

OVERSEAS NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2008

News - BVA

Dr Sarah Cleaveland receives the Trevor Blackburn Award

Sarah was presented with the 2008 Trevor Blackburn Award in recognition of her contributions to animal health and welfare overseas. The presentation took place during the recent BVA Congress in London. Sarah is pictured here at the Awards Ceremony:



[Further information on Sarah's work](#)

[Further information on the Award](#)

BVA Congress 2008 - Overseas Group Session

At the recent BVA Congress in London, the Overseas Group discussed livestock and livelihoods and the role that animal health can play in the arena of international development. The presentations were:

[Empowerment through livestock](#) - Neil Morrison

[Human animal bond](#) - Claire Heffernan

[Human health/animal health](#) - Sarah Cleaveland

[Human/animal interdependence](#) - Tim Leyland

BVA Overseas Travel Grants 2009

Information on the next tranche of [BVA travel grants](#) is now available.

BVA raises awareness for World Rabies Day

BVA contributed to World Rabies Day (28 Sept) by raising awareness through a [news release](#) - and it was particularly fitting that this year's recipient of the Trevor Blackburn Award was Dr Sarah Cleaveland who has done so much work on rabies control.

New Chairman of the Overseas Group appointed

We are delighted to announce that Karen Reed has been appointed as the new chairman of the Overseas Group, taking over from Laura Bowen. A former VSO volunteer in Nepal, Karen completed an MSc at CTVM, which was followed by another posting in Jordan. Since 2002 Karen has been Veterinary Director at SPANA and has served on the BVA Overseas Group for several years.



Karen (left) discusses overseas matters at BVA Congress with Steve Pointing (Falkland Islands rep on CVA), Laura Bowen, and Dr Bob McCracken (CVA Programme Director)

***In Practice* articles on working overseas**

Recent articles include:

[‘Challenges of charity veterinary work in developing countries’](#) by Heather Bacon who is currently the senior veterinary surgeon at the Animals Asia Foundation and is based in Chengdu, China (July/August 2008).

[‘Passport to the world’](#) which outlines the experiences of six veterinary surgeons working in different countries (September 2008). The article features Michael Hewetson (Saudi Arabia), Emily Haggett (USA), Steve Pointing (Falkland Islands), Pip Beard (Mongolia), Jack Reece (India) and Catriona Curtis (New Zealand).

Thank you to Southern Counties Veterinary Society

The Overseas Group wishes to thank the Southern Counties Veterinary Society for their generous donation to the overseas book fund. The fund enables the group to send books and small items of equipment - some of which have been donated and some purchased - to veterinary institutes and charities in developing countries, as well as occasionally supporting small-scale educational projects.

News – General

Alliance for Rabies Control (ARC)

Read the [ARC's September Newsletter](#)

BOND

[BOND](#) is the UK's broadest network of voluntary organisations working in international development. Their aim is to improve the UK's contribution to international development by promoting the exchange of experience, ideas and information. They also produce [various information updates](#)

Conformation of Working Equines DVD

This DVD produced by Ramsay Hovell illustrates not only good and bad points of conformation but also the sorts of equipment used in remote places which might be struck by disaster. The DVD (recorded in PAL standard) can be purchased for £15 (and is also available as a video cassette). Please contact Ramsay Hovell, Old Stocks, 62 The Avenue, Worminghall, Aylesbury, Bucks HP18 9 LE, tel: 01844 339327.


Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE)

Read the [FVE's October Newsletter](#)

GALVmed receives grant

The Global Alliance for Livestock Veterinary Medicines [GALVmed](#) has been given a grant of \$28 million by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and DFID. An estimated one-quarter of all livestock in the developing world die from preventable diseases each year. GALVmed hopes to launch vaccines or drugs for six major livestock diseases by 2015. (New Scientist, 11 October 2008).

Impacts of climate change on development

DFID's new publication "Degrees of Separation" tells the story of how climate change and tackling poverty are so closely linked, and how DFID and the development community are taking action to ensure that development can become a big part of the solution. Find the booklet at:  [Degrees of separation: Poverty and climate change](#)

International Colloquium on Working Equines – Proceedings

Copies of the Proceedings of the Fifth International Colloquium on Working Equines 'The Future for Working Equines' - organised by the Donkey Sanctuary and the Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia in 2006 - are now available. Please contact Joe Anzuino joe.anzuino@thedonkeysanctuary.com or Helena Cotton helenac@bva.co.uk

International Veterinary Students Association (IVSA) Symposium

Glasgow and Edinburgh Veterinary Schools are helping to host the [57th IVSA Symposium](#), 29 Dec – 5 Jan. Speakers will include Dr Sarah Cleaveland (ARC), Dr Freda Scott Park (BVA) and Dr David Main (BVA Animal Welfare Foundation).

OIE: Improving wildlife surveillance

The OIE calls on the international community as a whole to support national Veterinary Services in order to strengthen their [surveillance capacities for diseases in wildlife](#), particularly in order to monitor closely what has the potential to become a threat to domestic animals and even humans.

One Health Initiative

The [One Health Initiative](#), a movement to forge co-equal, all inclusive collaborations between physicians, veterinarians, and other scientific-health related disciplines, has been endorsed by various major medical organizations and health agencies, including the American Veterinary Medical Association, the American Medical Association, the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, the American Society for Microbiology and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Additionally, more than 350 prominent scientists, physicians and veterinarians worldwide have endorsed the initiative.

Protection, Production and Progress in the Pacific

The Commonwealth Veterinary Association's 13th Australasia/Oceania Regional Meeting and Workshop takes place in Apia, Samoa on 17 – 21 November 2008.
Read the [CVA Samoa Conference 2nd Announcement Flyer](#)

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) Trust Grants

The RCVS Trust has launched its 2009 Grants Round, featuring a comprehensive and expanded range of research and animal welfare programmes. Full details of the individual programmes – including Blue

Sky Research, Travel Scholarships and Small Grants - can be found on the [Trust's website](#)

TAWS harnessing guidelines

The World Association for Transport Animal Welfare and Studies (TAWS) has produced [guidelines for equine draught harness](#) for developing countries.

Universal Declaration on Animal Welfare (UDAW)

The WVA and WSAVA have pledged their support for [UDAW](#); their statements follow similar resolutions from fellow international bodies the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), the Commonwealth Veterinary Association (CVA) and the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE), as well as the national veterinary associations of Australia, New Zealand, the UK, the Netherlands, Thailand, Colombia, Chile, Tanzania, the Philippines and Uruguay.

World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) News

Read the [WSAVA's October Newsletter](#)

World Veterinary Association (WVA)

Dr Tjeerd Jorna (Netherlands) was elected as the President to lead the WVA through until the 2011 Congress in Capetown. He takes over from Professor Leon Russell (USA).

The first joint WVA/OIE award for the best celebration of World Veterinary Day was presented by Dr Bernard Vallat, Director General of the OIE to Dr Christopher Wanga, President Kenya Veterinary Association.

Read the [WVA's September Newsletter](#)

Overseas Postings and Requests for Volunteers

Disclaimer: Please note that inclusion of organisations in this newsletter does not imply endorsement by the BVA.

Care for the Wild – help needed in Cambodia

Care for the Wild is looking for a vet to spend six months providing post-operative care for a tiger at a Cambodian rescue centre. For further information please contact Justine Pascoe, email: justine@careforthewild.com

Esther Honey Foundation – Cook Islands

The [Esther Honey Foundation](#) is looking for (experienced) volunteer vets.

Fiji SPCA

The Fiji SPCA would welcome both short and long-term veterinary and VN volunteers to help at their shelters. For further information contact sPCA@connect.com.fj

FAO posts

[FAO professional vacancy announcements](#)

Vervet Monkey Foundation – South Africa

This sanctuary and rehabilitation centre for injured, abused and orphaned vervets in Tzaneen is in need of veterinary and VN volunteers for a minimum of four weeks. For further information visit the [Vervet Monkey Foundation](#) website or contact info@vervet.za.org

Vets Beyond Borders

Australian-based [Vets Beyond Borders](#) seeks veterinary volunteers to participate in their programmes in India.

Worldwide Veterinary Service

There are several places available on forthcoming WVS trips. For further details contact info@wvs.org.uk or visit the [WVS website](#).

Reminders and dates for the diary

20-22 October 2008: [2nd OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare](#) – Cairo, Egypt

27-29 October 2008: [15th FAVA Conference/OIE Symposium](#) - Bangkok, Thailand

6-9 November 2008: 25th Biennial Caribbean Veterinary Medical Association Conference - Dutch Sint Maarten-French St. Martin

Contact Garry Swanston sxmvvetclinic@megatropic.com or sxmvvetclinic@caribserve.net

17-21 November 2008: 13th Australasia/Oceania Commonwealth Veterinary Association Regional Meeting and Workshop – *Protection, Production and Progress in the Pacific* -

Apia, Samoa

Read the [flyer](#) or contact Jeff Cave Jeff.Cave@dpi.vic.gov.au or Sina Moala sina.taulealo@lesamoa.net

29 December 2008 – 5 January 2009: [57th International Veterinary Students Association Symposium](#) - Scotland

20-21 January 2009: [Conference on Global Trade and Farm Animal Welfare](#) - Brussels