Election of Office Bearers

The CVA is delighted to announce that the following office bearers have been elected for the term 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2019:

President: Dr Peter Thornber, Australia
Secretary: Dr Henry Magwisha, Tanzania
Treasurer: Dr Deborah Kirton, New Zealand
Programme Director: Dr Jeff Cave, Australia

Our congratulations go to the newly elected office bearers and may they steer the CVA in the right direction during the coming four years.

President elect Dr Peter Thornber learning the finer art of Malaysian handicrafts

The end of an era

The CVA is also pleased (though sad!!) to inform you that the July 2015 edition of the Commonwealth Veterinary Journal is now hosted on the journal website at http://commonwealthveterinaryjournal.com

We are sad since this is the last edition which we will be producing as we have now opted to cease its publication and concentrate on the CVA e-Newsletter.

President Abdul Rahman has written in his President's column of his deep association of the journal for the last 25 years. He would like to thank all of you again for supporting his efforts in bringing this journal out twice every year. Once the CVA’s pride, it had become more and more difficult to publish and ultimately we had to take the decision to stop its publication. Like any story there always has to be an END.

President Rahman is to be commended for his phenomenal effort in being the editor of the journal for the past 25 years.

WVA Education Network

By now many of you will have availed yourself to registering with the WVA Education Network. If you haven’t we encourage you to do so since the network provides 265 modules of on-line CPD to all veterinarians, 124 of which are free of charge. To register visit http://cva.wcea.education Thus far 124 veterinarians from 34 different countries have registered with the CVA portal.

News from Trinidad and Tobago

The Trinidad and Tobago Veterinary Association’s general elections were held on March 17, 2015. Their new President is Dr Karla Georges. Other Executive members are Drs Nicholas Mackenzie (President-Elect), Lisa Benjamin (Secretary), Ayesha Alexander (Treasurer), Sabrina Thomas (Assistant secretary/PRO), Michael Morris (Associate) and Hasani Stewart (Associate) and Curtis Padilla (Immediate Past President).
New graduates were welcomed into the fraternity on 25th June 2015 at their General Meeting. The association looks forward to working with them to develop their skills and nurture their young professionals.

**Profile: Jeff Cave**

After graduating from Murdoch University in 1988 Jeff spent two years in mixed private practice. He then travelled extensively throughout Eastern and Southern Africa, before completing a Masters of Science degree in Tropical Veterinary Science at James Cook University. Following this he worked for two years in Vanimo, Papua New Guinea and three years in Rarotonga, Cook Islands. For the past sixteen years he has worked as District Veterinary Officer in Wodonga, Victoria, Australia.

Jeff was the CVA Councilor for the Cook Islands from 1995 – 1998, CVA Councilor for Australia from 2002 – 2004 and from 2010 until the present time, and CVA Regional Representative for the Australasia/Oceania Region from 2004 – 2008. He has managed the CVA book program since 2001. Since 2007 he has been the CPD Coordinator of the CVA, and recently Jeff was elected the CVA Program Manager/Communications Coordinator for 2016 - 2019.

Jeff’s early work in the Pacific has given him a lasting interest in helping veterinarians in developing countries working in professional isolation at the grassroots level.

**Recipes from the world - from Fiji**

**Fiji Chicken Curry**

**Ingredients:**
- 1 chicken of around 1,300 gms
- 2 large onions
- 2 heaped table spoons of curry powder
- 3cm square piece of green ginger
- 8 pieces of garlic
- 3 tablespoons canola oil
- 1 large ripe tomato [skinned and chopped]
- 2 table spoons chopped fresh coriander leaves
- 3 cloves
- 2 cups of water
- salt to taste

**Method:**

Disjoint the chicken and cut it into medium size pieces. Crush the ginger and garlic to a paste and set aside.

Heat oil in saucepan place 1 finely chopped onion inside and fry until lightly brown add chicken pieces plus ginger/garlic paste together with the second onion, curry powder and cloves - continue frying and stirring for 10 minutes. Then add the salt and the chopped tomato and mix well - next add 2 cups of water, cover and allow to simmer slowly until the meat is well-cooked and tender. Lastly, add the coriander leaves [plus 1 - 2 finely chopped chillies as an option]

Serve with boiled rice plus a chutney, either freshly chopped or a mango-based one.

Will serve 5 to 6 persons.

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**Upcoming Events**

21 - 23 September – Livestock Asia at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Malaysia. For further details visit [http://www.livestockasia.com/](http://www.livestockasia.com/)

The Nepal Veterinary Association has launched an appeal for funding to support the livestock relief and recovery efforts in rural areas. They are seeking funding to support treatment costs, carcass disposal, supplementary feed and fodder and for temporary shelter. Details on how to donate funds to support this effort are given below.

Below is the story of Gyanu Maya, from a farming family in the Kavre district in Nepal showing how difficult it has been for rural families following the earthquakes.

**LIVESTOCK WAS LIFE LINE FOR MY FAMILY**

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Donations may be made by international bank transfer to:

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**Contact Details:** NABIL BANK, Newroad Branch, Kathmandu, Nepal  
**A/C No.** 0201017504167  
**Swift code:** NARBNPKA