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**Overview of activities in 2019**

During 2019, the VGG held one face-to-face meeting at which committee members reviewed the data collected during the 3-year VGG Phase V LATAM project, discussed our recommendations and produced the first draft of the ‘white paper’ that will provide the VGG Recommendations for LATAM. The committee is now finalizing that manuscript by electronic communication and we aim to submit the paper to the Journal of Small Animal Practice for peer review by the end of 2019. The final publication will be translated into Spanish and Portuguese for wide dissemination throughout LATAM.

Committee members spoke about WSAVA Vaccination Guidelines at numerous events throughout the world. For example, the committee chair delivered lectures in the USA, Brazil, India, Japan, Spain, Belgium and Romania during 2019.

In November 2019, the VGG (in collaboration with Health for Animals) launched a major new global survey seeking to obtain information on the experience of companion animal practitioners with ‘vaccination hesitancy’ or ‘anti-vaccination’ in their practices. The survey is available in seven languages and carries an incentive prize of a $500 charitable donation made on behalf of one respondent. The survey will run until January 2020, after which the data will be analysed and presented to the WSAVA community.

**Plans and priorities for 2020**

During 2020 the VGG will see through publication of the LATAM Guidelines Document (as above).

The vaccination hesitancy survey will be analysed and presented.

The committee will also begin work on its Phase VI Project: a revision of the global vaccination guidelines, with view to publishing these in 2021.

Committee members will continue to deliver continuing education in vaccinology throughout the world.

- Publication of the WSAVA LATAM Vaccination Guidelines with translation and dissemination of the final document
- Publication of the results of the Vaccination Hesitancy Survey
- Preparation of a revision of the WSAVA Global Vaccination Guidelines