of 2018

WSAVA’s mission is to advance the health and welfare of companion animals worldwide through an educated, committed and collaborative global community of veterinary peers. A key component of the WSAVA Strategic Plan is a stronger global small animal community, based on the goal of “united we learn, united we speak, and united we serve small animals and one health”. To achieve and live our new tag line “global veterinary community”, the WSAVA needs to focus on inclusivity and greater connectivity and involvement of all WSAVA members.

WSAVA is comprised more than 100 members associations representing approximately 200,000 small animal veterinarians globally. This unique global network and reach poses engagement challenges reflected in differing degrees of regional veterinary development, resource limitations (both financial and human), and active communication (based on both language and cultural nuances).

The Translation Committee is brought to life to help overcome the language barriers and thereby improve awareness, communication and involvement from our global community.

This year, 2018, we add three new languages: KOREAN, POLISH & ARAB

Committee Membership

The Translation Committee will be comprised of individual translators representing the different languages reflected in the WSAVA membership. All members must be fluent in English and at least one other language. In 2018, the different languages are: Spanish, Portuguese, French, Russian, Chinese, Polish, Korean and Arab. Also, we have a Norwegian translator if we need her.

Dr. Ellen van Nierop is TC EB liaison & WSAVA Executive Board (EB) to this committee. Nominations for membership were approved by the WSAVA EB and recommendations were voted on by the committee.

Dr. Martin Soberano was TC chair and oversee/ coordinate different translating tasks; also compiled a comprehensive report of all the committee’s tasks and designed future plans for the assembly book and EB.

TC chairman did:
* Coordination within the committee the time needed for each task and division into doable parts by different members of the committee.
* Translation communications from the WSAVA to its members, including but not limited to: e-bulletin, guidelines when finalized, press releases, letters from the secretariat, SOP’s, questionnaires and other information that is deemed important.
* Designed tools that make this process more efficient, such as google translate or others, always controlling the output before sending in final translations.
* Kept a log of documents translated and tasks achieved both on a personal level per translator as on a committee level. A copy of all original documents and their translations should be kept either by the chair or at central secretariat for future referral.
* Liaise with committees and projects within the WSAVA to make its services known. In Singapore Congress 2018, TC has a place to show its work to another committees
* Reassessing, on a regular basis, the languages that would make most impact on our membership (for ex. POLISH for 2020 Congress) and find volunteers to commit to these with help of Leadership and Nomination committee.

Compensation for Committee Members

It is understood that all translators in the committee are volunteers and will not receive any monetary gain. That being said, and due to the amount of time needed for the commitment and the importance of its result, a compensation scheme has been set up. This year, Dr. Ana Reisinho came to WSAVA World Congress in Singapore, with all expenses included.

Committee Chair Dr. Martin Soberano and Portuguese translator Dr. Ana Reisinho

**Priorities for 2019**

1. The advancement of technology provides opportunities that the committee should exploit in order to increase the volume of translations and the number of languages available.
2. Offer the translation service to all WSAVA members: we must be a tool available to all
3. Incorporate new languages
4. Coordinate tasks and strengthen the group spirit
Annual Report for the WSAVA Vaccination Guidelines Group

Name of the Committee
Vaccination Guidelines Group

Name of the Committee (Co-)Chair(s)
Michael Day

Name of the Committee Members
Michael Day, Mary Marcondes, Richard Squires and Cynda Crawford

Mission/Tagline of the Committee
To provide evidence-based scientific advice to the global veterinary profession on optimum vaccination practice for dogs and cats.

Committee Activities of 2018
During August 2018, the VGG made the third of its country visits for the current LATAM Phase V Project (2016 – 2019). This visit to Mexico included meetings in Mexico City, Guadalajara and Monterrey. Committee members met with veterinary association leaders, academics, first-opinion practitioners and government vaccine regulators. They also made site visits to practices in all three cities. To support veterinary education, they delivered three evening CE sessions. The CE session in Mexico City was also live-streamed and made available to registrants for 30 days after the presentation. Altogether, well over 2,000 veterinarians were reached by the live or on-line programme.

In advance of the visit, the VGG circulated an online questionnaire to collect data on veterinary demographics, infectious disease occurrence and vaccination protocols. The survey was completed by 552 veterinarians with the data presented during the CE events.

During 2018 the survey questionnaire was also released in Ecuador and Costa Rica.

A press release about this visit was sent out immediately afterwards.

During the 2018 Congress in Singapore, the VGG presented a well-attended half-day stream on canine and feline vaccinology and serological testing in vaccinology.

VGG members continued to individually deliver lectures related to the WSAVA guidelines over the course of the year.

In 2019 the VGG will hold a face-to-face meeting to work on the white paper that will summarize the findings of the LATAM Project and deliver vaccination guidelines for veterinarians in the region. The paper will be submitted for publication in late 2019.

The VGG is grateful for the sponsorship of MSD Animal Health for their Phase V Project.
The VGG meeting with Key Opinion Leaders in Mexico City.

The first VGG CE Event in Mexico City.

Members of the VGG at one of the small group meetings in Mexico. Left to right: Dr Richard Squires (James Cook University, Australia), Dr Cynda Crawford (University of Florida, USA), Emeritus Professor Michael Day (Chairman, UK) and Dr Mary Marcondes (São Paulo State University, Brazil).

Priorities for 2019

Preparation of the white paper summarizing findings and making recommendations for LATAM

Sponsors of the Vaccination Guidelines Group

MSD Animal Health