

WSAV Foundation Briefing for the WSAVA

1 Operational activities

1.1 Financially secured activities and healthy financials

- The Foundation's financial status is stable. Our fund raising activities have included Fun(d) Runs held at various veterinary congresses and conferences as well as individual donations. Additional financial support comes from foundations that support activities in various global regions, such as sub Saharan Africa. We hope to secure additional funding to expand our reach into Southeast Asia and Portuguese speaking countries.

1.2 Fund raising activities at VMX and WSAVA World Congresses are ongoing

A new record of 500 participants at VMX 2023 and raised funds to support rabies control efforts through partnership with Mission Rabies. The Fun(d) Run will be held at VMX 2024.

The Fun(d) Run was not held in Lima at the 2022 WSAVA Congress. It is scheduled to be held in Lisbon at the 2023 WSAVA Congress.

1.3 E-shop set up on Foundation website

This facility has been added to the Foundation website for donations and for merchandise to be purchased to support fundraising.

1.4 Support of Ukrainian Small Animal Veterinary Association (UKSAVA)

The Foundation supported the UKSAVA with a grant of \$15,000 USD and the promise of further financial support to assist colleagues carrying out clinical practice.

1.5 Earthquake disaster relief activities for Turkey and Syria

The Foundation supported the small animal associations of Turkey and Syria with a grant of \$15,000 USD to assist colleagues carrying out clinical practice in the aftermath of the earthquakes in February 2023.

1.6 AFSCAN

1.6.1 Scholarships

Year	▪ Recipient	▪ Congress	▪ Institution
2016	▪ Olatunji Nasir	▪ NAVC	▪ Private practice, Nigeria
2016	▪ Susan Mbugua	▪ BSAVA	▪ University of Nairobi, Kenya
2017	▪ Adriaan Adank	▪ NAVC	▪ Windhoek Veterinary Clinic, Namibia
2017	Benjamin Oundo	▪ BSAVA	▪ University of Nairobi, Kenya
2018	▪ Lilyan Mathai	▪ NAVC	▪ University of Nairobi, Kenya
2019	▪ Willy Mwangi	▪ NAVC	▪ University of Nairobi, Kenya
2020	▪ Amid Adetayo	▪ NAVC	▪ University of Ilorin, Nigeria
2022	▪ Goodluck Mwangawa Gaudence	▪ BSAVA	▪ Private practice, Zanzibar
2022	Ntombi Mudenda	▪ NAVC	▪ University of Zambia

1.6.2 Studentships

Year of Award	Student	Supervisor	Institution	Project
2016	Julius Luvanga	John Kipanyula	Sokoine University, Tanzania	Haematological parameters in dogs
2017	Esther Ombura	Lilly Bebora	University of Nairobi, Kenya	AMR in dogs
2017	Lois Sanni	Ajadi Adetola	University of Agriculture, Ogun State, Nigeria	Arthritis in dogs
2017	Victor Ishengoma	Emmanuel Batamuzi	Sokoine University, Tanzania	TVT in dogs
2018	Freddy Samuntu	Dr Alec Bishi	University of Namibia	Development of companion animal vaccination database
2018	Wasswa Auther Tamale	Mamala Samuel Posian	Makerere University, Uganda	Prevalence of canine GI helminths and risk of zoonosis; Kampala, Uganda
2018	Palesa Caroline Mphaka	Hezron Emmanuel Nonga	Sokoine University, Tanzania	Prevalence of MRSA in dogs and owners; Morogoro, Tanzania



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2019	Emma Sakala	Musso Munyeme	University of Zambia	Babesiosis in dogs in Lusaka District
2019	Mlewa Waziri	Erick Komba	Sokoine University Tanzania	Health of cats in Morogoro District
2019	Alex Kyabarongo	Tayebwa Dickson	Makerere University Uganda	AMR of <i>E. coli</i> from dogs in Kampala
2019	Sharon Ngigi	Paul Mbuthia	University of Nairobi, Kenya	Seasonality of skin diseases in dogs
2020	Theresia Peter Haule	Khadija Said	Sokoine University Tanzania	<i>Pasteurella canis</i> in Nigerian dogs
2020	Oke Adedolapo Benjamin	Michael Agbaje	Federal University of Abeokuta, Nigeria	Efficacy of CPV vaccination in Nigeria
2022	Olawale Taiwo Rukayat	Ajadi Rasheed Adetola	Federal University of Agriculture Abeokuta, Nigeria	Microbial profile and antibiotic susceptibility pattern of bacteria from canine surgical wound
2022	Akosua Kumi Nyarko	Sherry A. M. Johnson	University of Ghana	Prevalence of Canine Leishmaniosis in Dogs in the Ho Municipality of Ghana.

1.6.3 Research grants

Sixth year of our **AFSCAN Scientific Research Grants** supported by **Zoetis, PetPlan Charitable Trust** and the **Swiss Small Animal Veterinary Association**.

Year of Award	Investigator	Institution	Project
2016	Temidayo Omobowale	University of Ibadan, Nigeria	Molecular characterization of canine parvovirus-2 viruses circulating in dogs in Nigeria.
2016	Abdul Katakweba	Sokoine University, Tanzania	Surveillance of Canine Leptospirosis and Associated Carrier Animals in Urban and Rural Dogs in Morogoro, Tanzania
2017	Hezron Nonga	Morogoro, Tanzania	Safeguarding Public Health Through Control of Zoonotic Parasites of Dogs: Assessment of Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices of Dog Owners on the Risks Associated with Dogs and Survey of Dog parasites in Mvomero District and Morogoro Municipality, Tanzania



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2018	Willy Mwangi	University of Nairobi, Kenya	State of canine <i>Giardia duodenalis</i> infection in Nairobi County, Kenya
2018	AB Ayinmode	University of Ibadan, Nigeria	Prevalence and genetic characterization of <i>Cryptosporidium</i> and <i>Giardia</i> in dogs and cats in SW Nigeria
2019	Said Majid Khadija	Sokoine University, Tanzania	Canine Parvovirus Infection in unvaccinated dogs and dogs with suggestive signs of PVE
2019	Bernard Agwai	Makerere University, Uganda	Extending routine <i>Leptospira</i> diagnostics to dogs in urban and peri-urban Uganda
2022	Dickson Tayebwa	Makerere University, Uganda	Assessing the risk of rabies exposure free roaming dogs pose to the population in the slums of Kampala metropolitan area.

1.6.4 AVMA Twinning project

Through collaboration with the World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) and its Foundation and the African Small Companion Animal Network (AFSCAN), which is an initiative of the Foundation supported by Zoetis, the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) helps manage the program to launch clinic-to-clinic twinning between select small companion animal veterinary clinics in AFSCAN countries and select small companion animal veterinary clinics led by AVMA member veterinarians in the USA.

- · The original Dove Lewis/Kenyan/Namibian group is very active and continues to meet monthly on a virtual basis.
- · Some members have been privileged to attend AVMA and meet face to face for meetings and to spend time in twinning practices.
- · Currently we also have twinning arrangements in place between three practices in Nigeria and three practices in USA.
- · BSAVA also has a twinning arrangement with practices in Zambia and Tanzania.
- · There is a new group of twins just starting up with Tanzania and USA.
- · The AFSCAN ambassadors will meet in Mombasa in late August at the KSAVA/AFSCAN congress and it will be the first opportunity since Covid 19 to finally market the twinning program face to face to our members.
- · We expect to grow our program by welcoming new groups.
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1.6.5 Ethiopian Small Animal Veterinary Association

- This association led by Samuel Derso was supported by AFSCAN and received governmental approval in June 2023.

1.6.6 Ambassadors meeting and contribution to Kenya SA Congress

The 1st AFSCAN Congress was an online event, streamed from the 29th of June to the 3rd of July 2021. All recordings were available online for three months. The event had a total of 312 registrants.

Seven speakers presented nine lectures:

- (1) Cytology: an essential tool for your dermatologic patients - Dr Vanessa Schmidt (UK)
- (2) Canine atopic dermatitis: a perpetual challenge - Dr Vanessa Schmidt (UK)
- (3) The most common eye diseases in dogs: diagnosis and therapy – Dr Alexandra Trbolová (Slovakia)
- (4) Fluid therapy in dogs and cats – Dr Nadja Sigrist (Switzerland)
- (5) Practical blood transfusions in the dog - Andrew Mackin (US)
- (6) Principles of managing the trauma patient - Gareth Arthurs (UK)

(7) Diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of canine ehrlichiosis – Dr Remo Lobetti (South Africa)

(8) Hot topic on zoonosis – Michael Lappin (US)

(9) Diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of canine babesiosis - Dr Remo Lobetti (South Africa)

All lectures were followed by 15 min of live questions and answers.

There were also three round tables:

(1) The future of companion animal private practice in Africa, moderated by Dt Patrick Bastiaensen (OIE Representation for Eastern Africa) and Dr Gabriel Varga (WSAVA Foundation President, AFSCAN Chair & Founder)

(2) Emotional and mental health (wellness) in the African Veterinary Profession, moderated by Dr Derick Chibeu (Sercombe Veterinary Surgeons, AFSCAN Ambassador, WSAVA/PWG co-chair, Kenya) and Dr Mark Johnston (WSAV Foundation Vice-President, Vetstream Managing Director).

(3) Companion Animal Research and Students in African countries – the role of AFSCAN, moderated by Dr Mary Marcondes (WSAVA SC & VGG, AFSCAN Board) and Natalia Mankova (AFSCAN coordinator)

Dr Theo Kanellos (Director Business Development and Alliances at Zoetis, visiting Professor at University of Surrey and AFSCAN Board) also gave a presentation about the importance of companion animal veterinarians to combat One Health diseases in Africa.

Finally, the results of six previous AFSCAN research awards projects were presented as posters.

1.6.7 AFSCAN leadership

- Theo Kanellos and Patrick Bastianse resigned
- Mary Marcondes is a new Board member of AFSCAN
- One Board position is now open

2 Corporate Governance

2.1 Strategic discussions with the WSAVA Board and future of the Foundation

The Foundation and Association have held several meetings to explore how best to move forwards with clarity for all stakeholders in the roles for each entity. The Foundation Board is working with Circa Healthcare for advice on the Foundation's identity and to help define its activities that are distinct from those of the Association. These discussions have progressed well and an update will be presented to the WSAVA General meeting in Lisbon.

2.2 Legal changes from Canada to US entity

The Foundation had been registered in Canada (as is the Association) and recently a new registration was established in the US as a 501(c)3 organisation. This resulted in the need for a different name to avoid duplication in Canada, so in the US, it is known as the World Small Animal Veterinary Foundation. This move has the benefit of being more appealing to US based financial supporters who would be able to deduct the value of their support. The Canada entity is in the process of being closed.

2.3 Board composition

Joy Santos has retired from the WSAV Foundation Board.