

RCVS DAY 2012

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS AGM AND AWARDS CEREMONY

6 JULY 2012

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Agenda 2012

Coffee will be available from 9.30am to 11.00am

10.00am

Annual General Meeting

1. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
2. Annual Report 2012 and Statement of Accounts for the Year Ending 31 December 2011
3. Questions
4. Council Elections: New Members and Retirements

~~~Coffee break~~~

## 11.00am

5. Presentation of Honorary Associateship
6. Presentation of Honorary Fellowship by Election
7. Presentation of Fellowships
8. Presentation of Diplomas
9. Presentation of Diplomas in Advanced Veterinary Nursing
10. Presentation of VN Golden Jubilee Award
11. Presentation of RCVS Charitable Trust Grant
12. Presentation of books to the RCVS Charitable Trust Library from the British Small Animal Veterinary Association
13. President's Address
14. Meeting of the RCVS Council to elect President, Vice-Presidents and Treasurer
15. Introduction of new President
16. Date of Next AGM: Friday, 5 July 2013

Followed by:

Talk from Mr Graham Crawshaw MRCVS: "Toads and Tamanduas – a Career in Zoo and Wildlife Medicine"

## 12.40pm

Drinks and fork luncheon

Mr G A Hockey, Acting Registrar



# Welcome to RCVS Day 2012

The Annual General Meeting of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons will be held at the Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrews Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4LE, on Friday 6 July 2012 at 10.00am, followed, from 11.00am, by the presentation of RCVS awards.



**Dear Colleague,**

You are invited to join me at Royal College Day, on Friday 6 July 2012, at the Royal College of Physicians, London. As well as your Annual General Meeting, the day is a

chance to recognise and celebrate the achievements of our colleagues across the veterinary profession.

I will be delighted to award Dr Douglas McGregor with an Honorary Associateship, and Mr Thomas Hildebrandt and Professor Lance Lanyon with their Honorary Fellowships from the RCVS. Fellowships and Diplomas will also be presented, as well as veterinary nursing and RCVS Charitable Trust awards.

Chairing the meeting will be my last official duty as President, before I hand over the reins to Mrs Jacqui Molyneux, who will formally take up

her office as President for 2012-2013. I also look forward to welcoming new members to RCVS Council and the Veterinary Nurses Council. The minutes from last year's AGM can be found within this booklet.

On page 4, you will find the full agenda for the day, and details of our guest speaker, Mr Graham Crawshaw MRCVS, Senior Veterinarian at Toronto Zoo, who will be talking about his career in zoo and wildlife medicine.

Details of how to apply for tickets can be found on the reverse of this booklet, and all are welcome. I do hope you can join me.

Yours faithfully,

**Dr Jerry Davies**  
President





## Mr Graham Crawshaw BVetMed MS DiplACZM MRCVS

“Toads and Tamanduas – a Career in Zoo and Wildlife Medicine”

### **Graham Crawshaw is the Senior Veterinarian at Toronto Zoo, Canada.**

Qualifying from the Royal Veterinary College in 1974, and after a short period in general practice and with the Ministry of Agriculture, Graham enrolled in a Master's degree in zoological medicine and pathology at the University of California, Davis. Since then, he has worked full-time at a number of zoos, including Brookfield Zoo in Chicago, Winnipeg Zoo and, since 1983, Toronto Zoo, which is one of the largest zoos in North America.

For 20 years, Graham was the zoo's Staff Veterinarian and, since 2003, has been a Senior Veterinarian. He is responsible for management of the animal health programme of a large animal collection, supervision of reproductive research, nutrition and conservation breeding programmes, and provision of instruction to veterinary and postgraduate fellowship students.

Graham is also veterinary surgeon for the wildlife animal care committee of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, evaluating wildlife research and animal handling protocols, and is an instructor and co-author of a chemical immobilisation course for Canadian wildlife professionals. He is also an adjunct professor in the Department of Pathobiology at the University of Guelph, Canada.

Graham has been actively involved in a variety of conservation and research projects for Toronto Zoo and Canadian wildlife agencies, and will be drawing on his extensive experience in his talk about zoo and wildlife medicine.



## Minutes: AGM, 1 July 2011

**The One Hundred and Sixty-Eighth Annual General Meeting of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, held on Friday 1 July 2011, at One Great George Street, Westminster, London SW1P 3AA.**

The President, Mr P C Jinman, 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 28 April 2011. It had also been published in the *Veterinary Record* and the *Veterinary Times* and the agenda was sent to every member during the third week of June 2011.

### 2. Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held on 2 July 2010,



Jonathan Reader accepts his Diploma in Cattle Health and Production from Peter Jinman

which had already been circulated, were confirmed and approved as a correct record.

### 3. Annual Report 2011 and Statement of Accounts for the Year Ending 31 December 2010

The President formally presented the Annual Report 2011 and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2010.

### 4. Questions

The President then invited questions and comments.

A nine-page document of written questions had been received from Mr Norman Leslie MRCVS.

The document was marked 'private and confidential', however, it raised some very useful points and questions, as follows.

#### Slaughter

The first issue Mr Leslie raised was in relation to the welfare of animals at slaughter, and he asked whether the College would join with the British Veterinary Association (BVA) in actively lobbying to amend the law so that meat from animals not stunned prior to slaughter is labelled thus, to allow consumers choice.

The President noted that, although concerned by the issue, the RCVS was not generally a lobbying organisation – that was more properly the role of the BVA. He said that the issue of slaughter was discussed at length at the May meeting of the Public Affairs Committee, where the RCVS was grateful to Robert Huey for making a presentation outlining the facts. He also acknowledged that the BVA had already carried out a considerable amount of work in this area, and was grateful for the invitation he had received to the recent Animal Welfare Foundation seminar which specifically considered the topic. On listening to the presentation and attending the seminar, the President said that the one thing that had become clear was that this subject

was not an easy one. Recent research suggested that the labelling of meat in the way Mr Leslie outlined may in fact increase its consumption. The College, outlined the President, would continue to make itself aware of the facts and support the BVA where appropriate.

### **Database**

The second question Mr Leslie raised related to the recent, widely reported, expenditure on the new database and development works in the Lower Ground Floor at Belgravia House.

The President explained that the fact that the work had been required was not in question, but that expenditure over the extended timescale of both projects had risen above initial budgets was both to be regretted and subject to analysis as to cause.

He said that there were lessons to be learned and that Officers had asked Professor Bill McKelvey – a new member of the Governance Review Group – and two Privy Council-appointed Council members to look at all aspects that relate to the budgeting and expenditure process. This procedure had been cleared and approved by Sir David Barnes, who chairs the Governance Review Group, and all reports from the group would be scrutinised by his group, Officers, the Planning and Resources Committee and Council.

### **Elections**

The third item that Mr Leslie wished to bring to the notice of the AGM was one of the elections. He flagged up that the turnout figure at the recent Council election had decreased on the previous year (dropping from 18.8% to 15.9%). He suspected this related to a 'crisis of confidence' in the Royal College. The President said that Mr Leslie may be right, and the College had no clear way of knowing, although when he had asked people the question as he travelled around the country during the year, the answer had generally been "we're quite happy to let you get on with it – and we will let you know if something goes wrong".

Although it was disappointing that the turnout figure had dropped, all six of the Council members who were up for re-election were indeed re-elected, which did seem to reflect some confidence in their achievements. The President said that one could counter that by saying it's time for new blood, but that the Veterinary Surgeons Act did not stipulate a maximum time limit for serving on Council.

The President said the College should not be complacent and that it must continue to do all that it could to engage with members – and veterinary nurses – to increase the numbers of nominations for Council election, and voter turnout.

### **Structure and role**

The next item Mr Leslie raised made suggestions for a sharing of the workload of the Officer team, something which a small group of past Presidents of the College had lately been considering and to which incoming President Jerry Davies referred to later on. Other issues of College, Council and Committee structure – some of which Mr Leslie mentioned in his lengthy document – were being considered by the same group, to ensure that the College was working as effectively and efficiently as possible, especially in the digital age.

### **Logo**

Finally, Mr Leslie turned to the new College logo. The President explained that not everyone was going to like the new logo, and not everyone had liked the old logo when it first appeared. Mr Leslie conceded that the old logo "smacked of Victorian hyperbole" but wondered perhaps whether it was for the new, simpler logo that "generations of students have studied diligently in order to qualify, graduate and take a promissory oath before admission to the register?".

The President pointed out that the reasons for the rebranding had been well explained in RCVS publications. The new strapline – setting veterinary standards – clarified the College's primary role as regulator, about which the public was confused. The new look was designed to



Christopher Chesney accepts his Fellowship from Peter Jinman

help the College be seen as the modern and accessible organisation it strove to be.

The President said that he had spoken to Mr Leslie to reassure him that there was never an intention to lose our long fought-for coat of arms: it would continue to be used for important and ceremonial purposes, including certificates presented that day.

The President then invited questions from the floor.

Mr Bob Partridge MRCVS, RCVS Council Member, asked if the College agreed that the RCVS accounts should be made as open and transparent as those of a limited company.

The President replied that the RCVS strove to be as open as it was allowed to be and that he had no doubt that this was the sort of question that needed to be reviewed in Council.

Mr Partridge went on to ask, if the College was going to be as open and transparent as a limited company, at what stage would it publish the salary bands of the staff, and at what stage would it look at the banding of the highest paid executives, and under which salary band would those fall?

The President replied that the question would be taken away and looked at properly, to see if this was something for full and open disclosure. The RCVS would look at contracts of staff to see whether or not an open statement could be made available. He added that Council appoints the Registrar and Deputy Registrar, and other members of staff were appointed by the Registrar.

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 2010. This was agreed.

## 5. 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     | Sheila Crispin    | 2,281 |
| 2     | Sandy Trees       | 2,247 |
| 3     | Bob Moore         | 1,890 |
| 4     | Mark Elliott      | 1,821 |
| 5     | Lynne Hill        | 1,711 |
| 6     | Beverley Cottrell | 1,604 |
| 7     | Jonathan Bray     | 1,494 |
| 8     | David Mason       | 1,358 |
| 9     | Adi Nell          | 1,163 |
| 10    | Tom Lonsdale      | 363   |

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

The President formally welcomed Professor Sandy Trees as newly-elected Member of Council.

The President announced that Professor Jo Price, from the University of Bristol, had been re-appointed for a further four-year term of office, and Professor Elaine Watson, from the University of Edinburgh, had been re-appointed for a further four-year term of office.

At the University of Glasgow, Professor Ewan Cameron had been appointed Dean of the School of Veterinary Science and, earlier in the year, had replaced Professor Stuart Reid, who now represented the Royal Veterinary College, as its Principal. Also from the University of Glasgow, Professor Noreen Burrows replaced Mrs Alison Bruce, whose term of office had ended.

Dr Tim Nuttall and Professor Susan Dawson were appointed by the University of Liverpool. Dr Nuttall replaced Professor Sandy Trees, who stepped down as the University appointee, but remained on Council as an elected member. Professor Susan Dawson had been appointed as the new Head of the School of Veterinary Science, replacing Malcolm Bennett, who stepped down earlier in the year.

Following a very positive evaluation by the visitation team, at the June meeting, Council had recommended the approval of The University of Nottingham's veterinary degree to the Privy Council.

The President reported that the Recognition Order was being made, having received Defra ministerial approval, and awaited formal approval from the Privy Council within a month. In reasonable expectation, the President announced that Professor Gary England, Foundation Dean of the School, and Dr Karen Braithwaite, Director of Academic Support and Administration, had been appointed to take up the two new roles on Council, once all parliamentary scrutiny was complete.

The President bid farewell to the two retiring Members of Council – Mr Roger Eddy and Mrs Alison Bruce – and thanked them for their hard work and commitment on behalf of the College.

## **VN Council**

The Registrar reported that Elizabeth Cox had been elected and started a four-year term on VN Council, and Chairman Liz Branscombe had been re-elected for a further four-year term. Tanya Caley had been elected for a one-year term, replacing Dot Creighton, who retired early from the Veterinary Nurses Council.

The Registrar also announced that two new veterinary surgeons, Victoria Aspinall and Elizabeth Armitage-Chan, had been appointed to join the Veterinary Nurses Council. RCVS Council member Neil Smith joined the Veterinary Nurses Council, and took up the role of Vice-Chairman vacated by Jacqui Molyneux, who had stepped down. Liz Branscombe remained as Chairman and Kathy Kissick continued as additional Vice-Chairman.

The new members were welcomed to VN Council by Chairman, Liz Branscombe.

The President thanked retiring members of VN Council, veterinary nurses Dot Creighton and Jenny Thompson, and veterinary surgeons Helen Torrington and Alan Hughes, for their hard work and commitment over the years.

## **6. Presentation of Awards Honorary Associateship**

Professor Soraya Shirazi-Beechey BSc PhD

## **Honorary Fellowship by Election**

Dr James Kirkwood BVSc PhD CBiol FIBiol MRCVS (not present)  
Mr Desmond Thompson MVB BA MSc(VetGP) MRCVS

## **7. Fellowships**

Mr James Laurence Carmalt MA VetMB MVetSc (Sask) DipABVP  
DipACVS MRCVS (not present)  
Dr Christopher James Chesney DVetMed DVD DipECVD MRCVS  
Mr Graham Roy Duncanson BVSc MSc(VetGP) DProf MRCVS  
(not present)



Dr Thomas William Cumber Holland MA VetMB PhD FRCPath  
DipToxRCPath MSc MIBiol CertLAS DipABT MRCVS

## **8. Presentation of Diplomas**

### **Diploma in Animal Welfare Science Ethics and Law**

Miss Anne-Marie Jane Tarala BVMS CertWEL MRCVS (not present)  
Mr James William Yeates BVSc CertWEL MRCVS

### **Diploma in Cattle Health and Production**

Mr Jonathan David Reader BVSc CertCHP MRCVS

### **Diploma in Small Animal Medicine**

Mr Adam George Gow BVM&S CertSAM MRCVS

### **Diploma in Small Animal Surgery (Orthopaedics)**

Mr Robert Andrew Pettitt BVSc CertSAS MRCVS  
Mr Simon Peter Roch BVM&S CertSAS MRCVS (not present)

### **Diploma in Zoological Medicine (Mammalian)**

Mr Richard Anthony Saunders BVSc BSc CertZooMed MRCVS

## **9. Presentation of Diplomas in Advanced Veterinary Nursing (Small Animal)**

Miss Louise Sarah Bradley RVN (not present)  
Mrs Helen Brewster RVN  
Miss Louise Chappell RVN (not present)  
Mrs Lindsay Clapham RVN  
Miss Emma Louise Clifforde RVN (not present)  
Miss Rebecca Anne Coe VN  
Mrs Helen Edwards RVN (not present)  
Mrs Emma-Louise Fordham RVN  
Miss Tracey Christine Holden RVN  
Miss Caroline Mary Jones RVN  
Miss Jenny Louise Jones RVN (not present)  
Miss Leanne Elizabeth Jones RVN (not present)  
Miss Anna Louise Jovanovic RVN  
Mrs Melanie Ann Mace RVN

Miss Karen Marie Morgan RVN (not present)  
Mrs Helen Jane North RVN (not present)  
Miss Clare O'Donnell RVN (not present)  
Mrs Anya Dee Owen RVN (not present)  
Mrs Victoria Ann Pheysey RVN  
Mrs Elisa Nicole Robinson RVN  
Miss Kirsten Fiona Smith RVN (not present)  
Miss Rebecca Clare Smith RVN (not present)  
Mrs Caroline Marie Sterry-Jones RVN  
Mrs Claire Louise Thomas RVN  
Mrs Nina Rachael Tudor RVN  
Miss Kimberley Heather Alison Wilks RVN (not present)  
Mrs Leanne Jane Wyatt RVN (not present)  
Miss Laura Yates RVN

## **10. Presentation of Veterinary Nursing Awards**

To mark the 50th anniversary of the veterinary nursing qualification, VN Council launched a new Golden Jubilee award to recognise either an exceptional contribution to the veterinary nursing profession or a positive contribution to animal welfare.

The Veterinary Nursing Golden Jubilee Award was presented to Mrs Jean Turner, by the President and Liz Branscombe, Chairman of VN Council.

The Registrar also announced that, during the Golden Jubilee year, special recognition should be made of Jill Dent, who had made a lifetime contribution to the veterinary nursing profession. The President and Liz Branscombe presented a certificate to Jill Dent.

## **11. Presentation of RCVS Charitable Trust Lifetime Contribution Award**

The Registrar announced a new award to be made by the RCVS Charitable Trust, to recognise individuals who have given outstanding service and effort to the Trust over a long period.

Two awards were presented, by the President and RCVS Charitable Trust Chairman Mrs Jill Nute, to Mr Norman Comben and Mr Bruce Vivash Jones.

## **12. Presentation of books to the RCVS Charitable Trust Library from the British Small Animal Veterinary Association**

Each year, the BSAVA kindly gives the RCVS Charitable Trust Library a copy of all of the books that the association has published in the previous year, plus a selection of books given in memory of Noel Ormrod, who died tragically during his term as Senior Vice-President of BSAVA in 1967.

On behalf of the RCVS Trust Library, Librarian Clare Boulton received the books from Andrew Ash, BSAVA President.

## **13. President's Address**

The President gave a précis of his past year, thanking Council members, RCVS staff and the Chief Veterinary Officer and team at Defra for their support. He talked about the pleasure of welcoming new graduates to the profession, the review of the disciplinary process and extending the period of time as President, as well as mentioning debates on TB, tail docking and animal welfare.

The President explained how the majority of his time had been spent considering future legislation and the role of Council. He also spoke about what was meant by being 'professional' and part of a 'profession', as well as congratulating The University of Nottingham's veterinary school on being the first for 50 years.

## **14. Elections for President, Senior Vice-President and Junior Vice-President and Treasurer**

The Registrar reported that at its meeting in March 2011, Council had approved the following Office holders for 2010-11: President: Dr J V Davies

Senior Vice-President: Mr P C Jinman  
Junior Vice-President: Mrs J R Molyneux  
Treasurer: Dr B P Viner

The President said a few words about the departing Senior Vice-President Sandy Trees, thanking him for the support he had given him throughout his term as President.

The departing Senior Vice-President then spoke about his time on the Officer team. He also announced that in recognition of the fact that Rinderpest had been officially declared eradicated from the globe, a significant bequest would be made to the RCVS Charitable Trust by Walter Plowright and his widow. Walter Plowright, who died in 2010, was a British veterinarian who developed a vaccine to eradicate this disease.

## **15. Introduction of New President**

Dr J V Davies, Mr P C Jinman and Mrs J R Molyneux each formally assumed office.

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

The new President also reported that the titles 'Junior' and 'Senior' would be dropped from 'Vice-President'. The objective of the change is to strengthen the concept that the presidential team works together as a unit for the purposes of sharing responsibilities.

## **16. Close of Meeting**

The Registrar declared the Meeting closed.

## **17. Date of Next Meeting**

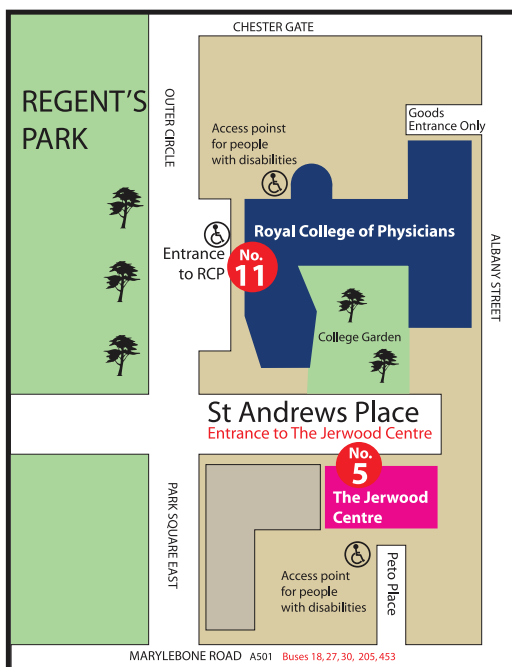
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# Venue for RCVS Day

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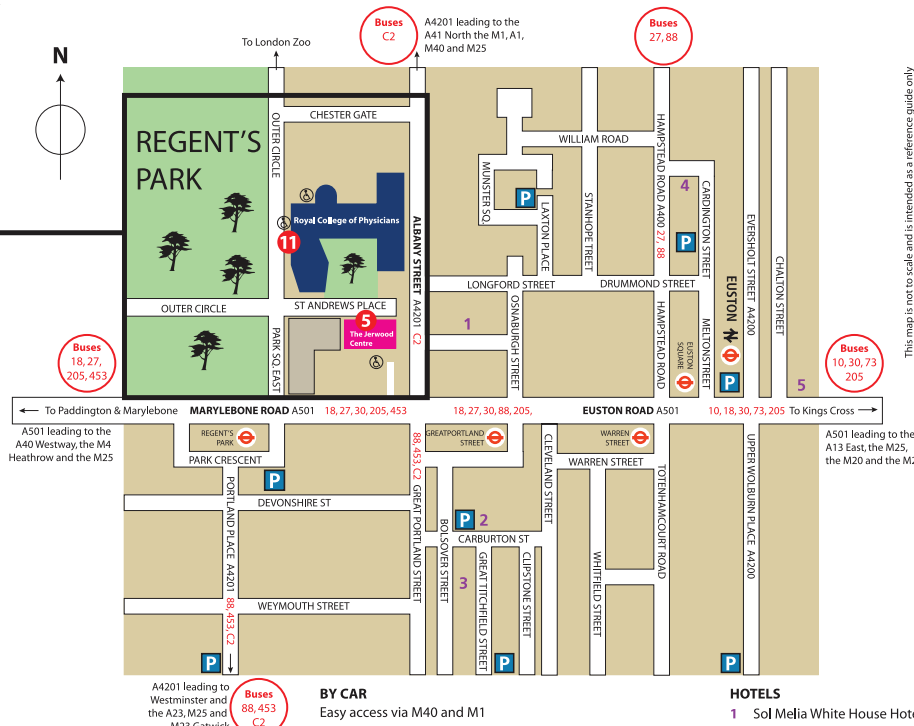
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King's Cross Station (5 minutes by taxi)  
St Pancras Station (5 minutes by taxi)  
Marylebone Station (5 minutes by taxi)

### BY UNDERGROUND

Regent's Park Station on the Bakerloo line (5 minutes walk)  
Great Portland Street Station on the Circle, Metropolitan and City lines (5 minutes walk)  
Warren Street Station on the Victoria and Northern lines (10 minutes walk)

### BY BUS

From Paddington & Marylebone  
18, 27, 205, 453  
From Euston & Kings Cross  
18, 27, 30, 88, 205



Access points for people with disabilities

### BY CAR

Easy access via M40 and M1

Car Parking: The College offers free parking to guests with disabilities by prior arrangement and is situated outside the congestion charge zone. The nearest public car park is a few minutes walk away (refer to the map)

### HOTELS

- 1 Sol Melia White House Hotel
- 2 Holiday Inn Regent's Park
- 3 Grange Fitzrovia Hotel
- 4 Thistle Euston Hotel
- 5 Novotel Euston

This map is not to scale and is intended as a reference guide only



### **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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