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CVA portal members benefit from on-line CPD

Since its launch the WVA Education Network's CVA Portal has had 1850 members register from 143 different countries with Egypt, the United States of America, the United Kingdom, India and Canada having the largest membership.

With 918 different CPD modules currently available, CVA portal members have commenced CPD modules on 1027 occasions of which 324 reached completion. The most popular module has been "How to look at radiographs".

308 CPD modules which incur a charge have been downloaded, 275 CPD of which have been provided free of charge due to the 100% discount for users from developing countries.

To freely register or to revisit the portal click [here](#)



Anaesthetic machine donated to the University of Peradeniya in Sri Lanka

The CVA is delighted to have helped send a donated anaesthetic machine to the Veterinary Teaching Hospital at the University of Peradeniya in Sri Lanka.

The anaesthetic machine was donated by Dr Chris Yeates of Queensland, Australia who also donated a number of books to the CVA book program.

Dr Niranjala de Silva of the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences at the University stated "This is indeed welcome news as the one and only anaesthetic machine that we have in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital is out of commission at present. A donation of the same will fulfil our immediate needs, especially training students in inhalation anaesthesia."

We are sure the anaesthetic machine will be very well used there for the benefit of the next generation of Sri Lankan Veterinarians.

The donation of veterinary equipment from the more affluent countries of the commonwealth is something that the CVA would like to encourage and expand.



President's Message

2016 is off and running and will no doubt be another busy year. We start the new year with new Executive Officers, a new website and communication approach and a new partner in Vets Beyond Borders. This new relationship has been sealed with a cooperation MOU and this will offer new and exciting opportunities for both organisations.

Dr Rahman also met on our behalf with the President of WSAVA in Melbourne in December to discuss similar cooperation arrangements and the proposal to develop



a formal MOU will soon be discussed by the WSAVA Board.

As we look to new partners and opportunities, I intend to undertake a strategic planning process with the Executive Officers and Regional Representatives out of session. We need to continue to be visible and relevant and use our extensive expertise and the skills and resources of partner organisations to deliver continuing professional development. This includes work in the livestock sector as well as new courses and opportunities in important areas such as small animals.

However, to be successful, we must be financially viable and sustainable. We have delayed sending our invoices for Membership subscriptions until we complete the process of transferring the CVA bank account to New Zealand to be managed by our new Treasurer, Dr Deborah Kirton. We ask all Councillors to progress payment within their respective national veterinary associations. We have established Paypal to assist payments and also to assist donations to various activities and programs.

Please assist our hard working Programme Manager, Dr Jeff Cave by sending him photos and stories from your region.

Best wishes

Peter
Dr Peter Thornber
President, CVA



Recipes from the world – from the Maldives

Mashuni - The most common Maldivian breakfast is Mashuni. It is a smoked tuna dish with coconut.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup diced smoked tuna
- 1 cup scraped coconut
- 1 finely chopped onion
- 1 finely chopped Chinese capsicum
- Lemon juice and salt to taste

Mash together the onions, capsicum, lemon juice and salt. Mix in the tuna until it is well combined and add the coconut. This is eaten with roshi.

Sometimes Mashuni is baked inside the roshi. This is called Masroshi. The Roshi is shaped into small balls and flattened by hand. The Mashuni is also formed into small balls and folded into the roshi and shaped into round cakes. This is baked in medium heat until it looks golden brown.



3rd International Conference on Rabies in West Africa (RIWA)

"Harmonizing Stakeholders and Tools for the Prevention and Control of Rabies"

22-26 March, 2016 | Accra | Ghana



Akwaaba! (Welcome!)

The RIWA Ghana Organizing Committee, with the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, and the Ministry of Health jointly host the 3rd international conference on Rabies in West Africa. The event brings internationally renowned experts to present scientific and technical papers and to provide one-to-one advice and support for connectivity in harmonizing stakeholders and tools for the prevention and control of rabies in West Africa. The conference covers regional and global perspectives on human and animal rabies control; infrastructure for surveillance of rabies and rabies related viruses; the use of geographic information systems in focussing rabies control; improving health outcomes and surveillance capacity building. Participants are drawn from Ghana, Liberia, Mali, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, the Gambia, East and Southern Africa, Europe, North America, the Pacific Rim, the West Indies and beyond.

Opening

Welcome Address RIWAGH Chairman
Goodwill Message RIWA Chairman
Opening Remarks Hon. Minister of Health

Overview on rabies: Epidemiology
Diagnosis and control

Scientific and Technical Sessions

The scope includes domestic animal, wildlife and human populations.
Rabies: Locate and eliminate
WHO operations on rabies in West Africa
ECOWAS commission on rabies
Policy and alternative funding for rabies control in West Africa

Country Presentation on Rabies

Ghana	Benin
Liberia	Togo
Nigeria	Mali
Sierra Leone	Senegal
The Gambia	Cote d'Ivoire

Conference Report and Recommendation

Conference Venue

College of Physicians and Surgeons, Accra
Ghana

Closing Ceremony and Dinner

Have a taste of Ghanaian hospitality

Abstract

Submission deadline is December 23, 2015

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Honourable Fifi Kwetey
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Chief Guest of Honour

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