

WAHVM News

Winter 2013



The Fortieth International Congress in Utrecht

More than 120 people, representing 24 countries, registered for the 40th WAHVM Congress August 22-25, 2012. Organized around two themes--the history of veterinary associations and the history of the World Veterinary Association, the program also featured papers and a poster session on veterinary history in general.

These contributions were especially memorable: **Johann Schäffer**, "‘For Science and Philanthropy:’ Professional and Cultural Political Organization of Veterinarians in Germany, 1833-2012"; **Julie Hipperson**, "Vets First, Women Second?: The Society of Women Veterinary Surgeons in Britain, 1941-1990"; **Veronika Goebel**, "The Third Reich and the Munich Veterinary Faculty: Effects and Consequences for Students, Academic Staff, and Institutions"; **Fernando Camarero Rioja** and **Joaquin Sanchez de Lollano Prieto**, "Veterinary Movies Produced by the Spanish Ministry of Agriculture"; and **Floor Haalboom**, "Bacteria, Babies, Bovines and Birds".

On Wednesday the congress got under way with a social hour at an historical landmark, the Institute of Veterinary Pathology; on Tuesday members attended a dinner at the Railway Museum in Utrecht; Friday they attended the splendid Congress dinner at the University of Utrecht’s Academy Building; and on Saturday registrants travelled by bus to the spectacular Dutch Open Air Museum at Arnhem, where they also dined.



Participants at the Railway Museum, Thursday, 23 August 2012

Norwegian Society for the History of Veterinary Medicine

Introduction

The Norwegian Society for the History of Veterinary Medicine was established 9 February 1994. It is a member of the World Association for the History of Veterinary Medicine.

The main activities of the society are meetings with lectures on subjects with historical relevance. Every year one or two tours are arranged to places with historic interest. A year book published every second year is another activity of the society.

Board

At the general assembly 2012 the following board was elected: **Trygve Grøndalen** (chairperson), **Roar Ektvedt** (secretary), Kirsti Strengenhagen (secretary), **Børge Baustad** (treasurer), **Roar Gudding** (international contact), **Tore Håstein** and **Ingveig Olberg**.

Members

The society has both personal members and a few institutional supporting members. One main reason for being a member is the year book which is distributed to all members. The number of active members, having responsibility and participating regularly on meetings, is less than 40.

Economy

The income is based on an annual fee from the members. The main cost for the society is the publishing of the year book.

Meetings

There are three types of meetings.

The first Tuesday in each month there is lunch meeting in Oslo with lecture on a subject with historical and/or scientific relevance. The presentation is given by an invited expert in the field. In addition, once each semester a retired veterinarian gives an overview of his professional life.

At the end of the semester there is a meeting in the evening with a more comprehensive lecture. In 2012 "The horse in the military services" and "The thread mill principle in culture and biology" were the

subjects. Spouses are invited to these meetings which include a social gathering afterwards. A third form of meeting is regional meetings arranged in connection with the national tours. In 2012 there was no regional meeting.

Tours

The society arranges one or two tours every year, one of these is usually an international tour. In 2012 a group from the society visited Finland, where Professor Ilkka Alitalo was the perfect host for an interesting visit.

Four members participated at the 40th Congress of the World Association for the History of Veterinary Medicine in Utrecht 22-25 of August. Per Folkestad had a presentation about the history of the Norwegian Veterinary Association.

Year book

Since 1998 the society has issued a year book with historical presentations. The articles in the year book are of high quality. This is partly due to the work of the editor and his staff. The year book is written in Norwegian and the 2012 issue was nearly 200 pages.

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41st WAHVM Congress, London, 2014

Planning is now underway for the WAHVM 2014 Congress in London. This will be hosted by the British Veterinary History Society (VHS) at Imperial College London, one of the UK's leading universities.

The two conference themes will be: "The History of One Health," and "War, Animals and the Veterinary Profession."

The VHS looks forward to welcoming WAHVM members, their guests and other interested parties to this exciting event.

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The content included different subjects from the history of veterinary medicine in Norway. However, short biographies of technical staff at the Norwegian School of Veterinary Science were also included, and two daughters of veterinary practitioners reported from their childhood.

Museum

During the last 40 years there has been a small veterinary history museum with old equipment and literature at the Norwegian School of Veterinary Science. The museum includes the office of a local veterinarian, living in the South-Western part of Norway more than 100 years ago.

The museum had received a *charabanc*, a small horse-drawn wagon, as a gift from the family of a previous professor at The Norwegian School of Veterinary Medicine. This horse wagon (see image below) was used by professor Ragnvald Bugge Næss more than 100 years ago. During the last years the charabanc has been carefully repaired and conserved by members of the board of the society and some hired professionals. It is placed in the big hall outside the main auditorium and the library at the Campus.

At a ceremony August 31 the charabanc was given to the Director of the Norwegian School of Veterinary Science.

“Skjebnespill”

This was the Norwegian title of a book with records of the late Olav Sandvik. “The fate” might be a translation of the title. The book is a kind of a memoir presenting memories of different parts of his life from the childhood to his career as Professor in microbiology and Dean at the Norwegian School of Veterinary Science, Director general at the Norwegian Veterinary Institute and Chief Veterinary Officer of Norway.

Members of the society have been editors for the book and the board of the society takes care of sale and distribution of the book.

Web page

The Norwegian Veterinary Association has given access to the history society for information to its members. The website is so far only in Norwegian (<http://www.vetnett.no/norsk-veterinarhistorisk-selskap>).



Korean Society of Veterinary History

Organized in 2012 under the aegis of the Korean Veterinary Society, its membership now numbers ten.

2013 is the year of SNAKE, the symbol of wisdom and political power.

The Korean Society Veterinary History, through **Myung-Sung Chun**, wishes all WAHVM members happiness and health for the Snake year.

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American Veterinary Medical Association 150th Anniversary Exhibit

The AVMA unveiled its 150th Anniversary historical display, in January in Chicago, prepared jointly with the the American Veterinary Medical Historical Society (AVMS). **Fred Born** and **Howard Erickson**, directed the project, assisted by many other AVMS members.

Standing four ft. high and eight ft. wide the completed exhibit consists of 43 panels fully illuminated. (See image below.)

The exhibit travelled first to the North American Veterinary Conference in Orlando, FL (Jan.19-23), then to the Western Veterinary Conference in Las Vegas, (Feb.17-21), and then to Chicago for the AVMA's 150th Anniversary Celebration, July 19-23.

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Veterinary Heritage: Bulletin of the American Veterinary Medical History Society 2012, Vol. 35 (2)

"The Covert Arsenal of Biological Agents throughout History," **Amy Sents**.

"Dogs, Consumers, and Canine Veterinarians, 1870-1900," **Philip M. Teigen**.

"Reflections on Clinical Practice: An Oral History by a Chinese Veterinarian," **Hung Chang Wang**.

"The Humble Beginnings of the Corporate Companion Animal Hospital," **Tracey L. Mullins**.

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Danish Association for the History of Veterinary

The 45th edition of the Society's *Yearbook* for 2012 (293 pages) appeared in January. (It is published every second year).

The Association's Board will meet in April.

The annual two-day Veterinary Historical Seminar will take place in May.

Members will journey to Lyon, France, in September for 8 days.

Kurt Jensen chairs the Association this year.

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**Dept. of History of the University of
Veterinary Medicine, Hannover
History Section of the German
Veterinary Medical Society**

**17th Annual Conference and
Methodology Seminar**

Man – Animal – Medicine
Interplay and Problems in History and the
Present Day

8 - 9 November 2013
Estrel Convention Center Berlin

Organiser and Presenter: **Johann Schäffer**

Organisation

Conference languages: German and English

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illustrations)

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**Bulletin de la Société française
d'histoire de la médecine et des
sciences vétérinaires Année 2011,
numéro 11**

Miguel A. Marquez, "Pascal Eugène Bergeyre
Lagrange (1829-1880), l'aventure mexicaine du
premier médecin vétérinaire civil et militaire à
œuvrer dans ce pays."

Arnaud Gaschet, "Hongreurs et maréchaux
experts, histoire d'une profession méconnue
Gelders."

Bernard Heude, "Pathologie ovine en Sologne : la
cachexie aqueuse et la maladie rouge, deux
maladies qui ont marqué lesee
esprits (XVIII -XIX siècles)."

Hugues Plaideux, "Une enseigne de vétérinaire
cherbourgeois peinte par Jean-François Millet en
1841."

Thierry Borrel, "Achille Urbain (1884-1957),
l'éthologie prétexte. Un pastorien au muséum
national d'histoire naturelle."

François Vallat, "L'alimentation témoin de
l'humanisation du chien?"

Georges Tacher, "Campagnes de vaccinations
bovines au Tchad, souvenirs des années 1960th."

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Three New Books from France

*La Sologne : des moutons, des landes et des
hommes, du XVIIIe siècle au Second Empire*, par
Bernard Heude. Rennes : Presses universitaires,
2012.

*Corps de papier, l'anatomie en papier mâché du
docteur Auzoux*, par Christophe Degueurce. Paris :
Editions de la Martinière, 2012.

Beautés intérieures - L'animal à corps ouvert par
Christophe Degueurce et Hélène Delalex. Paris :
Rmn - Grand Palais, 2012.

The South African National Veterinary Museum

When the Onderstepoort Veterinary Institute (OVI) commemorated its first centenary in 2008, the History Committee of the SA Veterinary Association (SAVA) decided to renovate and expand a small in-house museum to serve as a national institution open to the public.

It is now housed in a historic building, which was originally designed as a hostel for unmarried staff when the OVI was founded in 1908. At present the museum consists of 6 rooms made available for this purpose by the institute. The main exhibition in two large rooms illustrates the development of veterinary science through the ages, from the first references to animal diseases in the 5th century b.c. to modern times.

The history of veterinary science in South Africa is dealt with in greater detail, starting with the role of ethno-veterinary medicines used by the ancient Khoi-San inhabitants of the country, followed by the early colonial history and featuring the early veterinarians including HB Wiltshire, WC Branford, Duncan Hutcheon, H Watkins-Pitchford and J Soga, the first South African to qualify as a veterinarian in 1886.

This is followed by more recent developments such as the establishment of the OVI in 1908, the Faculty of Veterinary Science of the University of Pretoria in 1920 and the SAVA in 1920. (See below.)

Two rooms are dedicated to the founder of the OVI, Sir Arnold Theiler. The main exhibition is a reconstruction of his office, featuring his original desk and furniture, including his telephone and notebooks with hand-written experimental data.

An ante-room contains a time-line summary of his career and an exhibition of the medals he received from various countries in recognition of his important contributions to science.

Finally, the last two rooms represent a laboratory in Theiler's time and an early veterinary consulting room.

Further details can be found on the SAVA website: www.vetassociation.co.za >SA Veterinary History Museum.



**American Veterinary Medical
Association Sesquicentennial Historical
Program
Chicago, Illinois
21 July 2013**

Tentative Program

Moderator: **Donald F. Smith**, Cornell University.
8:00 a.m. Welcome by **Douglas G. Aspros**, AVMA
President-Elect

8:15 a.m. "From Craft to Profession, the Transition
from Horse Farrier to Professional Veterinarian"
Michael North, National Library of Medicine.

8:45 a.m. "The History of the AVMA: A Slow Shaky
Beginning," **Howard H. Erickson**, Kansas State
University and **Fred Born**, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

9:15 a.m. "What Veterinarians Did: Proven in
Postcards," **C. Trenton Boyd**, Head, University of
Missouri.

10:00 a.m. "Bo and Earlier Presidential Pets,"
Ronnie G. Elmore, Kansas State University.

11:00 a.m. "How did African-Americans, Women and
Minorities enter Veterinary Medicine?" **Michael
Blackwell**, University of Tennessee.

12:00 noon Lunch break

Moderator: **Ronnie G. Elmore**, Kansas State
University

1:30 p.m. "The Majesty and Power of the
Veterinarian's Story through Oral History," by
Donald F. Smith, Cornell University.

2:10 p.m. "C. Barnwell Robinson (1859-1921):
District of Columbia Fire-Department Veterinarian,"
Philip M. Teigen, Kensington, Maryland.

2:40 p.m. "History of Pasteurization of Milk," **Russ
Currier**, Clive, Iowa.

3:20 p.m. "The Cedar County Cow War ,"by
Kimberly Porter, University of North Dakota.

4:00 p.m. Panel Discussion: Heritage
Veterinary Practices
Luke Hagyard Fallon (Hagyard Equine Medical
Institute, Lexington, Kentucky, 1876)

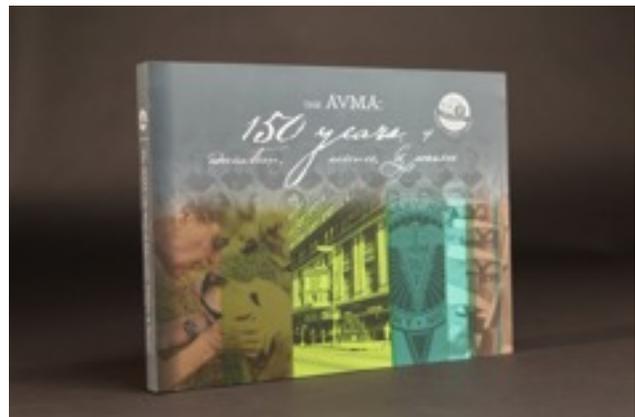
Carla Case-McCorvey (Case Veterinary Hospital,
Savannah, Georgia, 1909)
Robert Neal Gouge (G & G Veterinary Hospital,
Sedalia, Missouri, 1915).

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**American Veterinary Medical
Association Sesquicentennial volume**

Founded in 1863, the American Veterinary Medical
Association (AVMA) celebrates its 150th
anniversary this year. To commemorate this event,
the AVMA has published *The AVMA: 150 Years of
Education, Science and Service*. This 9x11", full
color, 200+ page, hard copy publication includes
historical information and photos throughout the
past 150 years of the AVMA and the veterinary
profession.

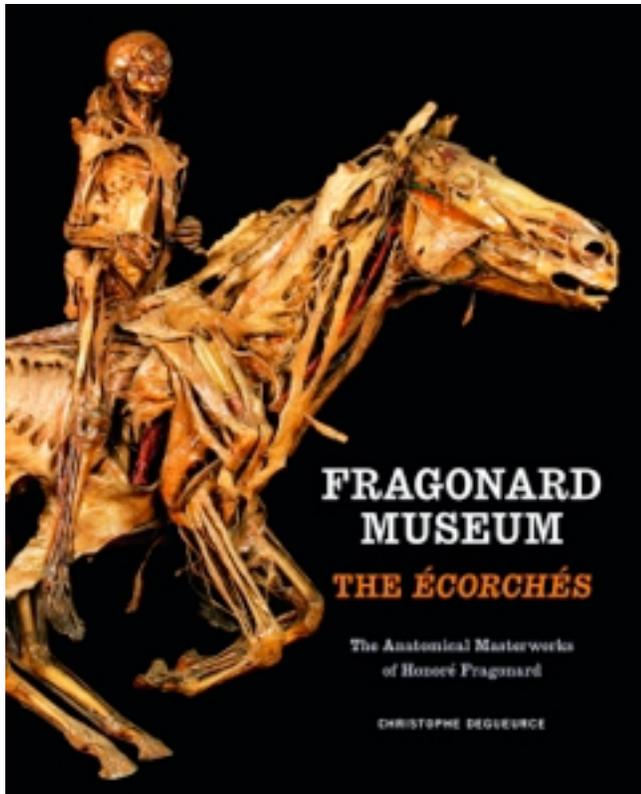
Available from the AVMA store (www.avma.org/
products for US\$25 for AVMA members and US\$35
for non-members (plus shipping & handling).



**Historia Medicinæ Veterinariæ
Journal of Veterinary Biography
2012, 37(1): 1-32**

Ivan Katić, "Pioneer Female Veterinarians."

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**Fragonard Museum: The Écorchés
The Anatomical Masterworks of Honoré Fragonard**

by Christophe Degueurce

A desiccated rider mounted atop a galloping horse, wondrous demonstrations of animal anatomy: these impressive spectacles of permanently preserved bodies, some of the original teaching aids from the world's first veterinary schools founded from 1762 to 1766, challenge our understanding of historical science, Western culture, and the display of the dead, and they are the historical precursor to modern-day plastinated anatomical specimens popularly exhibited worldwide

Author **Christophe Degueurce**, curator of the Fragonard Museum, evokes the social turmoil and intellectual ferment surrounding Honoré Fragonard and brings to life not only the character of the uncommonly gifted anatomist, but reveals as well his recent discovery of Fragonard's secrets of the Écorchés' manufacture.

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Recent Articles

Bruce Vivash Jones, "Establishing Veterinary Education in North America," *Veterinary Record*, 12 January 2013: 36-7.

Saurabh Mishra, "Beasts, Murraings, and the British Raj: Reassessing Colonial Medicine in India from the Veterinary Perspective, 1860-1900," *Bull. Hist. Med.*, 2011, 85:587-619.

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**World Veterinary Association
World Veterinary Day Award for 2013**

The theme for the 2013 Award is Vaccination.

The winner of the 2013 Award will be announced at the opening ceremony of OIE 81st General Session to be held in Paris, France on 26 May 2013 and be invited to the World Veterinary Congress 17 - 20 September in Prague, Czech Republic where he/she will receive the prize of US\$1000.

For further information and application forms, due 1 May 2013, contact: secretariat@worldvet.org



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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