Annual Report for the WSAVA Continuing Education Committee

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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 ASAIV. Drs Richard Squires and Janice Lloyd lectured on feline infectious diseases, behaviour and handling in Beijing, Chengdu, Shengzhen 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 Ghana

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

CE Event in Nigeria

Priorities for 2019
Not yet determined

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