

This e-newsletter has been prepared for members of the CVMA-SBCV Chapter and BC veterinarians to keep them up to date on Chapter activities and newsworthy events.

2011 CVMA-SBCV CHAPTER FALL CONFERENCE IS A RUNAWAY SUCCESS!

Over 200 veterinarians gathered at the Sheraton Hotel in Surrey on the weekend of November 19-20 for the first CVMA-SBCV Chapter Fall Conference. We were very pleased with the higher than expected attendance and the smiles on faces as veterinarians from around the province enjoyed the varied scientific program, tradeshow and social events. Thanks to all who helped make the event such a success, particularly our industry sponsors and tradeshow exhibitors. We are looking forward to our second annual Conference which will be held in Fall 2012. Details will be available on the website.

Unfortunately, the 2012 Mid-Winter Ski & CE Meeting scheduled for January 20-22 at Silver Star Mountain did not enjoy the same success. In December, the Directors



regretfully cancelled the ski meeting when it became evident that there would not be sufficient registration to cover the costs of presenting the event. The CVMA-SBCV Chapter is committed to providing high quality CE and social events for BC veterinarians and we will be asking the Continuing Education Committee to assess the viability of future ski meetings and to recommend alternative events that will add value to your Chapter membership.

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS REPORT

The first Annual Meeting of the Chapter was held at the Fall Conference. The following members have been elected to serve as Directors for 2012:

President

Dr. Marco Veenis, Kelowna BC

Vice-President

Dr. George Guernsey, Summerland BC

Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. Rob Ashburner, Vancouver, BC

Directors

Dr. Sarah Armstrong, Vancouver BC

Dr. Rick Stanley, Ladysmith BC

Dr. Michael Hannigan, Victoria BC

Dr. Al Longair, Duncan, BC

Since the Annual Meeting, two additional Directors have been appointed to the Board: Dr. Levente Degi, Victoria BC and Dr. Paul Kennedy, Prince Rupert BC.

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CVMA-SBCV Chapter President Dr. Marco Veenis addressed the group at the AGM and offered these comments on the freshman year of the new Chapter:

This past year has been a very exciting time for the CVMA-SBCV Chapter. We have grown from a small group of dedicated veterinarians to an organization that is now representing the interests of over 450 veterinarians in BC. I, along with the Directors, have been encouraged by this vote of confidence from so many of our colleagues.

After consulting with the membership, we have formed a partnership with the CVMA and are now the first CVMA provincial Chapter. This alliance allows us to access the many resources and benefits that the CVMA offers to BC veterinarians while maintaining a strong provincial presence and identity. It is the most efficient way to give our members the best value for their membership dollar.

Our most tangible achievements to date are the quarterly magazine, The West Coast Veterinarian, a series of continuing education and social events, including the Fall Conference, the 2011 Ski & CE Meeting, Golf Tournament and the Delta Equine Seminar and a new website which has been integrated with the CVMA's website (www.canadianveterinarians.net/sbcv). Behind the scenes we continue to build our organization and connect with other stakeholders in the veterinary profession within our province and throughout Canada.

I would like to thank all of you who have donated your time and effort for the greater good of BC's veterinary profession and I would like to encourage others to consider volunteering some of your time towards your CVMA-SBCV Chapter."

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The CVMA-SBCV Chapter is beginning the work of developing a Committee structure so that we will be able to respond to the needs and interests of BC Veterinarians. Many members signed up at the Fall Conference but there is still an opportunity for more veterinarians to be involved. Opportunities are available on the Continuing Education Committee (particularly Large Animal/Equine practitioners), Magazine Committee, Government Relations Committee, Economic Survey Committee and Public Relations Committee. Vice-President Dr. George Guernsey is coordinating the committee setup and would like to hear from members who are interested and willing to become involved in shaping the future of the Chapter. He can be contacted by email at guernseyvet@shaw.ca or you can leave your information with the CVMA-SBCV Chapter office at cvma-sbcv@cvma-acmv.org or telephone **250-652-6384**.

WEST COAST VETERINARIAN MAGAZINE

The official magazine of the CVMA-SBCV Chapter – West Coast Veterinarian – got off to a great start in 2011 thanks to the hard work of the Dr. Sarah Armstrong and the Magazine Committee and staff. Unfortunately, for a number of reasons, we were not able to publish a December issue and we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. However, we will be back with a Spring issue in March 2012, bringing you all the news, views and interesting stories you

have come to expect from our uniquely British Columbian veterinary quarterly.



SERVING THE NEEDS OF BC VETERINARIANS

A MESSAGE FROM CVMA PRESIDENT DR. LLOYD KEDDIE

As the CVMA-SBCV Chapter's first year comes to an end, we wish to thank the 450 members who joined the Chapter in its first year. The inclusion of your voice as a member of the CVMA-SBCV Chapter allows us to remain an effective and influential force for the veterinary profession.

Recently, you received a membership offer in the mail to join or renew your membership in the CVMA and the CVMA-SBCV Chapter for 2012. We hope you will join and benefit from the national services provided by CVMA and the provincial services provided by the Chapter, such as local professional development, social and professional networking, the West Coast Veterinarian quarterly magazine and the representation of BC veterinarians' interests with the provincial legislature.

Our goal is to deliver the best possible value to you in the most cost-effective way. There is no other veterinary organization in Canada that delivers such high-quality, relevant services and value to its members, at such a reasonable cost.

At the national level, here are just a few issues the CVMA has been working on for you lately:

In November, CVMA urged the **Canadian Transportation Agency** not to accept a recent petition filed by Air Canada, which would permit the company to **refuse shipments of non-human primates** that are intended for laboratory research and/or experimental purposes. Rather than transporting non-human primates by the most direct and appropriate route, this proposed shipping embargo would cause unnecessary rerouting, which will result in an increased risk of harm to these animals (e.g., cold exposure, frostbite, limb and appendage loss).



Held from October 30 to November 2, 2011 in Toronto, the **Antimicrobial Stewardship in Canadian Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine Conference** brought together all stakeholders who use antimicrobials in animals to promote a 'culture of stewardship' to ensure long-term sustainability of antimicrobials and guard against antimicrobial resistance. The goal of the conference was to identify the obstacles to good stewardship and to shed light on what needs to change. The CVMA was a member of the conference organizing committee. Further conference details will be available in the January 2012 issue of The Canadian Veterinary Journal.

Tackling the cat overpopulation crisis and raising the value of cats is the vision of the **Care for Cats** group, led by PetLynx Corporation and Dr. Liz O'Brien, a feline practitioner from Hamilton, Ontario. The group, which declared 2011 as the Year of the Cat, will turn its focus to 'routine veterinary care' in 2012. To raise awareness of this important issue, the CFC and the CVMA will be teaming up to promote veterinary care for cats. CVMA's involvement in this initiative will help address two key feline issues – reduced veterinary visits and cat overpopulation.

Your feedback is extremely valuable to us. If you have an inquiry or a comment to share, please contact the CVMA office at admin@cvma-acmv.org or **1-800-567-2862**. Our Member Services Department will gladly assist you.



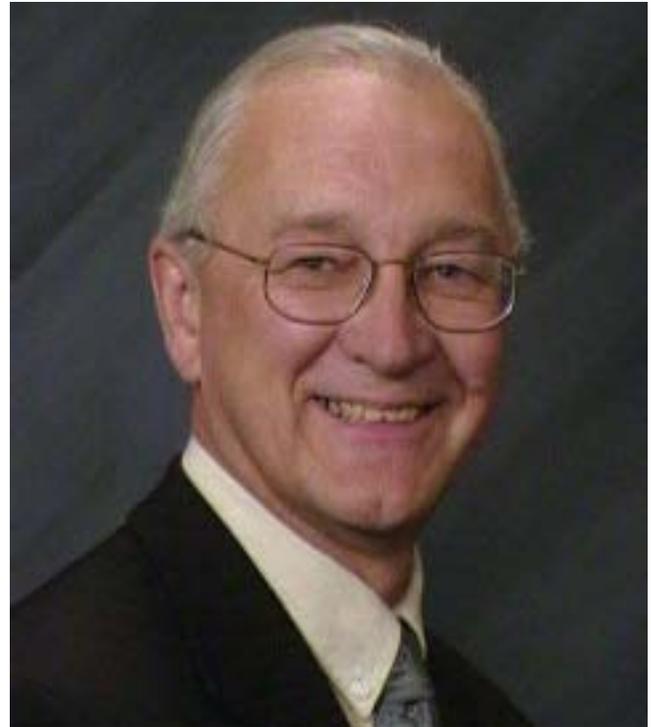
Best wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2012!

WCVM DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

DR. DUANE LANDALS

A *DLT Smith Short Term Visitorship* at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM) has been awarded to Duane Landals, WCVM 1975. On Tuesday, January 24 (12:30 PM room 2115) Duane will give a lecture on the role of veterinarians in animal welfare issues at the local, national and international level. At this time he will also be receiving the **WCVM Distinguished Alumnus Award**.

Duane is currently the vice president of the World Veterinary Association and the registrar of the AbVMA. He is a past president of the CVMA and owns a mixed practice in Morinville, Alberta. Dr. Landals is a champion of the responsibilities of veterinarians to the public, to the welfare and health of animals and to the profession itself. His experience and expertise have given him an outstanding working knowledge of the veterinary profession and the role veterinarians play in animal welfare.



SASKATCHEWAN VMA JOB POSTING - REGISTRAR

The Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association (SVMA) invites applications for a full time registrar starting as soon as possible. Required qualifications are: DVM (or equivalent); membership in good standing in the SVMA or eligibility to become a general member; must be bondable and prepared to travel within the province and country. Some evening and weekend work required. Experience in veterinary practice; management and budget training/experience is desirable. For more details go to www.svma.sk.ca and click on classifieds. Interested candidates submit a letter of interest (**marked confidential**) including goals, a curriculum vitae and names and contact information of three relevant references to:



Dr. Terri Chotowetz
President, SVMA,
202-224 Pacific Avenue,
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Deadline for applications is January 31, 2012.

Your feedback on any aspect of the CVMA-SBCV Chapter is welcome and we look forward to hearing from you. Contact the office by email cvma-sbcv@cvma-acmv.org or phone **250.652.6384** or mail to 7228 Highcrest Terrace, Saanichton, BC V8M 1W5. You can join or renew your membership online at www.canadianveterinarians.net