

RCVS DAY 2010

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS AGM AND AWARDS CEREMONY

2 JULY 2010

Awards and
achievements:
celebrate
with us



Welcome to RCVS Day 2010

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, 2 July 2010 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, 2 July 2010. 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, 3 July 2009. Details of how to apply for tickets, which are free, can be found on the reverse.

Chairing the meeting will be my last official duty as President of the RCVS before Peter Jinman takes up his office as President for 2010-2011. Both Peter and I will say a few words about the activities of the College in the past year and the year ahead.

I am delighted that Professor Elizabeth Simpson and Dr Peter Roeder will be joining me to receive their Honorary Fellowship awards, and Dr Tony Lawrence and Professor Martin Shirley will be accepting their Honorary Associateships.

I also have great pleasure in welcoming Professor Roger Short FRS FRCVS as our guest speaker, who will be giving a talk entitled "The way ahead for the veterinary profession in a warming world". The highlights of Roger's career can be read opposite.

I do hope you will be able to join me on 2 July, and I look forward to seeing you then.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "A. J. TREES".

Professor A J Trees BVM&S PhD DipEVPC MRCVS
President



Agenda 2010

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 2009
4. Questions
5. Council Elections: New Members and Retirements

—Coffee break—

11.00am

6. Presentation of Awards:
 - Honorary Associateship
 - Honorary Fellowship by Election
7. Presentation of Fellowships
8. Presentation of Emeritus Specialist status
9. Presentation of Diplomas
10. Presentation of Certificates in Advanced Veterinary Practice
11. Presentation of Diplomas in Advanced Veterinary Nursing
12. Presentation of books to the RCVS Trust Library from British Small Animal Veterinary Association
13. President's Address
14. Elections for President, Senior Vice-President and Junior Vice-President
15. Introduction of new President
16. Close of Meeting
17. Date of Next Meeting: Friday, 1 July 2011

Followed by: Talk from Professor Roger Short FRS FRCVS

12.40 pm

Drinks and fork luncheon

Miss J C Hern, Registrar

Guest speaker: no warm-up act

Professor Roger Short FRS FAA FRS(Ed) FRCVS FRCOG FRCP(Ed) FRANZCOG FAAS BVSc MS PhD ScD: "The way ahead for the veterinary profession in a warming world".



Graduating from the University of Bristol Veterinary Science in 1954, Roger Short went on to gain an MSc in Genetics from the University of Wisconsin and a PhD from the University of Cambridge, Department of Veterinary Clinical Studies. During his career, he has held diverse positions, such as Reader in Animal Health in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Studies, Cambridge, Fellow and College Lecturer in Magdalene College, Cambridge, Founder of the Medical Research Council Unit of Reproductive Biology and Honorary Professor at the University of Edinburgh.

Throughout his career, Roger has had all manner of academic honours and awards bestowed upon him, and has been a member of many prestigious advisory groups, boards and scientific committees across a wide spectrum of biological science. For example, the Medical Research Council Cell Board, the World Health Organisation Human Reproduction Programme, the Wellcome Trust Veterinary Panel and the WHO Global Programme on AIDS, to name but a few. In 1982, Roger moved to Australia to take up a Personal Chair of Reproductive Biology at Monash University in Melbourne.

On retiring in 1995, Roger moved to the University of Melbourne as Wexler Professorial Fellow in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and worked there until 2005. He is currently an Honorary Professorial Fellow in the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences at the University of Melbourne, where he continues to teach, conduct research, and supervise graduate students.

During his career, he has published more than 350 scientific papers and book chapters, with no fewer than 20 papers in *Nature*. He co-authored the classic, best-selling, multi-volume teaching textbook, *Reproduction in Mammals*.

Minutes: AGM, 3 July 2009

The One Hundred and Sixty-Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons held on Friday, 3 July 2009, at One Great George Street, Westminster, London SW1P 3AA.

The President, Mrs P J Nute, 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 1 May 2009. 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 2009.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 4 July 2008, which had already been circulated, were confirmed and approved as a correct record.



3. ANNUAL REPORT 2009 AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2008

The President formally presented the Annual Report 2009 and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2008.

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

Mr Norman Leslie MRCVS had submitted three written questions for the President, and she responded as follows:

Q. Has the College consulted the Electoral Reform Society in order to seek means of giving Council a meaningful and true mandate?

A. The College uses Electoral Reform Services in the conduct of Council elections and we have discussed with them ways of better engaging members in the election process – indeed a guest column from their consultancy arm featured in our March issue of *RCVS News*. We also this year increased the amount of publicity both pre- and during the elections, made the manifesto booklets more appealing and launched online fora to enable voters to question the candidates on issues that matter to them. We promote both standing for Council and voting in elections at all of our meetings, on the website and in our publications. The turn-out crept up slightly this year in both sets of Council elections, although there is always much more that can be done, particularly to encourage younger voters.

The Electoral Reform Society is a lobbying organisation pushing for a single transferable vote system for the election of MPs. On the basis that our candidates do not represent parties, nor are they representative of a particular constituency, the 'first past the post' system seems to be the most appropriate.

Q. Would the College consider that a separation of the disciplinary functions from those of education and registration should be given serious attention, and may represent a way forward?

A. The report of the Veterinary Legislation Group, which Council considered on 4 June 2009, recommends focusing on limited changes to the Veterinary Surgeons Act. One of the recommendations is that the Disciplinary Committee should cease to include Council members. We shall be consulting on the recommendations very shortly.

Q. When the Legislation Group's consultation is published, may we be encouraged to think creatively, rather than simply answering a set of pre-determined questions?

A. The consultation will list the Group's recommendations and invite comments. Respondents are welcome to be as creative as they wish!

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	Patricia Jill Nute	2,467
2	Peter Charles Jinman	2,346
3	Christopher John Gray	2,230
4	Jeremy Vincent Davies	2,229
5	Bradley Viner	2,123
6	Christopher Wynne Tufnell	2,088
7	Nigel Swayne	1,673
8	David Michael McDowell	1,394
9	Thomas Lonsdale	389

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 Stephen May had been re-appointed for a further year by the Royal Veterinary College, Professor Stuart Reid had been re-appointed for a further four-year term by the University of Glasgow and Mrs Caroline Freedman had been re-appointed for a further four-year term by the University of Edinburgh.

She reported that Dr Frank Taylor would continue to represent the University of Bristol on RCVS Council until his successor as Head of Bristol Veterinary School was appointed.

The President also reported that Mr Brian Jennings' term of office as Privy Council appointee had now ended and his replacement was awaited, and that Dr Jerry Davies had been re-appointed as Treasurer for one further year.

The President formally welcomed Mr Christopher Gray and Mr Christopher Tufnell as newly-elected Members of Council.

The President bid farewell to the three retiring Members of Council – Mr David Harding, Dr Nigel Swayne and Mr Brian Jennings – and thanked them for their hard work and commitment on behalf of the College.

VN Council

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

Mrs Louise Glysen was newly elected, and Mrs Andrea Jeffrey elected for a further four-year term. Andrea will begin her eighth year on Veterinary Nurses Council, having been the Council's Chairman for the past four years. Andrea is now stepping down as Chairman, and the Registrar announced Miss Liz Branscombe as the new Chairman of the Veterinary Nurses Council. Liz has served as the Vice-Chairman for the past 12 months.

The Registrar announced that the Rev Anthony Birbeck and Mr Richard Hooker had been re-appointed to the Veterinary Nurses Council.

The Registrar reported that Mr Stuart Craig was no longer Chairman of the LANTRA Industry Group and had therefore stepped down as the Industry Group representative on Council. Mr Chris House has taken his place and will be an *ex officio* member of the VN Council.

The President formally welcomed Mrs Louise Glysen as a newly-elected member of VN Council.

The President bid farewell to retiring member of VN Council, Miss Sophie Pullen, and thanked her for her hard work and commitment on behalf of the College.

5. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Honorary Associateship

Mr Martin Alder

Miss Carole Martin RVN

Honorary Fellowship by Election

Dr Colin Frederick Burrows BVetMed PhD DipACVIM MRCVS

Mrs Christine May Magrath BVMS MRCVS

Fellowship

Professor Ilias Kyriazakis MSc PhD MRCVS (not present)

The Reverend Professor Paul Frederick Watson BVetMed BSc PhD DSc MRCVS

Mr David Robert Godfrey BVetMed CertSAD CertSAM DipABVP MRCVS

Dr John Walker Finnie BVSc PhD MRCVS (not present)

6. PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Diploma in Cattle Health and Production

James Eric Breen BVSc PhD MRCVS

Diploma in Equine Soft Tissue Surgery

Safia Zarin Barakzai BVSc DipECVS MSc MRCVS

Diploma in Small Animal Medicine (Feline)

Charlotte Dye BVM&S MRCVS (not present)

Eleanor Jane Mardell MA VetMB MRCVS (not present)

Nicola Reed BVM&S CertVR MRCVS

Diploma in Veterinary Cardiology

Geoffrey Jonathan Culshaw BVMS MRCVS

Rachel Anne James MA VetMB CertSAM MRCVS

Diploma in Small Animal Surgery (Soft Tissue)

Ivan Carl Patrick Doran BVSc MRCVS (not present)

Diploma in Zoological Medicine (Mammalian)

Lesa Angela Longley BVM&S MRCVS

7. PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS IN ADVANCED VETERINARY NURSING

Diploma in Advanced Veterinary Nursing (Medical)

Nichole Anita Teresa Hill RVN (not present)

Michelle Rowena Simone Donovan RVN

Susan Mary Hammer RVN

Emma Jeanne Johnson RVN

Diploma in Advanced Veterinary Nursing (Surgical)

Sarah Jane Armstrong RVN (not present)

Kerry Louise Brennand RVN

Katie May Leworthy RVN

8. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The President reviewed some of the key events and achievements of her presidential year and commented on the progress that had been made. She acknowledged the support of the Officer team, staff at the College and Trust, and Officers in other veterinary bodies, thanking them for their help in achieving her objectives of the past year.

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

The Registrar reported that at its meeting in March 2009, Council had approved the following Office Holders for 2009-10:

President: Professor A J Trees
 Senior Vice-President: Mrs P J Nute
 Junior Vice-President: Mr P C Jinman
 Treasurer: Dr J V Davies

The President said a few words about the departing Senior Vice-President Dr Bob Moore, thanking him for the support he had given her throughout her term as President.

10. INTRODUCTION OF NEW PRESIDENT

Professor A J Trees, Mrs P J Nute and Mr P C Jinman each formally assumed office.

The new President made a few brief remarks in acceptance of the office, thanked the new Senior Vice-President, Jill Nute, and welcomed the new Junior Vice-President, Peter Jinman, to the Officer team.

11. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Registrar declared the Meeting closed.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday, 2 July 2010.



Getting there



Venue for RCVS Day

One Great George Street, Westminster, London SW1P 3AA

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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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