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History Section of the German Veterinary Medical Society**



**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
and methodology seminar**

**Man – Animal – Medicine**

**Interplay and Problems in History and the Present Day**

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**Call for Papers**

**Deadline 1 April 2013**



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# Man – Animals – Medicine

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<b>Conference</b>	<b>8 Nov. 2013</b>	<b>14.00 - 18.30</b>
	<b>9 Nov. 2013</b>	<b>09.00 - 13.00</b>
<b>Seminar</b>	<b>8 Nov. 2013</b>	<b>09.00 - 13.00</b>

## Conference

*Man is the measure of all things*, Protagoras postulated and the hierarchy of creatures by Aristoteles (God – Man – Animal) has existed up until today in a modified form. Animals are only deemed as “imperfect people” and people as “imperfect gods”. First and foremost people profit from the varied use of animals. In extreme cases they are a food source and therapist in one “person”. Animals are the origin and essential part of any culture and civilisation. The man-animal-relationship is a network which is difficult to define and which is forever changing with many time- and socially dependent variables.

Numerous attempts have been made to compile the philosophical, religious or legal aspects in their historical genesis and evident nature. Today, focus is increasingly put on inter-disciplinary research in the field of the psychology of man-animal-relationship. The main emphasis is on social, family analogue, anthropomorphic, pedagogical, preventative and therapeutic importance of animals. The conference broadens the spectrum of aspects related to connections to *General Medicine*. Thereby, the starting point could be the retrospective Johannes Philippo Ingrassias` postulate from 1568, *“that veterinary science is officially one and the same as the more distinguished human medicine and that it only differs regarding its dignity and sense of propriety of the object being treated”*, - today rediscovered as *One Medicine - One Health concept*.

For thousands of years animals have been employed prophylactically and therapeutically for human health. From dogs being the attribute of the healing deity Gula in Asia Minor history moves on to Asklepios, the healer with the dog, and then further to poor Lazarus, whose festering wounds were licked by dogs”. As guidedogs for the blind, companion-, visitation- and therapy animals, dogs take on an increasingly important role as part of animal-assisted intervention. From the early 17<sup>th</sup> century however animals were also employed more and more in physiological and pharmacological experimental research. The fundamental insights into the field of phytotherapy and chemotherapy were obtained from dog experiments. Parallel to this, the antivivisection movement came into being. This was temporarily halted by the 1933 Law on Animal Welfare.

The livestock sector may not have that much scope. Edward Jenner observed that milkmaids only became infected with human smallpox in exceptional cases (1796) and the vaccination programme with cow and sheep pox lymph vaccine resulting from this was the start of systematic control of human and animal infectious diseases. However, there were also those opposed to vaccination, today`s vaccination fatigue being the effect of this. With their essay “The occurrence of Diphtheria Immunity and Tetanus Immunity in Animals” (1890) Emil von Behring and Shibasaburo Kitasato laid the foundation for serum therapy. Horses still produce tetanus serum and tuberculin for humans, which regularly causes protests by animal-rights

activists. Some examples among many from the interplay between man – animal – medicine concerned with aspects of the history of zoonoses or xenotransplantation can be expanded upon as desired.

## Seminar

This introductory course is aimed at students, graduate students studying for a doctorate and veterinarians who are planning to carry out research in the field of veterinary medical history or are currently carrying out research. It conveys the fundamentals of the methodical steps of literary scientific work and its practical realisation, from systematic topic selection and purposeful literature research to correct text versions of the results.

The course contents are divided into three complexes: **1. Heuristics** (searching for, viewing and collecting of sources and literature; archive work; questionnaire and interviewing techniques), **2. Criticism and Interpretation** (assessment and interpretation of documentary fundamentals as a supporting pillar of historiography), **3. Presentation of the Results** (from precise version of the title up to correct quoting). – Behind the played down slogan “I only still have to write it up” is hidden the hardest and most time-consuming phase of any historical work.

## Anniversaries in Conference Year 2013

- 1953 ▶ 60 years Professional History Group of the German Veterinary Medical Society
- 1963 ▶ 50 years Dept. of History of the University of Veterinary Medicine Hannover
- 1973 ▶ 40 years Veterinary History Museum at the University of Vet. Med. Hannover
- 1993 ▶ 20 years “New German Veterinary History”

## Organisation

- **Conference languages:** German and English
- **Participation fee:** € 95, DVG, ATF, WAHVM, DGGMNT members € 45, students free.
- **Congress organisation** (Registration, participation fee, room reservation): CSM, Congress & Seminar Management, Industriestraße 35, D-82194 Gröbenzell, Germany tel. ++49-(0)8142-570183, fax ++49-(0)8142-54735, email [info@csm-congress.de](mailto:info@csm-congress.de), [www.csm-congress.de](http://www.csm-congress.de)
- **Scientific Programme** (Registration of presentations and posters): Univ.-Prof. Dr. Dr. Johann Schäffer, Tierärztliche Hochschule Hannover, Fachgebiet Geschichte, Bischofsholer Damm 15 (Haus 120), D-30173 Hannover, Germany tel ++49-(0)511-8567503, fax ++49-(0)511-8567676, email [johann.schaeffer@tiho-hannover.de](mailto:johann.schaeffer@tiho-hannover.de), <http://www.vethis.de>
- **ATF-Recognition:** 8 hours
- **Deadline 1 April 2013:** Registration of presentations and posters, speaking time max. 15 min + 5 min discussion, abstracts 1-2 pages each (only as separate email attachment as WORD document, Arial font, single-spaced, 1-2 illustrations)

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