ANIMAL WELLNESS AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
CHAIR AWWC
Dr Melinda Merck

CO-CHAIR AWWC
Dr Tess Kommedal (until Sept 2019)

MEMBERS
Dr Susan Hazel
Dr Tess Kommedal (from September 2019)
Dr Natasha Lee
Dr Abdul Rahman
Dr Katherine Polak

The AWWC is generously supported by:

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Overview of activities in 2019

Committee membership: The recommendation of Dr. Katherine C. Polak from USA based in Thailand and Dr. Susan Hazel from Australia as Members of the committee effective Toronto were recommended to the Board and approved.


WSAVA Companion Animal Welfare Award: the recipient of the award was announced in March 2019.

Capacity Building Programmes: Shelter Medicine Workshops in India during the Pan Commonwealth Veterinary Association Congress at Bangalore, India in March, and during the WSAVA Congress at Toronto were successfully completed. Animal welfare stream during the main Congress in Toronto.

Animal Welfare Charter: prepared by AWWC and approved by the WSAVA board.

Challenges
The AWWC faces a series of changes over the next 18 months 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.

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.

Planned activities for 2020

Animal Welfare Guidelines
- Raise awareness of the guidelines – translations, podcasts, social media posts, executive summary
- Resource and tools – Slides for speakers, self-assessment checklists, posters on basic info e.g. animal handling, body language, surgery dos and don’ts
- Engaging with members to act – identify leaders to promote the guidelines, publicity at events
- Train the trainers program
- Animal Welfare Friendly Practice certificate (2021 onwards)

Maintain online presence – Keeping website up to date, social media postings, WSAVA newsletters

Capacity building for animal welfare
- WSAVA Congress AW stream
- Shelter medicine workshop – post WSAVA congress, Poland.
- Planning for Outreach projects: Hyderbad, India (2021)
- Domestic Violence workshop (with One Health Committee)
  - Develop a position statement
  - Conduct workshop in Poland together with One Health committee

Animal welfare issues
- Identify issues through membership survey
- Developing position statements and work on animal welfare issues: Mutilations / cosmetic surgeries, Disaster management, Domestic violence and pets, Early-age neutering, DPM, dog meat trade, online trade and puppy mills
- Forming alliances with other WSAVA Committees: Pets and Domestic Violence (with OHC), Breeding (HDC), Humane euthanasia drugs (TGG), train the trainer initiatives (CE)
- Forming alliances with international partners: Enhance welfare in practice (Fear Free), Disaster management (WAP), dog/cat population management (ICAM)
CHAIR CEC
Dr Ellen van Nierop

MEMBERS

Dr Oscar Umaña
Dr Lowell Ackermann
Dr Lea Kreszinger
Dr Lawson Cairns
Dr Derick Chibeu
Dr Chaiyot Tanrattana
Dr Makarand Chavan
Dr Daphne Westgeest

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Overview of activities in 2019

Face-to-face CE was delivered to 2800 veterinarian in 22 countries all over the globe, especially in countries needing help in development of the veterinary profession.

A very important first step was taken to ensure good quality digital CE starting next year with the digital course of GNC guidelines.

Plans and priorities for 2020

Our face-to-face CE remains an important part of the project, but we are finding more and more ways of being present in a digital format, either by full digital courses or by making sure we video tape the face to face course to have on our website for viewing at leisure. We are also working on a basic curriculum with minimum standards that we would want the members in any country to be comfortable with.
CONGRESS STEERING COMMITTEE

WORLD SMALL ANIMAL VETERINARY ASSOCIATION
CHAIR CSC
Dr Jim Berry

MEMBERS

Dr Kevin Stevens
Dr Adriana Lopez Qintana
Dr Umesh Karkare
Dr Jerzy Gawor
Overview of activities in 2019

The CSC has been involved in rewriting and restructuring the guidelines for organizations bidding for the World Congress. Most of these documents have been edited, simplified and/or rewritten in the past year. The bidding documents have also been placed on the web for electronic access to simplify the bidding process. All of the timelines for the bids have also been adjusted to simplify the bidding process.

We continue to choose the organization that will host the next World Congress. This process is based on objective guidelines that are available online. Our objective is to ensure that the bidding organization with the strongest bid will be chosen for the congress.

The CSC has started preliminary discussions with the executive board about the future direction of the World Congress. We are assessing all options available to provide the highest level of continuing education to the greatest number of WSAVA members.

Plans and priorities for 2020

The main activity this coming year will be the assessment of the future direction of the World Congress and related continuing education.
CONGRESS SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM COMMITTEE
CHAIR CSPC
Dr Frederic Gaschen

MEMBERS
Ameet Singh
Overview of activities in 2019

Congress-related activity

- **2019 WSAVA Congress in Toronto, Canada:** The committee worked with all involved parties (Congress Liaison Officer, Kenes, Local Host Committee, invited speakers) to finalize the scientific program. Highlights included:
  - Final completion of the program grid and communication / problem-solving with invited speakers.
  - Problem-solving on site
  - Election of a speaker-of-the-year by the delegates who votes using the app.

The 2019 annual congress was a success on many levels including the scientific program. Based on several communications, the speakers’ experience was positive as well. As is the case every year, the success of the congress is only partially due to the work of the Congress Scientific Program Committee. The Toronto/CVMA Local Host Committee, the Congress Liaison Officer, and the Team at Kenes all did a terrific job and contributed in essential ways to this success as well.

- **2020 WSAVA Congress in Warsaw, Poland:** The Committee chair visited the Warsaw Conference Center, and met with the Polish Small Animal Veterinary Association Local Host Committee in April, 2019. In recent months, 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 Warsaw.

- **2021 WSAVA Congress in Hyderabad, India:** The committee made first contacts with the Indian Local Host Committee in Toronto, and an on-site meeting and visit is planned for February, 2020.

Creation of the new WSAVA Scientific Committee

The chair worked in close collaboration with the CLO and the EB to define the terms of reference for the new WSAVA Scientific Committee, and the ideal profiles of the 2 co-chairs and the committee members. The responsibilities of the new committee are general scientific advice (similar to that provided by the old Scientific Advisory Committee) and congress-related scientific activity (similar to that provided by the old Congress Scientific Program Committee). The Chair reviewed the applications for co-Chair for general scientific activity with an EB member and selected the new co-chair who was approved by the LNC and EB. Both co-chairs then reviewed the applications for the available member positions and selected 4 new members who were approved by the LNC and are currently in the process of being approved by the EB. Consequently, this will be the last activity report for the Scientific Congress Program Committee.

Plans and priorities for 2020

Merge with the SAC to become the WSAVA Scientific Committee
FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WORLD SMALL ANIMAL VETERINARY ASSOCIATION
CHAIR FAC
Dr Laurel Kaddatz

MEMBERS

Dr Debbie Osborne
Dr Manfred Hochleithner
Dr Dave Miller
Overview of activities in 2019

- Reviewed the 5-year budget forecast and made recommendations to ensure the general fund reserves.
- Evaluated and discussed the annual audit and made recommendation for cash management.
- Discussed the New Strategic Plan presented at the Assembly meeting and noted some budgetary and monetary concerns requiring modifications to the budget.
- Reviewed complimentary registrations at Congress and recommended that these should be decided at the discretion of the President.
- Recommended changes to the FAC Terms of Reference.

Plans and priorities for 2020

- Committee meeting to be held prior to the WSAVA Assembly in Poland in September 2020.
- Will plan a teleconference call post annual audit (April-May 2020).
- Review financial reports and budget from the Treasurer on quarterly basis.
- Investigation a cash management policy document for WSAVA.
CO-CHAIR GDC
Dr Brook Niemiec

CO-CHAIR GDC
Dr Jerzy Gawor

MEMBERS
Dr Kymberley Stewart
Dr Rod Jouppi
Dr David Clarke
Dr Gottfried Mortenegg
Dr Marco Giosso
Dr Ana Nemec
Dr Paulo Stegall
Dr Marge Chandler
Dr Cedric Tutt
Overview of activities in 2019

The committee members lectured on behalf of the DG in Peru, Africa, Romania, as well as in numerous countries throughout the world where the DG were mentioned. Train the trainers in Peru for South America.

Planned activities for 2020

To create toolkits and add new members to the committee.
CO-CHAIR GNC
Dr Gregg Takashima

CO-CHAIR GNC
Dr Marge Chandler

MEMBERS
Dr Martin de Scally
Dr Rachel Lumbis
Dr Adriana Lopez Quintana
Dr Minna Rinkinen
Dr Ping-Chih (Ben) Teng
Dr Lisa Weeth
Dr Cecilia Villaverde
Overview of activities in 2019

WSAVA Congress Toronto: The GNC had an all-day track (8hrs) of nutritional talks for veterinarians as well as a ½ day track for nurses/technicians.

Student Nutritional Education:
- Glasgow University, UK. Debate on feeding raw foods. March 2019
- Ross Veterinary School (Saint Kitts and Nevis), April 2019 Lectures on nutritional evaluation in dogs and cats healthy (1st years) and with disease (3rd years) to last year veterinary students (week long course).
- Saint George’s Veterinary School (Grenada), April 2019
- Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM), September 2019. Lectures on nutritional evaluation in dogs and cats healthy and with disease to last year veterinary students (week long course)
- Nutrition Assessment talk to Asia exchange veterinary students from China, Japan and Taiwan at Chung-Hsing University, Taichung, Taiwan. Aug 2019
- Louisiana State University, Sept 2019. Lectures on nutritional assessment, labeling, nutrition for disease. Senior students (2 wk course)

Conference/Continuing Education using GL or Toolkit:
- Online course offered to vets from China (working with the Chinese company We Care Pet) on talks about intestinal, endocrine, liver and kidney disease, plus obesity and food allergies (from December 2018 to June 2019).
- Lecture on pet nutrition to industry. IVD Birmingham, UK Jan 2019
- Seminar to Spanish vets organized for Royal Canin Spain for re-launch of their urinary diets, February 2019
- Spanish vets on dietary management of feline digestive diseases (talk given around Spain, 2019)
- Spanish veterinary internal medicine congress, talks on management of chronic enteropathies, constipation and fad diets (Ignacio Menes, Alicante, March 1st – 3rd, 2019)
- Vet Indexx 3 week on line dog and cat nutrition course11-31 March.
- International Society for Feline Medicine: lecture on nutritional assessment and one on sarcopenia and cachexia in cats, Birmingham, UK.
- Nanjing Agricultural University, Nanjing, China (together with Dr Jennifer Larsen), April 2-4th, 2019
- Inverness, UK Veterinary clinic: Facts vs Fiction in Raw Feeding. 10 April 2019
- BSAVA webinar on reading petfood labels, 24 April 2019
- CPD Solutions webinar on CKD, 12 April, 2019
- How to choose a pet food in Spanish conference to cardiology group on nutritional management of secondary cardiomyopathies (GTA, Zaragoza, April 26th – 27th 2019)
- Online course for Spanish vet techs (also offered to Latin American vet techs and nurses) on basic feline nutrition offered by AVEPA (Spanish veterinary association), offered in February 2019 and May 2019.
- Hospitalized patients in Post Graduate Diploma on Emergency and Critical Care offered by the veterinary school at the Universitat Autonoma de Barcelona (May 14, 2019)
- Hospitalized patients and how to choose a pet food in Irish conference for veterinarians (VetCon), May 16-17, 2019
- Webinar (sponsored by Purina Spain) for veterinarians on feline nutrition, May 21st, 2019
- Guidelines and toolkit presented in National Conference in Mexico in May 2019
- Chronic kidney disease for WSAVA conference in Toronto (16th – 19th July, 2019)
- Society of Veterinary Dietology and Clinical Nutrition in Russia (1 day of lectures, 1 day of round table) in Moscow, Russia, 25th -26th July, 2019
- Feline Friends Webinar on Choosing a diet for cats, 4 Sept 2019.
- Event organized by Royal Canin for veterinary nurses (Pet Health Counsellor), 9th of September 2019 in Tortworth, UK
- Postgraduate classes in Animal Nutrition organized by the veterinary school at the Universidad de la Plata, Argentina, 7th – 8th October 2019
- Importance And Trends Of Pet Health Preventive Care” and “Nutrition Assessment”. Pet Asia Fair, Shanghai, China. Pet Fair Asia is the largest exhibition for pet supplies and veterinary globally. Aug 20, 2019
- Vet Indexx Dog and Cat on line nutrition course (3 weeks) 7-27 October 2019. Medical Medical and Nutritional Management on Feline Constipation. Hills Asia webinar. Dec.10, 2019
Planned activities for 2020

WSAVA Congress Warsaw, 2020: We are scheduled to provide a full day of clinical nutrition talks as well as a 3 hours of talks to nurses/technicians.

**Toolkit Development:**
- This year we developed a tool on how to interpret pet-food labels in the USA and one for Europe (see addendum)
- In progress and expected completion by September 2020 or sooner:
  - Pet-food ingredient and analysis tool
  - How to place a naso-gastric feeding tube video
  - How to place an esophageal feeding tube video
  - Raw foods infographic tool
  - Updating of Tool: "Selecting the best food for your pet"

**Other Immediate Pending Projects:**
- Final edits for publication of nutritional assessment survey results
- IVSA nutritional and gastrointestinal talk

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- [Hill's](#)
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CHAIR GPC
Dr Duncan Lascelles

MEMBERS
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Paulo Steagall
Johana Murrell
Bonnie Wright
Sheilah Robertson
Peter Kronen
Overview of activities in 2019

**WSAVA Toronto:** Lectures were presented the GPC stream. We also had a F2F meeting to and finalized the plan for updating the treatise (pain guidelines).

**Two 'Capsule Reviews'** have been published by the GPC in JSAP and were subsequently translated to 12 languages in collaboration with IVAPM. These materials are all open-access and have been advertised in the WSAVA newsletters.

**Launched the scholarship competition 'Teach the teachers'** for veterinarians. A total of 29 candidates applied, and the successful candidate from Tanzania has been informed and accepted the scholarship. He will be doing his program at the University of Montreal.

Plans and priorities for 2020

**Launching the scholarship competition 'Teach the teachers'** for technicians/nurses and review of applications.

**Updating the treatise** (pain guidelines)

Publishing and translating additional 'Capsule Reviews' in JSAP.

Announce a position for a new member to represent Asia and review of applicants
HEREDITARY DISEASE COMMITTEE
CHAIR HDC
Dr Jerold Bell

MEMBERS

Dr Helle Friis Proschowsky
Dr Åke Hedhammar
Dr Susan Little
Dr Leslie Lyons
Dr Monique Megens
Dr Cathryn Mellersh
Dr Claire Wade

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Overview of activities in 2019

HDC Committee presented a full day tract on hereditary diseases and management at the 2019 WSAVA Congress in Toronto.

HDC held two face to face meetings in Windsor UK (May) and Toronto (July) and one Skype meeting (Nov).

All HDC members continue to work on the improvement of hereditary disease in dogs and cats with veterinarians, breeders, breed organizations and companion animal health foundations in their respective professional positions.

Individual HDC members attended and some presented at the 2019 Dog/Cat Genomics Conference in Bern, Switzerland, 2019 International Society of Animal Genetics conference in Lleida, Spain, 4th International Dog Health Workshop in Windsor, UK, and 2019 VMX Conference in Orlando, USA.

The Committee met with Brenda Bonnett, CEO of the International Partnership for Dogs and committed to collaborative efforts to improve canine genetic health as well as setting standards for commercial genetic testing.

HDC member Åke Hedhammar is active working on both behavioral testing and hip dysplasia (especially in military working dogs) as well as on standardization of diagnosis, treatment and judging of dogs and breeds with Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome.

HDC member Monique Megens is active on the Independent Health Committee to the Dutch Kennel Club regarding Dutch legislative breeding restrictions on brachycephalic breeds.

HDC Chair Jerold Bell engaged with international genetic test providers regarding the validation of genetic tests offered to the public and genetic counseling recommendations.

Committee members Cathryn Mellersh and Jerold Bell presented to veterinarians and breeders on canine hereditary diseases and genetic testing at the Purina Partners Conference (sponsored by HDC sponsor Purina Institute) in Moscow, Russia.

The PennGen/WSAVA Genetic Disease/Testing Database continues to be maintained by past HDC Chair Urs Giger (sponsored by Mars Wisdom Health).
Plans and priorities for 2020

Formalize a long-term strategic plan for the HDC

Continue and enhance veterinary practitioner education on hereditary diseases, genetic testing and genetic counseling in pet and breeding cats and dogs

Enhance veterinary student education on hereditary diseases, genetic testing and genetic counseling

Enhance engagement with specialty colleges on hereditary diseases, genetic testing and genetic counseling

Utilize social media to broaden the reach and scope of HDC activities with veterinary practitioners and veterinary associations worldwide

Work on specific issues with validation of genetic testing and genetic counseling practices involving; publication, commercialization of genetic tests, recommendations for genetic testing, and genetic counseling in pet and breeding dogs and cats

Continue to support a WSAVA sponsored genetic disease/genetic testing database for both dogs and cats

Work with the International Partnership for Dogs on issues concerning hereditary diseases, genetic testing and genetic counseling

Foster feline veterinary, breeder and animal health foundation engagement on hereditary diseases, genetic testing and genetic counseling

Plan 2 Skype meetings and one face-to-face meeting at the 2020 WSAVA Congress

Present 1/2 day session on hereditary diseases and genetic testing at the 2020 WSAVA Congress
CHAIR LNC
Dr Geeta Saini

MEMBERS
Dr Jim Berry
Dr Lawson Cairns
Dr Claude Beata
Dr Edgardo Unson
Dr Jordi Franch
Dr Makarand Chavan
Overview of activities in 2019

- Developed a SOP Process for WSAVA Committees/Working Groups/Specialty Committees Member Nominations and Selections. This was to address any lack of inclusivity and transparency within WSAVA committees.

- Developed a template for all Committees Membership Terms of Reference.

- Reviewed new association applications prior to discussion and voting by the Assembly at Congress.

- Reviewed committee nominations during the year to identify any anomalies or problems that could arise.

- Checked EB nominations before Assembly voting.

- Looked at developing a WSAVA Association of the Year Award.

Plans and priorities for 2020

- to continue to monitor and review all new committee members.
- to continue to review association applications.
- to start reviewing all WSAVA committee members tenure and ensure there is adequate turnover of members and chairs.
- to ensure WSAVA committees canvas the broadest field for members.
- to review ToR updates for all committees in order to identify any problems or issues before ratification by the EB.
CHAIR OHC
Dr Michael Lappin

MEMBERS
Casey Barton Behravesh (DVM)
Colin Burrows (DVM)
Sarah Cleaveland (DVM)
William Eward (MD)
Luca Guardabassi (DVM)
Peter Karczmar (MD)
Chand Khanna (DVM)
Gregg Takashima (DVM)
Gregorio Torres (DVM)

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Ed Breitschwerdt (DVM)
Thijs Kuiken (DVM)
Gaetano Oliva (DVM)

Observer. Ron Jouppi (DVM)
Founder. Michael Day (DVM)
Overview of activities in 2019

March.
Welcomed new OIE committee member Dr. Gregorio Torres.

The OH committee members reviewed the AAFP Zoonoses Guidelines and comments were provided and included in the manuscript. The document was ultimately endorsed by the WSAVA Executive Board and published in December, 2019.

April.
International Conference on One Health Antimicrobial Resistance (ICOHAR) in the Netherlands. Dr. Luca Guardabassi was part of the organizing committee and arranged to have Dr. Joe Blondeau from Saskatoon and Michael Lappin lecture.

Vera Icon Day. Belgium. Drs. Blondeau and Lappin lectured on antibiotic use guidelines and Dr. Lappin lectured on Bartonellosis.

July.
WSAVA Forum. Drs. Khanna and Eward hosted a great Pre-Congress workshop on Comparative Oncology with the ultimate goal of development of a white paper to aid in drug development for 2 and 4 legged animals. This work is under consideration for publication.

The OH committee meet in Toronto and started the plans for 2020. The One Health Stream on Disaster Management was well attended. The Global One Health Award was presented to Dr. Michelle Lem, working with pets of homeless people.

The “One Health Certificate Course” was launched at the Forum with lectures added as finished over the rest of the year. Later in 2019, press releases were also used to advertise the course.

September.
Colorado Veterinary Medical Association meeting. The organizers of this event had a One Health theme for a 4 hour plenary session. Dr. Ben Young (MD HIV researcher) and I joined this session to present “Pet ownership by immune suppressed people; the physician and veterinarian perspectives. We acknowledged and credited the WSAVA One Health Committee for my participation.
Plains and priorities for 2020

A 3 hour One Health Program was presented at VMX in Orlando in January 2020 and was moderated by Dr. Burrows. Dr. Lappin lectured about Companion Animal Zoonoses, Dr. Melinda Merck lectured on Domestic Abuse as a One Health issue, and Dr. Susan Little discussed the benefits of cat ownership to human health.

Continue exploratory plans to expand the One Health Committee interactions in the area of environmental health.

Develop a One Health Fellowship that is linked to a MS, MPH or PhD degree, sponsored by industry and hosted at Colorado State University. One of the goals of this program will be to develop an app on Small Companion Animal Zoonoses designed to be used bedside by veterinarians and physicians.

Continue discussions with America Association of Family Physicians to develop a repeating One Health stream involving WSAVA members (headed up by Dr. Peter Karczmar).

Completion of a paper for American Association of Family Physicians on Pet Ownership by HIV infected people authored by Dr. Ben Young (HIV MD) and Dr. Michael Lappin.

The OH committee will continue discussions with Global Nutrition to develop a collaboration, perhaps relating to raw food and zoonoses or antimicrobial resistant organisms.

Complete the posting of lectures for the One Health Certificate Course by May 2020.

Dr. Lappin will present the WSAVA endorsed AAFP Zoonoses Guidelines on a Center for Disease Control Webinar in February 2020.

Continue plans for the Committee to develop International Canine Zoonoses Guidelines. An outline will be sent to active committee members in February 2020.

The OH committee will continue discussions with Global Nutrition to develop a collaboration, perhaps relating to raw food and zoonoses or antimicrobial resistant organisms.

The OH committee and the welfare committee (led by Dr. Melinda Merck) will have a workshop on domestic abuse as a One Health issue at the WSAVA meeting in Warsaw.

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Overview of activities in 2019

Meetings
The PWG managed the following committee meetings (minutes attached) in 2019: January 22nd 2019 - TC, March 11th 2019 - TC, June 24th 2019 – TC, July 17th and 18th 2019 - Face-to-Face at the WSAVA Congress, Toronto, August 28th 2019 – TC, October 22nd 2019 – TC, November 20th 2019 - TC.

Achievements

WSAVA Professional Wellness Conference Stream
In 2019, the PWG organized a half-day stream at the WSAVA Congress of renowned speakers knowledgeable in veterinary mental health and wellbeing.
- These sessions have been very well-attended with positive feedback provided by the speakers and attendees.
- Topics have included mentorship programs, strategies for resilience, and boundaries.

Professional Wellbeing Forum
In 2019, the WSAVA PWG hosted this forum at the Congress to share the results of the Mental Wellness Survey. The forum was very well-attended and prompted global engagement and input on topics pertinent to veterinary wellness and mental health. (read more).

Endorsement of AVMA/RCVS Joint Statement on Veterinary Mental Health and Wellbeing
In 2019, the WSAVA PWG endorsed this statement in an effort to demonstrate global commitment to veterinary wellness.

Sponsorship Plan
The committee, during the course of the year, was able to come up with a Sponsorship Plan (attached) document that could be used as a prospectus for the various partners of the WSAVA.

Ongoing activities

Mental Wellness Survey: The PWG launched a global Mental Wellness Survey during the WSAVA Congress in Singapore and the survey ended on 31st December 2018. The preliminary survey results were presented at the WSAVA Congress in Toronto during the Professional Wellness Forum. The survey outcomes will be submitted to a peer-reviewed veterinary journal with anticipated completion of peer review and publication in 2020.

Compilation of Resources: The PWG is performing a literature review and collating studies pertinent to veterinarian mental health and professional wellbeing.
- The goal of this endeavour is to provide a list of resources for those interested in researching or learning more about veterinary mental health and wellbeing.
- This compilation will be completed in 2020 and then formatted and made available to the public in 2020.

Develop Professional Wellness Guidelines: Similar to the other Global Guidelines published and endorsed by WSAVA, these guidelines will pertain to individual and veterinary team mental health and wellbeing.
- The goals of these guidelines are to reduce turnover in the veterinary industry and enhance personal (life) and professional (job) satisfaction and wellbeing.
- A draft concept of the chapters has been developed and the creation of the guidelines will take place in 2020 with plans for publication and dissemination in 2021.

WSAVA Professional Wellness Conference Stream: The PWG is organizing a full-day stream of renowned speakers knowledgeable in veterinary mental health and wellbeing for the 2020 WSAVA Congress. Prominent speakers are to be invited from diverse backgrounds to provide a global representation of the veterinary wellness problems and solutions.

WSAVA Wellness Website: This website will provide links to global partner websites providing information and resources pertinent to veterinary wellbeing, as well as other mental health and wellness videos and articles. This website will maintain a digital presence that is current, informative, and meets the needs of a global audience.

Planned activities for 2020

- Finalize a Compiled list of resources
- Professional Wellness Stream at the WSAVA Congress in Poland
- Draft Various Chapters of the Guidelines
- Publish Mental Wellness Survey Results in a Peer-reviewed Journal
- Develop a WSAVA Wellness Website
CHAIR TC
Dr Martin Soberano

MEMBERS
Dr Marisa Gonzalez
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Dr Tess Kommedal
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Dr Ana Reisinho
Dr Vivien He
Dr Lee Song -Dong
Dr Tanya Malkova
Dr Cécile Guerche
Dr Maya Cyganska
Dr Faouzi Kechrid
Dr Huynh T Thanh Ngoc (Jade)
Overview of activities in 2019


Guidelines translated in 2019:
- Global Pain Guidelines
- Global Dental Guidelines
- Global Welfare Guidelines

Plans and priorities for 2020

Translate all guidelines to Polish

Translate updated versions of current Guidelines

Translate new Guidelines

- Communication of our offer
- Incorporation of new technologies (IBM Watson)
- Manage regular meetings of the members
- Search of new languages of interest for WSAVA
- Metric system of work evaluation
CO-CHAIR TGG
Dr Luca Guardabassi

CO-CHAIR TGG
Dr Paulo Steagall

MEMBERS
Dr Stephen Page
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Dr Ludovic Pelligand
Dr Melissa Bourgeois
Dr J. Scott Weese
Dr Guillermina Manigot
Dr Jorge Pinto Ferreira
Dr Elzo Kannekens
Dr Olivier Espeisse
Overview of activities in 2019

Development of the list of essential medicines in small animals

A productive F2F meeting during the WSAVA Toronto 2019

Bimonthly, two-hour teleconferences with WSAVA TGG members

Publication of a document with ethical and safety information regarding products purchased from online pharmacies in the WSAVA TGG website

Publication of a document with information regarding the risks and concerns with counterfeit drugs in the WSAVA TGG website

Plans and priorities for 2020

- The official launch, press release, etc. of the list of essential medicines at the WSAVA Congress in Poland
- Work on sponsorship in collaboration with the WSAVA through different channels
- Release a newsletter with the most important activities of the TGG and relevant information related to the use of antimicrobials and drug availability
- Help WSAVA conducting, completing and analyzing a survey on drug availability worldwide based on the essential list of medicines
- F2F meeting in Poland
- Collate all the available guidelines pertaining to antimicrobial use in companion animals and make them publicly available on the TGG homepage
- Write 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.
- Publication on core principles of appropriate antimicrobial use.
- Develop an online/presence course with interactive, multi-disciplinary modules involving common clinical cases with responsible use of antimicrobials (superficial pyoderma, respiratory and urinary tract infections)
- Perform a pilot study to assess the quality of selected essential medicinal products on a global scale.
- Campaign with WSAVA for the dissemination of the list of essential medicines,
- Perform a pilot study to assess the quality of selected essential medicinal products on a global scale.
- Have a F2F meeting in Poland to discuss important future activities and further develop strategic objectives as well as implementation strategies, deadlines, responsibilities, and meeting schedules.
- Develop the course on the responsible use of antimicrobials
VACCINATION GUIDELINES GROUP

WORLD SMALL ANIMAL VETERINARY ASSOCIATION
CHAIR VGG
Emeritus Professor Michael J Day

MEMBERS
Professor Mary Marcondes
Professor Richard Squires
Professor Cynda Crawford

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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