

RCVS DAY 2009

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS AGM AND AWARDS CEREMONY

3 JULY 2009

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veterinary
achievement



Welcome to RCVS Day 2009

The Annual General Meeting of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons will be held at One Great George Street, Westminster, London SW1P 3AA, on Friday, 3 July 2009 at 10.00am, followed, from 11.00am, by the presentation of RCVS awards.



Dear Colleagues,

I would like to welcome all Members, Registered/Listed Veterinary Nurses and their guests to RCVS Day on Friday, 3 July 2009. As well as our

Annual General Meeting, the day is a chance to recognise and celebrate the achievements of our colleagues across the veterinary profession.

In this booklet you will find the full agenda for RCVS Day, together with the minutes from last year's AGM, held on Friday, 4 July 2008.

Details of how to apply for tickets can be found on the reverse.

Chairing the meeting will be my last official duty as President of the RCVS – the highlights

and activities of which I will be talking about on the day - before Professor Sandy Trees takes up his office as President for 2009-2010.

I also have great pleasure in welcoming Vic Simpson HonFRCVS as our guest speaker, who will be giving a talk entitled "Wildlife, my life, and some lessons of life". The highlights of Vic's veterinary career can be read opposite.

I do hope you will be able to join me on 3 July, and I look forward to seeing you then.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jill Nute'.

Mrs Jill Nute BVSc MRCVS
President



Agenda 2009

Coffee will be available from 9.30am to 11.00am

10.00am

1. Notice Convening the Meeting
2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
3. Annual Report 2009 and Statement of Accounts for the Year Ending 31 December 2008
4. Council Elections: New Members and Retirements

~~~Coffee break~~~

### 11.00am

5. Presentation of Awards:  
Honorary Associateship  
Honorary Fellowship by Election
6. Presentation of Fellowships
7. Presentation of Diplomas
8. Presentation of Diplomas in Advanced Veterinary Nursing
9. President's Address
10. Elections for President, Senior Vice-President and Junior Vice-President
11. Introduction of new President
12. Close of Meeting
13. Date of Next Meeting: Friday, 2 July 2010

Followed by:

Talk from Mr Vic Simpson HonFRCVS:  
"Wildlife, my life, and some lessons of life"

### 12.40 pm

Drinks and fork luncheon

Miss J C Hern, Registrar

## Guest speaker: lessons from the wild

**Vic Simpson BVSc CBiol FIBiol DTVM HonFRCVS**

Graduating from the University of Bristol in 1964, Vic Simpson worked in mixed practice before going on to gain a Diploma in Tropical Medicine from the University of Edinburgh. During his career he has held diverse positions, including District Veterinary Officer in Kenya, a placement at Sutton Bonington Veterinary Investigation Centre as part of a laboratory techniques course, and Senior Veterinary Research Officer in Botswana.

Returning to the UK in 1978, Vic joined the Veterinary Investigation Service (later the Veterinary Laboratories Agency), near Truro, where, in addition to investigating diseases of domestic species, he made a number of studies on conditions affecting wildlife, including otters, mute swans and marine mammals.

On retiring in 2001, Vic set up the Wildlife Veterinary Investigation Centre, near Truro, studying diseases of free-living British wildlife. He was made an honorary life member of the British Veterinary Zoological Society in 2001, and was awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the RCVS in 2003.



## Minutes: AGM, 4 July 2008

**The One Hundred and Sixty Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons held on Friday, 4 July 2008, at One Great George Street, Westminster, London SW1P 3AA.**

The President, Dr R P Moore, was in the Chair.

Members of RCVS Council, VN Council, other members of the profession and guests were present.

### 1. NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

The Registrar reported that the notice of the meeting had been published in the *London Gazette* on 24 April 2008. It had also been published in the *Veterinary Record* and the *Veterinary Times* and the agenda was sent to every member during the second week of June 2008.

### 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6 July 2007, which had already been circulated, were confirmed and approved as a correct record.

### 3. ANNUAL REPORT 2008 AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2007

The President formally presented the Annual Report 2008 and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2007.



The President then invited questions and comments under this agenda item.

Mr Roger Green MRCVS raised a question regarding the possibility of a new Veterinary Surgeons Act.

He asked why, in the light of Lord Rooker's recent comments, was the College pursuing the course of seeking a new Act? What had been the expenditure of human and financial resources on this exercise? Did the College think that trying to correct the disciplinary process was feasible with a Private Member's Bill? What would this cost and what would be the effect on the retention fee?

The President explained that Council has agreed that a new group should be set up to take matters forward. Given the recommendations of the Select Committee the RCVS would, at least, explore the possibility of a Private Member's Bill, even though this would potentially involve considerable expense and have a limited and uncertain outcome. The President expressed the view that the current Act would let the profession down sooner or later, and that securing the legal underpinnings of the regulatory framework would be a constructive matter for the College to address. Information on the expenditure of resources on this exercise and the effect on the retention fee was not available, however, these items would be addressed by the new group and Council would take account of Mr Green's views.

Mr Norman Leslie MRCVS made a comment, agreeing with a statement in the *Veterinary Record* of 21 June 2008, that the profession was divided and weakened through the lack of a clear focus of leadership.

He commented that both the RCVS and particularly the BVA had grown up in a piecemeal fashion and were trapped by 19th and 20th century historical anachronisms. He called for the appointment of a special

commissioner to examine the relative roles of the College and the BVA in order to establish what functions should remain exclusive to the College and what functions might be shared with, or transferred to, the BVA.

The President replied that the Committees and Council would take account of Mr Leslie's views and explained that there was no provision in the RCVS constitution for members at an AGM to bind the College into taking action.

As there were no further questions or comments, the President moved the adoption of the Annual Report and the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ending 31 December 2007. This was agreed.

#### 4. COUNCIL ELECTIONS: NEW MEMBERS AND RETIREMENTS

The Registrar read the report of the Electoral Reform Services relating to the election of Councillors, as follows:

| Order | Nominee                      | Votes |
|-------|------------------------------|-------|
| 1     | Richard Stanley Stephenson   | 2,728 |
| 2     | James Barry Johnson          | 2,057 |
| 3     | Christopher James Chesney    | 1,739 |
| 4     | Charles Edward Gruchy        | 1,622 |
| 5     | Robert Nigel Ward Ellis      | 1,532 |
| 6     | Catherine Anne Goldie        | 1,378 |
| 7     | David Michael McDowell       | 1,372 |
| 8     | Neil Christopher Smith       | 1,353 |
| 9     | Alison Margaret Bean Lambert | 1,346 |
| 10    | Thomas Lonsdale              | 358   |

The Registrar declared the first six of those named were elected Members of Council for a period of four years.

The President reported that Professor Michael Herrtage and Professor Duncan Maskell had been re-appointed for a further four-

year period by the University of Cambridge, and that Professor Sandy Trees had been re-appointed for a further four-year period by the University of Liverpool.

He reported that Defra had contacted the Privy Council to recommend the appointment of the new Chief Veterinary Officer, Mr Nigel Gibbens, to RCVS Council, which he hoped would be confirmed shortly. He also reported that Professor Malcolm Bennett had been appointed as the new Dean of Liverpool and hoped that he would be joining Council, but at the time of speaking he was awaiting confirmation of this.

The President formally welcomed Dr Robert Ellis, Mrs Catherine Goldie, Mr Charles Gruchy and Mr Richard Stephenson as newly-elected Members of Council.

The President also reported that Lay Observer Mrs Diane Mark, who had sat with the Preliminary Investigation Committee for the past six years, would be retiring. Her replacement would be Ms Catherine Harvey.

The President bid farewell to the five retiring Members of Council – Dr Wendy Harrison, Mr David McDowell, Dr Debby Reynolds, Lt Col Neil Smith and Mr Stephen Ware – and thanked them for their hard work and commitment on behalf of the College.

The President paid particular tribute to long-standing Council member and Past-President Stephen Ware.

The President reported that a possible sixth member of Council to retire would be Dr Agnes Winter, who was likely to stand down to make way for the new Dean of Liverpool, but at the time he was awaiting confirmation of this.

## VN Council

The Registrar read the report of the Electoral Reform Services relating to the election of VN Councillors.

Mrs Dot Creighton was elected for a further four-year tem, having been first elected in 2004.

The President formally welcomed Mrs Katherine Kissick as a newly-elected Member of VN Council.

The President reported that Mrs Helen Torrington had been appointed to the Veterinary Nurses Council and that Mrs Penelope Swindlehurst would be taking up an appointment as a lay member.

The President bid farewell to retiring Members of VN Council, Miss Diane Guinan, Mrs Donna Hunter and Lt Col Neil Smith, and thanked them for their hard work and commitment on behalf of the College.

## 5. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

### Honorary Associateship

Ms Patsy Bloom and Mr David Simpson  
Mr Geoffrey Davies

### Honorary Fellowship by Election

Mr David Gareth Clayton Jones BVetMed DVR DSAO MRCVS  
Professor Paul Andrew Flecknell MA VetMB PhD DipECVA DLAS DipECLAM MRCVS  
Dr Christine Gibbs BVSc PhD DVR MRCVS

### Dame Olga Uvarov Award for Research (awarded by the RCVS Trust)

Dr Harriet Merlin Syme BVetMed BSc DipACVIM DipECVIM-ca PhD MRCVS (not present)

## 6. PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

### Diploma in Small Animal Medicine

Daniel James Batchelor BVSc CertSAM MRCVS  
Rebecca Mary Littler MA VetMB CertSAM PhD MRCVS (not present)  
Theresa Marie McCann BVSc CertSAM MRCVS

### Diploma in Small Animal Surgery (Orthopaedics)

Gareth Ian Arthurs MA VetMB CertVR CertSAS MRCVS  
William Timothy McCartney MVB CertSAO DipECVS PhD MRCVS

### Diploma in Veterinary Anaesthesia

Katharine Elizabeth Borer BVSc CertVA MRCVS

### Diploma in Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging

Rebecca Mary Jones BVSc CertVR MRCVS

### Diploma in Zoological Medicine (Mammalian)

Mary Jane Varga BVetMed CertZooMed MRCVS  
Michelle Louise Ward BSc BVSc CertZooMed MRCVS (not present)

## 7. PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS IN ADVANCED VETERINARY NURSING

### Diploma in Advanced Veterinary Nursing (Medical)

|                          |     |               |
|--------------------------|-----|---------------|
| Natalie Anne Brudenell   | RVN |               |
| Kara Marie Chapman       | RVN | (not present) |
| Gemma Irene Cunliffe     | RVN | (not present) |
| Marianne Christine Dore  | VN  | (not present) |
| Kerrie-Ann Gallagher     | RVN |               |
| Joanne Louise Mercado    | VN  | (not present) |
| Rachel Elizabeth Pickles | VN  |               |
| Sarah Kate Price         | VN  |               |
| Lynsey Anne Tindall      | VN  | (not present) |
| Gemma Enid Wood          | RVN | (not present) |

**Diploma in Advanced Veterinary Nursing (Surgical)**

|                                         |     |               |
|-----------------------------------------|-----|---------------|
| Charlotte Victoria Bayes                | VN  |               |
| Emma Louise Booth                       | VN  |               |
| Claire Brockway                         | VN  |               |
| Elaine Ann Chivers                      | RVN |               |
| Nadine Emily Jackson                    | RVN |               |
| Tracy Anne Lutwyche                     | RVN | (not present) |
| Samantha Francis Morgan DipAVN(Medical) | RVN |               |
| Emily Jane Needham                      | RVN | (not present) |
| Kelly Louise Stone                      | RVN | (not present) |
| Jennifer Thompson                       | RVN | (not present) |

**8. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

The President paid tribute to the hard work of the staff and reported that much of College business this year had been aimed at making the organisation and its activities more accessible to veterinary surgeons, veterinary nurses and members of the public. He also reported on some of the main events of the past twelve months and commented on progress that had been made.

**9. ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT, SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT AND JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT**

The Registrar reported that at its Meeting in March 2008 Council had approved the following Office Holders for 2008-9:

President: Mrs P J Nute

Senior Vice-President: Dr R P Moore

Junior Vice-President: Professor A J Trees

Treasurer: Dr J V Davies

**10. INTRODUCTION OF NEW PRESIDENT**

Mrs P J Nute, Dr R P Moore and Professor A J Trees each formally assumed office.

The new President made a few brief remarks in acceptance of the office, thanked the new Senior Vice-President, Bob Moore, and welcomed the new Junior Vice-President, Sandy Trees, to the Officer team.

**11. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Registrar declared the Meeting closed.

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Friday, 3 July 2009.



## Getting there



### Venue for RCVS Day

One Great George Street, Westminster, London SW1P 3AA

T: 020 7665 2323 W: [www.onegreatgeorgestreet.com](http://www.onegreatgeorgestreet.com)

### Ticket applications

All RCVS Members and Listed/Registered Veterinary Nurses are welcome to attend RCVS Day.

To apply for tickets (which are free, and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis), please contact:

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