World Association for the History of Veterinary Medicine

Annual Report 2005

International Congress

From 15\textsuperscript{th} till 17\textsuperscript{th} July 2005 the 36th WAHVM International Congress was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA. This congress was hosted by the American Veterinary Medical History Society and took place in conjunction with the 142\textsuperscript{nd} American Veterinary Medical Association Annual Convention and the 28\textsuperscript{th} World Veterinary Congress. Congress venue was the Hyatt Regency Hotel Minneapolis. The congress was organized by Mrs. Susanne Whitaker (American Veterinary Medical History Society) and Dr. Susan Jones (University of Colorado, Boulder) on behalf of the Board of the WAHVM. The main congress themes were “History of veterinary therapeutics” and “History of developments in veterinary medicine during and after wartime, with emphasis on the Second World War and later wars”. The congress included 27 oral presentations and eight posters, presented by participants from twelve nations. Abstracts of the oral and poster presentations were printed in the May 2005 issue of Veterinary Heritage: Bulletin of the American Veterinary Medical Association. Thanks are due to Mrs. Susanne Whitaker, Dr. Susan Jones and their team for organizing this excellent event.

The following International Congresses of the WAHVM will be held 2006 in León, Spain, and from then on biannually 2008 in Switzerland and 2010 in Turkey. Themes for future congresses were discussed during the General Assembly Meeting 2005 in Minneapolis.

Cheiron Award

The Cheiron award, from now on replacing the Cheiron medal, was presented during the congress lunch in Minneapolis to Prof. Robert Dunlop (USA) in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the history of veterinary medicine. The laudatio was published in the WAHVM Newsletter 1/2006 (in \textit{Historia Medicinae Veterinariae} 31:2).

Young Scholar Award

Following a proposal by the Board, this prize will be awarded biannually by the WAHVM to young scientists (younger than 35 years) who are working in the field of veterinary history. Candidates have to submit a full paper to the Board, who will then decide. The paper has to be presented at the following WAHVM congress.

General Assembly Meeting

The annual General Assembly Meeting was held on Saturday 16\textsuperscript{th} July 2006 in the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Minneapolis. Dr. Susan Jones (USA) stepped down as Board member and Prof. Dr. F. Rojo (Spain) was elected for a 1 year term. Following a proposal by the President, Prof. Gerhard Forstenpointner, Prof. Dr. Peter Koolmees was elected as “Past President” for a 4 years term. The present composition of the Board is:

Prof. Dr. Gerhard Forstenpointner, Austria, President
Prof. Dr. Peter Koolmees, The Netherlands, Past President
Dr. Gerald E. Weissengruber, Austria, Secretary
A meeting of the Board and Liaison Committee was held on Friday 15th July 2005 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Minneapolis, in preparation of the General Assembly meeting. The present composition of the Liaison Committee is:

- Austria: Prof. Dr. Ch. Stanek
- Denmark: Dr. A. Rosenbom
- France: Dr. J. Blancou
- Finland: Prof. Dr. I. Alitalo
- Germany: Dr. R. Grimm
- Hungary: Prof. Dr. J. Kovats
- Japan: Prof. Dr. M. Ogata
- Mexico: Dr. M. Marquez
- The Netherlands: Prof. Dr. P. Koolmees
- Norway: Dr. J. Kristoffersen
- Spain: Dr. M. Pumarola
- Switzerland: Dr. K. A. Buchi
- USA: Mrs. Dr. S. Jones
- WAHVM member: Dr. Dr. h. c. I. Katic, Denmark
- WAHVM member: Mr. J. O. Broberg MRCVS, UK

Mrs. Drs. I. Visser was replaced by Prof. Dr. P. Koolmees, Dr. O. Katsuyama by Prof. Dr. M. Ogata.

The cash auditing committee 2005 will consist of Dr. J. B. Berns, The Netherlands, and Mrs. Dr. Christa Mache, Austria.

**Reports on the WAHVM working groups**

- Veterinary education and curriculum development: The handbook of Veterinary History edited by P. Koolmees, J. Schäffer and S. Jones will either be published on our website or as a booklet.
- International Dictionary of Veterinary Biography: Some important countries are still missing. Once more all national societies were challenged to participate in this valuable project.
- Retrospective bibliography: The VETHIST DATABASE (Bibliography of Veterinary History and Veterinary Biography) on CD-ROM, 2nd Edition, compiled by A. H. H. M. Mathijsen, is published by Euroscience, Bilthoven, The Netherlands, and can be ordered at a price of € 50,- at: Euroscience, P. O. Box 408, 3720 AK Bilthoven, The Netherlands; Fax: +31-30-2285772; E-mail: Th.Elsinghorst@inter.nl.net
  The database is also linked to the WAHVM website.
- Veterinary hippocratic oath: A working group consisting of philologists and specialists in veterinary ethics will be established. This working group, together with national associations and universities, should make a proposal for a world-wide oath. The oath will then be translated.
- The WAHVM Homepage ([http://wahvm.vet.uu.nl](http://wahvm.vet.uu.nl)) remains on the Utrecht-server and it is updated frequently. The national societies are kindly requested to send their announcements and (annual) reports to the WAHVM webmaster at: j.prak@library.uu.nl
The WAHVM will continue its cooperation with the editors of “Historia Medicinae Veterinariae” (HMV). The WAHVM will publish its Newsletters in the “yellow pages” which are included in some of the issues of HMV and which will be distributed to all WAHVM members. Contributions from the National Societies and working groups are welcome.

For more information, see the minutes of the General Assembly meeting 2005 on the WAHVM homepage at: www.wahvm.vet.uu.nl

Membership

The membership to the WAHVM on 31st December 2005 listed:

13 National Societies, representing 912 members.
98 Individual Members, representing 33 countries.
9 Associate Members.

Website

The WAHVM website is in full operation and updated at regular intervals. The website is still mounted on a server of the Library, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Utrecht University, The Netherlands: http://wahvm.vet.uu.nl

National Societies and working groups are invited to link their own sites with the WAHVM website, or send their updates on developments to the WAHVM webmaster at j.prak@library.uu.nl

Newsletter

The 2006 Newsletter with reports on the main activities of the WAHVM in the year 2005 was published as a part of Historia Medicinae Veterinaria 31:2 (2006).