

THE WAB IS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE

# Ruminant Well-being Award

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The *Ruminant Well-being Award* will be granted at the World Buiatrics Congress (3-8 July 2016, Dublin). The award will be offered to a practicing veterinarian, a researcher or a graduate student in veterinary or (animal) science to recognize his/her achievements in advancing the well-being of ruminants. By doing so, the WAB and Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health hope to raise public awareness of the important role veterinarians play in overseeing and improving ruminant well-being in agriculture.

The award aims at rewarding an individual that made a contribution to the well-being of ruminating production animals by:

- Improving the understanding of pain expression as well as the recognition of pain and other forms of suffering
- Developing scientific methods of measuring well-being
- Developing practical well-being assessment methods
- Developing practical strategies to improve well-being
- Raising awareness of issues of concern and engage different stakeholders in seeking solutions to challenges
- Changing human attitudes and behavior to ensure proper stewardship
- Communicate information about, and propose solutions to animal well-being challenges with courage and integrity

The *Ruminant Well-being Award* will be comprised of a € 15,000 cash award, plus reimbursement of travel expenses of the recipient to the World Buiatrics Conference, where the Award Ceremony will be held.

## SUBMISSION DEADLINE: APRIL 30TH, 2016

Send your complete submission form to [ruminant.well-being.award@buiatrics.org](mailto:ruminant.well-being.award@buiatrics.org)

Full Name and title

Job title (student, PhD, post doctoral researcher, practicing veterinarian,...)

Personal address  
(Street, Zip, City, Country)

Institution or employer name

Institution or employer address  
(Street, Zip, City, Country)

E-mail address

Phone number

Very short summary of the applicants' achievements (1 sentence)

The Ruminant Well-being award is an initiative of the WAB and Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health. Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health facilitates the selection process of the Ruminant Well-being Award and finances the prize exclusively.

## Criteria

- Individuals nominated for The *Ruminant Well-being Award* must be a practicing veterinarian, researcher or a graduate student in veterinary medicine or animal science.
- Nominations may be submitted by:
  - The applicant for the award him/herself
  - A third person (co-worker, supervisor,...) of the applicant
  - Organizations (governmental and non-governmental) or local divisions of WAB
- Nominates
  - Either have made a significant contribution to ruminant well-being science by a publication in an international peer reviewed journal.
  - Either have contributed to a significant improvement in animal well-being. Such improvement may either be in exceptional leadership, public service, practical strategies, education and/or advocacy.
- Nominations may be based on a sustained effort or an extraordinary single achievement.
- Recipients must be available and willing to attend a presentation ceremony and participate in other recognition activities (e.g. webinars, an article, an interview...). In addition, a global press release will be issued.

## Supporting material

Each nomination must include:

- A completed nomination form.
- A curriculum vitae/resume.
- A detailed letter of nomination, which describes how the nominee has met the award criteria.
- Each nomination may also include up to 2 letters of support from colleagues, clients, or organizations.
- Any other necessary documentation (e.g. peer reviewed publications).

## Selection process

An independent jury selects the recipient of The *Ruminant Well-being Award*.  
The Jury comprises of five experts in the field of ruminant well-being:

Xavier Manteca (Head of the Jury)	Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona, Spain
Ed Pajor	University of Calgary, Canada
Cathy Dwyer	SRUC, United Kingdom
Elena Torres	Universidad de la República-Uruguay
David Beggs	University of Melbourne, Australia

## Terms and conditions

The jury, under the supervision of Prof. Manteca takes an independent decision on the winner of the award. WAB and Boehringer Ingelheim do not take part in the voting process, although they will receive all related documentation. WAB reserves the right to revoke the decision of the jury when they have sound reasons to do. The jury takes a decision on the winner at the latest 6 weeks before the start of the World Buiatrics Conference. Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health will notify the winner at the latest 4 weeks before the start of the World Buiatrics Conference. The selection criteria will include: scientific quality, relevance in practice, innovative aspect and impact on ruminant welfare. If the quality of the candidates is not according to expectations, the jury, WAB or Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health may decide not to grant the award in any given year.