LETTER OF INTENT FOR POSITION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD SMALL ANIMAL VETERINARY ASSOCIATION

6th June 2020, Quito-Ecuador

Dear members of WSAVA,

Today I bring before you my request to be considered for the position of vice president of the WSAVA. Throughout the years I have had a chance to be part of several committees and of the Executive board of WSAVA and I have seen and helped in the many efforts to bring the association to a sustainable growth through the empowerment of its members. This has meant changing many processes and, as always, change is sometimes uncomfortable; but I believe we are moving in the right direction.

Since my joining of the board in 2013 it has always been my wish to make the WSAVA inclusive of all its members. I have focused primarily on Latin America in the last few years, and I hope I can widen that focus to other areas if I am voted on as a part of the WSAVA leadership. It is not enough for each of our members to know they are a member, they also need to know and feel why that is important and beneficial to them. As the largest association of small animal veterinarians worldwide, we have a chance and a responsibility to change this world to be a better place for those we care about most: companion animals worldwide.

I feel this position would be one that I can fill adequately, not only because of my recent experience on the WSAVA leadership team, but also because of my background in different cultures and languages which makes me sensitive to cultural differences that exist amongst us. It is my wish that nobody in the WSAVA, or supporting the WSAVA, feels like they are an unimportant minority. Every voice is important and must be heard, and decisions must be best for all involved, in the end to the advantage of the companion animals we strive to help. I hope to count on your support and would be happy to discuss or answer any questions if you wish,

Ellen van Nierop de Fierro

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Having been blessed with the opportunities to live and be a part of various cultures and learn various languages, I feel I can enhance communication between cultures and languages. I believe every voice should be heard, and socio-economic status and language should not be barriers to the mission we share in our veterinary profession and in WSAVA: That all companion animals get the best possible care to ensure their health and well-being.

General Information:

Name: Ellen Florence Khalida van Nierop
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Language Skills

- English (mother tongue)
- Dutch (mother tongue)
- Spanish (excellent)
- French (very good)
- German (understands written and spoken)
Organizational and leadership activities (most recent first):

- WSAVA Board Member, liaison and interim CE chair, liaison to translation committee (2018-2020)
- WSAVA Honorary Treasurer, Liaison to continuing education committee and Vaccination guideline Group, special focus on LatAm (2014-2018)
- WSAVA board member liaison to Latin America (2013-2014)
- WSAVA Assembly member for AMVEPE Ecuador (2011-2013)
- Advisor in international CE courses given to and by AMVEPE (2012-2018)
- Academic commission of AMVEPE, Ecuador (2009-2012)
- Responsible for the invitation, organization and translation of CE courses given by renowned specialists in the field including Dr. John August (Feline Medicine, Texas), Dr. Spaulding (Diagnostic Imaging, Texas), Dr. Joelle Dehasse (Behavioral medicine, Brussels), Dr. Rudy De Meester (Behavioral medicine, Ghent), Dr. Peter Ihrke and Dr. Thelma Lee Gross (dermatology and dermatological histopathology, UC Davis) and others.
- Informal translator (English, Dutch and French to Spanish) for AMVEPE CE courses (2007-2012)
- Student representative in various years, in reverse chronological order, at the Veterinary Faculty of Ghent (Ghent, Belgium), the Lorentz International secondary school (Arnhem, The Netherlands), the European School of Uccle (Brussels, Belgium) and the Academia Cotopaxi International School (Quito, Ecuador).
- Foreign student representative in Home Boudewijn (student housing, 1995-2000).

Education and Studies (reverse order):

- Engineer in Accounting and Auditing, 2016, Universidad Particular de Loja, Ecuador.
- Médico Veterinario, 2003, Universidad Central del Ecuador, in Quito, Ecuador (validation of the European title of veterinary surgeon, with additional regional subjects)
- Dierenarts, met onderscheiding, 2000, Rijksuniversiteit Gent in Ghent, Belgium (Veterinary surgeon, with distinction)
- International Baccalaureate, 1994, Lorentz International School, Arnhem, The Netherlands (39 points)

Other Veterinary Education and Experience

- Beneficiary of IDEXX histopathology grant 2011 (IDEXX)
- Diploma in behaviour of cats and dogs (Diplomado en etología canina y felina) Universidad de Antioquia, Colombia
- Various short courses including dermatology, feline medicine, medical imaging, emergency care, behavioral medicine. (2004-2018)
- Hospital Veterinario Gerritsen, Veterinary Surgeon, full time (2001-2004)
(2001), Small animal veterinary clinic of Dr. Takao Ushiki, Chigasaki, Japan (2001)
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Current positions:

✔ WSAVA Board Member, Liaison to continuing education committee and translation committee (2018-2020)
✔ Manager and co-owner of ECV&V2H Servicios Veterinarios Integrados Cia. Ltda. (Since 2005)
✔ Full time veterinarian in Ecuavet and Vet2Home. (Since 2004)
✔ Accountant for Cardiomedicc, specialty service for veterinary cardiology and ultrasounds. (Since 2017)
Quito - Ecuador May 20, 2020

WSAVA, To whom it may concern,

I, Luis Alberto Bastidas Herrera, President of the Association of Small Animal Veterinarians of Ecuador "AMVEPE" extend a cordial greeting to all of you for the great work you do on behalf of the veterinary guild worldwide.

The reason for this letter is to recommend Dr. Ellen van Nierop for the Vice-Presidency of WSAVA because of her work throughout the last few years within your board, and locally in our country where she has proven to be an excellent professional standing out for her services both privately in her clinic as well as for the significant contribution she has had to our association and the country's veterinary guild.

Since 2002, Dr. Van Nierop has been a member of our association, collaborating from the outset with the permanent training programs of the partners, worthy of all our consideration and respect due to her high human quality that even the international exponents who have come to AMVEPE can corroborate.

Personally I have the advantage of belonging to the group of her friends and I can attest to her integrity, trust, seriousness and passion that represent her in her professional and personal sphere, so I allow myself to highlight her qualities.

I appreciate the attention given to the present, insuring that WSAVA will benefit from her talent.

[Signature]

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Dear Leadership and Nomination Committee members,

As a full member of WSAVA, SAVAB-Flanders (Belgium) supports the candidacy of Dr. Ellen Van Nierop de Fierro for the Vice-President position in the Executive Board of the WSAVA.

Ellen has proven during the former years, she gets the job done whichever it is. She has proved that she can work in the environment of the WSAVA, and her international profile is just what is needed.

Ellen knows the veterinary profession well in both Europe and South-America, and can let them grow to each other. In the near future, it is possible that the ‘newer’ vet world, will play a bigger part in the ‘older’ vet world.

With Ellen in the VP position, WSAVA will also get ready for a more female vision on our profession. So, our vote is hers.

Dr. Bob Proesmans
President SAVAB-Flanders

Dr. Marc Vangheluwe
WSAVA representative
DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST LETTER

To Whom it May Concern,

I, Ellen van Nierop, declare that I am currently active in WSAVA in following positions:

Board Member at Large
Liaison to Continuing Education Committee
Liaison to Translation Committee

And outside the WSAVA:

Co-owner, administrator and veterinarian at ECV&V2H Servicios Veterinarios Integrados Cia. Ltda. In Quito, Ecuador

External Accountant at Cardiomedicc, ultrasound and cardiology specialty center in Quito, Ecuador

I do not feel any of these positions will pose a conflict of interest to my position as Vice President of WSAVA.

Ellen van Nierop