2020 Congress Steering Committee report to the WSAVA Assembly

Bid Selection for the 2024 World Congress

As the new chair of the CSC it is only right that I take a moment to thank Dr Kevin Stevens for his years of dedication to WSAVA and particularly as the chair of the CSC for the past 2 terms. Under his guidance, the CSC has developed an independent and transparent scoring system for World Congress bids, re-drafted the terms of reference for the CSC, re-drafted the World Congress bidding guidelines and moved them to an on-line format. He was also involved in the last request for proposal for the current Professional Congress Organizer. I would like to personally thank Kevin for his encouragement, his wicked sense of humor and his dedication to WSAVA.

The bidding process for the World Congress involves a lot of work and preparation by all bidding organizations. The CSC understands and appreciates this. We would like all organizations to understand that when a bid is received, all members of the CSC will independently score the bid using a detailed scoring template. The bidding scores are then sent to the CSC chair to be tabulated. Kenes International then provides all CSC members with their evaluation of the physical facilities available in the country, including hotels and congress facilities. They also evaluate ease of travel, visa restrictions, average prices, etc. The Kenes evaluations are then added to the other evaluations to provide a single overall score. The CSC then meets electronically to discuss all of the bids, to ensure that we have taken everything into account.

This year the CSC developed a modified scoring template. The actual bids were scored with the published scoring template, the new template was evaluated to check for any errors and omissions. For the next round of bids for the 2025 World Congress, this new tool will be used in place of the older version.

2020 WORLD CONGRESS BIDS

For the current round of World Congress bids, there were 5 bidding organizations:

Shanghai Small Animal Veterinary Association (SHSAVA)
Beijing Small Animal Veterinary Association (BSAVA)
Malaysian Small Animal Veterinary Association (MSAVA)
Society of Companion Animal Practitioners of Sri Lanka (SCAP, Sri Lanka)
Indonesian Small Animal Practitioners Veterinary Association (ISAPAPVA)
The Indonesian association was not able to complete their bid based on WSAVA guidelines. All bidding organizations must be Full Members of WSAVA for at least 3 years before a bid can be accepted. Indonesia had only been a full member for 2 years. It was great to see one of our newer members show an interest in hosting the World Congress and the CSC encourages them to apply for the next Congress cycle in their region.

WSAVA encourages one bid per country to avoid any conflict within individual countries. After considering the WSAVA position, the Shanghai and Beijing Small Animal Veterinary Associations withdrew their individual bids and re-submitted a joint bid.

The CSC therefore deliberated on 3 bids: BSAVA/SHSAVA, MSAVA, SCAP

CSC scores were given a weight of 70 %;
BSAVA/SHSAVA scored 259.7 total CSC score
MSAVA scored 245 total CSC score
SCAP scored 257.1 total CSC score

Kenes scores were given a weight of 30%;
BSAVA/SHSAVA scored 1.212
MSAVA scored 1.233
SCAP Unfortunately Kenes determined that the congress facilities would not be able to accommodate the World Congress. Kenes investigated several different cities and sites and looked for ways to make this bid viable. With none of the conference facilities large enough to hold a World Congress for WSAVA, SCAP was not able to be considered as a hosting country.

Combined Final scores (100% total);
BSAVA/SHSAVA scored 265.7
MSAVA scored 251.03
The CSC would like to congratulate all 3 bidding organizations for well thought out, interesting and dynamic bids. All of the bidding organizations highlighted the strengths of their country and I believe would have provided all WSAVA delegates with an amazing World Congress. All of the CSC scores and the Kenes scores were very close, which simply highlights the quality of all of the bids presented.

As the chair of the CSC, I am pleased to recommend that the Executive Board and the Assembly accept the combined bid of the Shanghai and Beijing Small Animal Veterinary Associations as the local host for the 2024 World Congress.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Berry DVM, Chair of the WSAVA CSC