WAHVM News

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1. On the Horizon . . .

July 2011

Early Modern Veterinary Beliefs and Practices in Europe, c. 1500-1800, a conference at Winchester University July 7-9 at the University of Winchester, convened by Louise Hill Curth

1774-6,” Marion Thomas, Université de Strasbourg, France; “Veterinary Schools in the Eighteenth Century,” Berit Aschenbach, University of Leipzig; “Veterinary Medicine in the Renaissance: Renaissance of Veterinary Medicine?” Johann Schaeffer, Hanover, Germany; “Continuity or Change in Veterinary Medicine?” Louise Hill Curth, University of Winchester.

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**Venezuelan Veterinary Medical History Society, 21 July**

**II Encuentro Venezolano de Historia de la Medicina Veterinaria**

Barquisimeto
21 de Julio del 2011

Celebrando el Año Mundial de la Medicina Veterinaria y los 250 Años de la Enseñanza y el Surgimiento Formal de la Medicina Veterinaria en el marco del IV Congreso Internacional de Ciencias Históricas en Venezuela

El evento contemplará el Simposio de Historia de la Ganadería y de la Medicina Veterinaria y la II Reunión Ordinaria de la Asamblea de la SVHMV

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**A Summer Course in Veterinary History, 25-29 July**

2011 The Veterinary Year: Analysis of the Evolution of the Veterinary Medicine as Science and Profession.

*Director*: Joaquín Sánchez de Lollano Prieto, Professor of History of Veterinary Medicine, Universidad Complutense de Madrid.

*Organization*: Universidad Complutense de Madrid
Sponsorship: Colegio Oficial de Veterinarios de Madrid, Vet2011. (Official Veterinary Professional Association of Madrid)

Place: San Lorenzo del Escorial. 35 kms from Madrid (historic, touristic and mountain place, near Madrid).

Date: 25-29 July 2011.

Lecturers: Bernard Vallat, Pdte. OIE; Christophe Déguercè, Univ. Alfort, France; Francisco Javier Puerto, Univ. Complutense; Joaquín Goyache, Veterinary Faculty Dean, Univ. Complutense; Felipe Vías, Dean of Official Veterinary College of Madrid; Fernando González Muñoz, Assoc. Animal Therapists, AETANA; Gonzalo Giner, writer and veterinarian; Carlos Corvalán, Dean of Veterinary Faculty, Univ. Alfonso X; Juan J. Badiola, President of Spanish Veterinary Council; Jesús Fernández Morán, Dir. of Zoology of Parques Reunidos; Óscar González, Subdir. of Foreign Health and Veterinary, Health and Social Policy Ministry; Víctor Briones, Univ. Complutense.

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"From Craft to Profession":

A New Exhibit at the National Library of Medicine

(Bethesda, Maryland),

July 11-October 7

From Monday, July 11, through Friday, October 7, the National Library of Medicine, a component of the United States National Institutes of Health, will host a new exhibition, "From Craft to Profession: The Transition from Horse Farrier to Professional Veterinarian," in the NLM History of Medicine Reading Room, Building 38, on the NIH campus in Bethesda, Maryland. The public is invited to visit from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM Mondays through Fridays and from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM on Saturdays (except Labor Day weekend, September 3-5).

Prepared as part of the World Veterinary Year and to mark the 250th anniversary of Claude Bourgelat's founding of L’École Vétérinaire de Lyon in 1761, the exhibition showcases original illustrated manuscripts and early printed books from the Library's collections featuring the care and treatment of horses over the past five centuries.

To view a slide show of the exhibition on Flickr.com, visit: http://www.flickr.com/photos/esteemedhelga/sets/72157627057355897/show/

For more information about the exhibition, please contact the curator Michael North, Head, Rare Books and Early Manuscripts, History of Medicine Division, National Library of Medicine, northm@mail.nih.gov, 301-496-9204.

For information on visiting the History of Medicine Division, NLM: http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/about/visitus.html
### October 2011

**History Sessions at the World Veterinary Conference, Cape Town**

The History Committee of the South African Veterinary Association is organizing a program on the history of veterinary science at the WVC2011 during October in Cape Town, South Africa. There will be 5 sessions spread over two days, consisting of 24 presentations. The well-known UK veterinary historian Dr BV Jones will keynote the sessions on 12 October with an address entitled, “The Essentiality of Veterinary History”. This will be followed by a variety of talks, mainly dedicated to the veterinary history of southern Africa, ranging from early pre-colonial history and the role of pioneer veterinarians, the history of specific diseases and their control, and the history of major national and international institutions such as the SA Veterinary Association, the SA Veterinary Board, the Onderstepoort Faculty of Veterinary Science, veterinary field services of the Department of Agriculture.

### November 2011

**German Veterinary Medical Society**

Dept. of History of the University of Veterinary Medicine, Hannover History Section of the German Veterinary Medical Society 16th Annual Conference: “From the Campaign against Rinderpest to Consumer Protection: The Development of the Public Veterinary Service.”


### Ibero-American History of Veterinary Medicine Congress

VIII National Congress, XVII Ibero-American of History of Veterinary Medicine, Valencia (Spain), 24, 25 and November 26, 2011. HEADQUARTERS: COLOMINA PALACE, C / Almudín 1. 46003
June 2012

American Veterinary Medical History Society

Regional Meeting in Celebration of the Sesquicentennial of the Ontario Veterinary College:
“Cross-Border Connections in Canadian and U.S. Veterinary History”
Friday, June 15, 2012

Lifetime Learning Centre, Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph

Program

8.30 am: Registration
9.00 am: Welcome
9.15 am: Brian Derbyshire: Cross-Border Connections at the Ontario Veterinary College
9.55 am: Terry Crowley: Student Life at the OVC as Viewed by an American
10.35 am: Refreshments
11.00 am: Dean Percy: Cross-Border Connections in Pathology
11.40 am: John Prescott: Frank Schofield’s Cross-Border Connections
12.20 pm: Lunch
1.30 pm: Philip M. Teigen: Making it in Gilded Age Washington: C. Barnwell Robinson and Cecil French Come to the District of Columbia
2.10 pm: Elizabeth Stone: Historical Role of Veterinarians’ Wives
2.50 pm: Refreshments
3.20 pm: Susan Jones: Cross-Border Connections in Ecology of Disease
4.00 pm: Ian Barker: The C.A.V. Barker Museum of Canadian Veterinary History

For further information on registration, hotel accommodation, transportation, parking etc, please contact Tara O’Brien. Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada N1G 2W1, email <tlobrien@uoguelph.ca>

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August 2012

40th International Congress of the World Association for the History of Veterinary Medicine
Utrecht, 22-25 August

www.veterinaryhistory.nl
2. We Thought You’d Like to Know

A Declaration on Teaching Veterinary History

The present declaration was agreed in a meeting hosted by the Veterinary Chamber of A Coruña in March 26th 2011 attended by representatives of different organizations: the Spanish Veterinary Organization, the Spanish Association of Veterinary History, the European Association of Establishments of Veterinary Education (EAEVE), the Spanish Royal Academy of Veterinary Sciences and the Spanish Veterinary Faculties. In the framework of celebrations of the World Veterinary Year 2011, the attendants unanimously agreed to communicate EVERI Committee of FVE the following:

1. Given the importance of knowledge of our professional evolution and history for the future veterinary graduates in association with the open process of Bologna adaptation of the syllabus of Veterinary medicine in Europe, we propose the inclusion of Veterinary History in the syllabi of Veterinary medicine in all the Veterinary Faculties and Schools in Europe. As a consequence we strongly recommend modifying Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, on the recognition of professional qualifications adding Veterinary History as a Basic science in the module B of Specific subjects.

2. High school training in all technical-scientific degrees that include its professional history as a specific subject improves humanistic profile and attitudes in the given professional and promotes his/her image and prestige in the society. As a single subject or integrated with other complementary subjects (documentation, terminology, scientific methods, veterinary legislation, professional ethics, information technology, bioethics or others), the inclusion of Veterinary History must have obligatory character within the curricular study programme.

3. After an expanded period of deficient organization in the training of Veterinary History in Europe, aggravated by the scarce and dispersed documentary sources, in our opinion now the circumstances are appropriate to consolidate it as a core subject. The creation of teaching groups and research nets in the subject will promote the presentation of interesting projects in a near future and reinforce the recognition of this neglected field of veterinary profession. We strongly recommend creating full time positions dedicated to teaching and research in Veterinary History in all the European Faculties.

4. Teaching in Veterinary History should be based in the publication of peer review papers and development of research projects specific of this field of knowledge. To this purpose, we’ll ask for a code specific of Veterinary History in the UNESCO international Codification. Looking for the academic excellence, the improvement of high school training of the future veterinary graduates and the better recognition that, surely, will have in the development and image of Veterinary Sciences, here we propose the above recommendations to be considered by the European Commission. Consequently, we ask for the defence and adhesion of the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE) to the present Declaration. A Coruña, March 26th 2011.

Japanese Society of Veterinary History, 23 April

The Japanese Society of Veterinary History had a biannual meeting at the University of Tokyo on April 23, 2011. Presentations included:
1. “From 'Horse Doctors' to 'Veterinary Clinicians': The Veterinary License System in Late 19th-century Japan”
2. “The Oldest Animal Hospital in Japan (Gokurakuji Sakashita Babyo-oku)”
3. “Education for Veterinary Technicians in the World and in Japan”
4. “History of Vaccines for Animals and Control of Infectious Diseases”
5. “The Cause of Death of Hachi-ko" (1835), the Most Famous Dog in Japan”

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**A Workshop in Veterinary Military History, 1-3 June**

The XII Congress of Military Veterinary Medicine held a workshop on the history of veterinary military history at the Military Veterinary Center in Madrid on 1, 2, and 3 June.

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**Swiss Association for the History of Veterinary Medicine**

The Swiss Association launched a new website with a systematic overview of the history of veterinary medicine in Switzerland (www.svgvm.ch). The site also contains extensive references and various papers.

The theme for the annual symposium on 4 June was St. Eligius. Originally the patron saint of goldsmiths, about 1000 AD, St. Eligius became the patron saint for veterinarians, farriers, and teamsters also, after miraculously curing lameness in horses. Ruedi Kunzmann, Stephan Häsl, and Jakob Dängeli all present essays on the saint.

For the World Veterinary Year 2011, the Association published two memoranda of the Swiss scientist Albrecht von Haller (1708-1777) and the founder of the Royal Veterinary School of Lyon, Claude Bourgelat (1712-1779) concerning contagious bovine pleuropneumonia and the correspondence of the two.

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**Veterinary History Course at the College of Veterinary Medicine, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas**

An elective course at the KSU College of Veterinary Medicine, the History of Veterinary Medicine, has been accredited to celebrate World Veterinary Year, the 250th Anniversary of the First Veterinary School. The course was accredited by the US Vet2011 Accreditation Subcommittee of the U.S. National VET2011 Committee organized by the American Veterinary Medical Association. The course will be included on the Vet2011 International website (www.vet2011.org) and the AVMA’s website (www.avma.org) later this month.

The year, 2011, marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of the first veterinary school in the world at Lyon, France in 1761 followed by the school at Alfort near Paris in 1764. This monumental work was the inspiration of the French veterinarian Claude Bourgelat (1721-1779) who was appointed Director and Inspector General of the school by King Louis XV’s Royal Council of State. This formally initiated the beginning of the veterinary medical profession. The primary purpose was to open a school to train veterinarians to eradicate livestock diseases such as Rinderpest. However, as a result of Bourgelat’s collaboration with surgeons in Lyon, he was also the first scientist to suggest that studying animal biology and pathology would help to improve our understanding of human biology and pathology, the beginning of the concept of “One Medicine – One Health.”
Some of the topics covered in this elective are:

- Introduction to the literature on the history of veterinary medicine
- A Time Line of Veterinary History
- Horse-whims, Teamboats, Treadwheels, Horse Trains and Treadmills
- Veterinary Institutions at the beginning of the 20th Century
- The Kansas City Veterinary College
- History of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University
- Abraham Lincoln Eisenhower: Veterinarian and the President’s Uncle
- History of Public Health: Veterinary Public Health, Trade, and Kansas
- History of Veterinary Medicine in Kansas City
- History of Veterinary Anatomy
- Anatomical Theatres
- History of the Horse Doctor
- The Lady is a Veterinarian
- Reflections of the Old School: Dr. Winifred Mary Brancker
- Embracing the Equine Profession: Dr. Olive Kendrick Britt
- Pioneer Women in Veterinary Medicine
- African-American Pioneers in Veterinary Medicine

Howard H. Erickson, Professor of Physiology, organized and teaches the course.

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**Historical Images of Turkey’s Veterinarians**

R. Tamay Bașağaç Gül and her colleagues in the Veterinary History and Deontology Department, Veterinary Faculty, Ankara University, produced a wonderful calendar dedicated to the 2011 World Veterinary Year, each month illustrated with several historical images. Here are three images of that faculty’s veterinarians in action about 1952.
New Perspectives in Veterinary History

This is the title of a new book series published by Winchester University Press, (UK). Covering a wide range of interdisciplinary studies in history, archeology, medicine, and science, it is edited by Louise Hill Curth lousie.curth@winchester.ac.uk.

World Veterinary Year Postcards

C. Trenton Boyd and the American Veterinary History Society have prepared a large set of postcards commemorating World Veterinary Year and the founding of L’École Vétérinaire de Lyon. For more information email Trenton at BoydT@missouri.edu. Below is one of the postcards.

3. Recent Veterinary Historical Journals
Valérie Gitton-Ripoll, “Pourquoi il ne faut pas traduire nitrum par ‘nitre’ : emplois thérapeutiques de ce minéral dans la médecine humaine et vétérinaire des Romains (Pline, N.H.31, 106-117, Scribonius Largus, Pelagonius).” (“A French Translation of Latin Nitrum; Its Therapeutic Use in Roman Veterinary Medicine”), pp. 5-16.


François Vallat, “La ginestase, une intoxication ovine méconnue?” (‘Ginestade,’ an Unrecognized Sheep Intoxication?), pp. 63 -68.


Aurélien Jeandel et Christophe Degueurce, “Jean Héroard, premier ‘vétérinaire’ français et rédacteur du traité d’hippostologie.” (Jean Héroard, the First French vétérinaire and Author of the Treatise Called Hippostologie), pp. 89-101.

Japanese Journal of Veterinary History, no. 48, February 2011

Articles are in Japanese with English summaries.


OHASHI Yoshimitsu, “Details on Fish-pathology in the Veterinary Curriculum,” pp. 35-41.

História Medicinae Veterinariae: Journal of Veterinary Biography 2010, 35(1):

Biographies from some of the Nordic countries:


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4. New Books


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Pamphlets by Albrecht von Haller and Claude Bourget

Schweizerische Vereinigung für Geschichte der Veterinärmedizin / Association Suisse pour l'Histoire de la Médecine Vétérinaire (SVGVM/ASHMV) recently published in one volume, facsimiles of three...
eighteenth-century pamphlets by Albrecht von Haller and Claude Bourget, together with two letters, all on epizootics. More information from stepenhaesler@gmx.net.

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Alfredo Gómez Martínez, *Luis de Cáceres y el castigamiento de la cola en el caballo: Un albéitar vallisoletano en la Corte de los Reyes Católicos* [no publication data available].

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Brian Luke, *Brutal: Manhood and the Exploitation of Animals* (Urbana and Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 2007). Bound to raise the hairs on the necks of some readers; others will be interested in the novel application of gender theory to the consideration of animal rights, ethics, etc.

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5. Awards


Trenton Boyd’s recent article, “The Lost History of American Veterinary Medicine: The Need for Preservation” (*J. Med. Libr. Assoc* 2011 January 99[1]:8-14) won the Medical Library Association’s Murray Gottlieb Prize. Essential reading for historians of veterinary medicine in the United States and Canada, this article will also interest historians in other countries for Boyd’s highlighting veterinary literature beyond conventional scientific journals and monographs, that is to say, “ephemeral” and “gray” literature. These categories include publications of defunct veterinary schools, publications of defunct veterinary associations, veterinary supply catalogs, veterinary house organs, patent medicine catalogs and almanacs, and veterinary advertisements.

Phil Teigen received the Lisabeth M. Holloway Award in April from the Archivists and Librarians in the History of the Health Sciences for his “contributions to the library and history of medicine communities.”

On 14 April the Consejo Científico Veterinario de Cuba made Miguel Marquez an “Miembro de Honor.”

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About the World Association for the History of Veterinary Medicine

Founded in 1969, the WAHVM encourages, promotes, and coordinates research and education in the history of veterinary medicine. It provides a forum for national societies of veterinary history as well as for individual members and interested organizations, chiefly through its biennial international congresses and its website (http://www.wahvm.umn.edu/).

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