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## **Newsletter 1 – 2010**

### **WELCOME LETTER**

#### **Dear Colleagues**

On behalf of the Chilean Buiatrics Society I am pleased and honoured to invite you to attend and participate in the XXVI World Buiatrics Congress whose organisation has been entrusted to us by the World Association for Buiatrics. This event will be held in Santiago from 14 to 18 November 2010.

Buiatrics chiefly focuses on domestic ruminants whose everyday and laboratory-like capability to produce proteins and other biologically high value nutritional products for human consumption continues to amaze us. Our remit also encompasses the wildlife ruminants such as the African caribou that tends to migrate in large herds while looking for better pastures, the intrepid mouflon that has become a common sight throughout the US mountain ranges, the enduring South American cameloids, the mighty European bison, the fast African impalas, the beautiful and intrepid red deer found in Northern Hemisphere countries as well as the shy and modest looking pudu deer. Further to the qualities described above, let us try and imitate them by gathering together with a view to becoming stronger, more enduring and capable of providing quicker answers to the requirements currently stemming from this modern society we happen to be part of.

The Espacio Riesco Convention Centre has been chosen as the suitable venue for our Congress. Here we can congregate around a fairly comprehensive trade exhibit and also become acquainted with the scientific breakthroughs ranging from meat and dairy bovine genetics, reproduction, handling, nutrition and sanitation issues as well as those concerned with buffaloes, sheep, goats and cameloids to name a few. When you join us here in Santiago late next year you can rest assured that we will be enjoying a warm spring. While with us, we will be pleased to treat you to the golden anniversary of the Word Congresses that got underway in 1960 at Hannover as well as sharing with us the Chilean Bicentennial celebrations. If you enjoy good poetry, you may be interested to know that Chile is the birth country of the well-known Gabriela Mistral and Pablo Neruda.

In sending you this note we are fully confident that you will be enjoying a much diversified geographical scenario ranging from green valleys, crystal clear rivers and lakes, breathtaking mountains, volcanoes and glaciers as well as almost unspoilt islands and very dry deserts. Should that be not enough, we are prepared to add a varied fish and shellfish gastronomy, first class wines and the traditional Chilean hospitality. At the risk of striking you as immodest, we believe you will find it difficult to refuse this opportunity to come and make acquaintance with us.

Yours sincerely,

**Dr. Luis Poo**

Chairman of the Organizing Committee

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XI Middle European Buiatrics Congress  
&  
5<sup>th</sup> Symposium of the European College of the Bovine  
Health Management  
2<sup>nd</sup> announcement

INVITATION

17–19 June, 2010

Brno, Czech Republic

The Czech Buiatric Association and the European College of Bovine Health Management along with  
University  
of Veterinary and Pharmaceutical Sciences Brno, State Veterinary Administration of the Czech Republic  
and

Chamber of Veterinary Surgeons of the Czech Republic are inviting you to the  
XI Middle European Buiatrics Congress and 5<sup>th</sup> Symposium of the European College  
of the Bovine Health Management  
that will be held under the auspices of the Rector of the University of Veterinary and Pharmaceutical  
Sciences Brno

Prof. MVDr. Vladimír Vecerek, CSc., MBA  
from 17 to 19 June, 2010  
at the congress centre of the hotel Voronez  
([www.hotel-voronez-brno.eu](http://www.hotel-voronez-brno.eu))  
in Brno

Doc. MVDr. Josef Illek, DrSc., Dipl. ECBHM  
President of Czech Buiatric Association  
Congress organizers:

Czech Buiatric Association, University of Veterinary and Pharmaceutical Sciences Brno, State Veterinary  
Administration of the Czech Republic, Chamber of Veterinary Surgeons of the Czech Republic  
List of Topics

Clinical Diagnosis, Therapy, Prevention; Obstetrics, Gynaecology, Andrology; Breeding and Genetics;  
Mastitis; Surgery and Orthopaedics; Metabolic and Dietetic Disorders; Organ Diseases; Infectious Diseases;  
Nutrition of Ruminants; Welfare; Management of Cattle and Small Ruminants; Miscellaneous  
Organizational Committee

Prof. Dr. W. Baumgartner, Vienna, Austria; Prof. Dr. O. Szenci, Budapest, Hungary; Prof. Dr. K. Doll,  
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Republic; Doc. Dr. R. Dolezel, Brno, Czech Republic; Doc. Dr. J. Illek, Brno, Czech Republic; Dr. J.  
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## **IRELAND TO BID FOR WAB CONGRESS 2016**

Ireland's National Affiliate to the World Association for Buiatrics (WAB), **The Cattle Association of Veterinary Ireland (CAVI)** is delighted to announce that it will be submitting a bid to host the **29th Congress of the World Association for Buiatrics in Dublin, Ireland in 2016**.

A highly experienced and dedicated Local Organising Committee has been appointed, which includes the Dublin office of MCI, a leading international Professional Conference Organiser (PCO). A Scientific Committee is currently being drawn up of internationally recognised scientists from no less than 19 countries, including Ireland, UK, USA, Canada, Europe, South America, Australia, New Zealand, India and Japan and the members of the CAVI WAB 2016 Committee are working hard to create a unique Congress proposal, with a high quality, stimulating and innovative scientific programme, and a host of tempting and enjoyable social events.

Ireland offers many advantages for hosting this major global Congress, including its international destination appeal, accessibility, local accommodation, transport infrastructure, and a dazzling array of cultural and social activity options, and Dublin's modern event venues can comfortably cater for a Congress of this scale. CAVI has been generating considerable support and interest for the WAB 2016 bid from numerous opinion leaders, organisations, tourism bodies and potential sponsors.

The Irish 2016 WAB Congress bid document will be presented to the WAB Congress Committee in 2012, and CAVI hopes to be able to offer the warm Irish welcome of "Cead Mile Failte Romhat" - A hundred thousand welcomes - to the World Association of Buiatrics in Dublin in 2016.

## **OFFICIALLY BRUCELLOSIS FREE STATUS FOR IRELAND**

On 1 July 2009 the European Union approved Ireland's application for "Officially Brucellosis Free" status. Veterinary Ireland warmly welcomed this development and, along with its colleagues in the State Veterinary Service, voiced the considerable pride that the Irish veterinary profession took from this achievement, paying tribute to all parties involved in reaching this remarkable milestone in Ireland's animal health status.

The veterinary profession in Ireland played a key role in the achievement of brucellosis eradication through the development of innovative policies, technical and scientific excellence and flexible and committed implementation of measures at farm level. EU trade laws and Ireland's exporting status effectively disbarred the use of vaccine in recent years and Ireland's achievement, in moving from relatively high levels in the 1990s to the final Brucellosis case in 2006, without the use of vaccines, is unique.

Former Chair of CAVI, now President of Veterinary Ireland, Michael F Sexton, commended farmers up and down the country for having the forbearance to stay with the eradication effort over the years and stated the hope that they will reap the benefits of their investment in the programme in years to come. He added that while having achieved this status, it was vital that it was protected and maintained into the future, and that vets would continue to advise farmers to ensure that effective bio-security measures were in place on all farms, especially in relation to purchased animals.

Brucellosis now joins a long list of diseases which Ireland is free of - including major diseases such as Foot and Mouth Disease, Rinderpest and Enzootic Bovine Leucosis.

## **ANIMAL HEALTH IRELAND – A NEW IRISH INITIATIVE**

Animal Health Ireland (AHI) is a new Irish partnership approach to animal health that brings together livestock producers, processors, government and veterinary professionals with the stated mission of enhancing value for livestock farmers and the agrifood industry through superior animal health.

Launched in January 2009 by the Irish Minister for Agriculture, Brendan Smith TD, partner organizations, including CAVI's parent body, Veterinary Ireland, have committed to support and fund the AHI initiative for an initial period of five years.

Those animal diseases already subject to Irish regulation, such as Tuberculosis and Brucellosis, are excluded from the AHI remit. Nor will AHI become involved in direct supervision at farm level. Instead, AHI will strive to coordinate disease control efforts and raise awareness and education in relation to non-regulated animal diseases which are endemic to Ireland, through the provision of optimal animal health advice based on the objective assessment of available scientific evidence and national and international best practice. Such aims will be realized through the dissemination of a series of "farm notes" for producers, and technical guidelines for veterinary surgeons.

To achieve this, in early 2009 AHI undertook a major "Delphi" study of the opinions of 85 national experts in fields such as animal health, animal production, agricultural economics and international marketing. AHI then embarked on the process of bringing together "Technical Working Groups" of experts to draw up nationally agreed protocols for tackling priority diseases in Ireland. The first of these expert groups, assembled in September 2009, is holding a conference on Bovine Viral Diarrhoea on 12th November 2009 in Fermoy, Co. Cork, to present its interim findings and to provide an opportunity for farmers, media, vets and other stakeholders to engage with the AHI. Further expert groups, including those examining IBR, Johne's Disease, infertility, udder health, lameness and diseases of young calves, are being convened to report in due course.

Overcoming the challenges that lie ahead in achieving the AHI mission is a significant enterprise, but one which the stakeholders, including CAVI, believe is an achievable and worthwhile aspiration. For more details on this new Irish Initiative go to:

<http://www.animalhealthireland.ie/index.php>

## **CAVI CONFERENCE, TULLAMORE, IRELAND**

The future direction of the veterinary profession in Ireland - the challenges, issues, opportunities and possibilities - were all under discussion this autumn, when the Cattle Association of Veterinary Ireland (CAVI) held its annual buiatrics conference from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> October 2009 in Tullamore, Co. Offaly, Ireland. An illustrious panel of national and international speakers, offering knowledge and experiences gained from as far afield as Europe, USA, South America, Australia, New Zealand, Kenya, and China, covered a wide and varied range of topics surrounding public health, herd health and common conditions affecting cattle. In addition, a pre-conference applied research seminar, hosted by the Irish agriculture and food development authority, *Teagasc*, covered topics such as bio-security, fertility and disease control. Final programme and notes for this successful conference are still available from Veterinary Ireland HQ, by e-mailing [HQ@vetireland.ie](mailto:HQ@vetireland.ie).

## IRISH VLS ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC SEMINAR

WAB Secretary, Professor Otto Szenci, Szent Istvan University, Budapest, was invited to address the annual Irish Veterinary Laboratory Service Training Seminar, held at Ireland's state-of-the-art National Laboratory at Backweston, Co. Kildare, on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

Professor Szenci addressed attendees from both the Irish State Veterinary Service and from Private Veterinary Practice on “*The Prevalence of Selected Enteropathogenic Bacteria in Hungarian Finishing Pigs*”, and “*Infertility in the Dairy Herd: An International perspective*”.

Other major speakers on the programme included Dr John Mee, from the Irish agriculture and food development authority, Teagasc, on “*The Latest Animal Health Results from Moorepark Research Centre*”, and Dr Belen Rodriguez, from the University of Madrid, who presented on “*African Horse Sickness*”.

Other topics to covered included: Case studies from the Post-Mortem Room; an evaluation of Irish cattle herds with inconclusive serological evidence of bovine brucellosis; Penside tests for FMD and FMD training in Turkey; survival and dispersal of a defined cohort of Irish cattle; and a selection of papers from the 12th International Symposium on Veterinary Epidemiology, the 10th International Colloquium on Paratuberculosis, and the 14th International Symposium of the World Association of Laboratory Diagnosticians;.

Further details of this event are available by e-mail from [Peter.Muldowney@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:Peter.Muldowney@agriculture.gov.ie)

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*Szenci O, Bajcsy Á.Cs. (ed.): Factors affecting reproductive performance in the cow. Hungarian Association for Buiatrics, Budapest, Hungary, 2008. p229.*

“The successful genetic selection for higher milk production in Holstein cows has nearly doubled the average milk production all over the world. Over the same time period, there has been a dramatic decline in the reproductive performance of dairy cows. The average number of days open (interval from calving to conception) and the number of services per conception have increased substantially. In order to decrease the longer lactations and the number of cows culled for reproductive reasons it is very important to improve our reproductive management practices (Silva, 2003).

Achievement of optimum herd reproductive performance (calving interval of 12 or 13 months with the first calf born at 24 months of age) requires concentrated management activities especially during the first 100 days following calving. Early postpartum breeding of dairy cows results in more calves, and higher milk production per lactation (Britt, 1975).

Poor reproductive performance can reduce the number of calves born and milk production and may increase the cost of therapy and semen (Szenci, 2008).”

The first chapter of this publication is dealing with how we are trying to solve the fertility problems in the different countries of the world. Experts from Europe (Belgium, France, Poland, Portugal, Spain), America (Canada, Chile, Mexico), Israel, Japan, Australia and New-Zealand summarize the management activities by which they are able to decrease the fertility losses.

In the second chapter of this issue “Relationship between postpartum body condition score/metabolic status and reproductive activity (including resumption of cyclicity and fertility) is discussed.

The third chapter is dealing with  $\beta$ -Carotene in dairy cattle with special emphasis on metabolism in the ovary and status assessment, endocrinological and metabolic aspects related to fertility in the peripartual period and  $\beta$ -Carotene deficiency which may also influence fertility in the cow.

*There are some copies still available. It can be ordered by e-mail: [szenci.otto@aotk.szie.hu](mailto:szenci.otto@aotk.szie.hu)*

Ottó Szenci

chairman of the organising committee of the XXV WBC in Budapest

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## World Buiatrics Congress

### 26<sup>th</sup> Congress of the World Association for Buiatrics

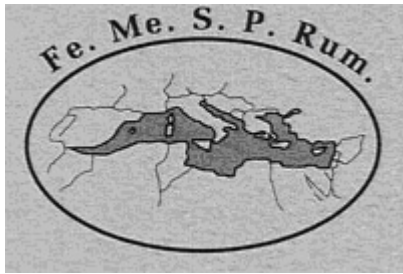


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## Regional Buiatrics Congresses

### 18th International Congress of Mediterranean Federation of Health and Production of Ruminants





Site: Durres, Albania  
**Date: 26 - 29 May 2010**  
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## National Buiatrics Congresses

Country	Name of the association	Website	Congress
Colombia	Colombian Association for Buiatrics	<a href="http://www.colbuiatria.org">www.colbuiatria.org</a>	<b>Date: March, 2010</b> Site: BOGOTÁ Subjects: GENERAL ASSEMBLY Name of the Organizer: ELIANA DUARTE HERNÁNDEZ Address: AV CRA 20 No. 86-53 BOGOTÁ D.C., COLOMBIA, S.A. Tel: +(571) 2564985 Fax: +(571) 2564985 Mobile: +(57) 320 8352687 E-mail: <a href="mailto:buiatriacolombia@gmail.com">buiatriacolombia@gmail.com</a>
Hungary	Hungarian Association for Buiatrics	<a href="http://www.mbuiatrikus.org">www.mbuiatrikus.org</a>	<b>Date: October 20-23, 2010</b> Subject: XX Jubilee Congress of the Hungarian Association for Buiatrics Name of the Organiser: Hungarian Association for Buiatrics H-1078 Budapest, István u. 2, Hungary e-mail: <a href="mailto:szenci.otto@aotk.szie.hu">szenci.otto@aotk.szie.hu</a>
Japan	The Japanese Society of Farm Animal Veterinary Medicine	<a href="http://group.lin.go.jp/nichiju/">http://group.lin.go.jp/nichiju/</a>	<b>Date: January 29-31, 2010</b> Site: Miyazaki Subjects: 2009 Annual Conference of Japanese Society for Farm Animal Veterinary Medicine Name of the Organizer: Japan

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<b>Korea</b>	Korean Association for Buiatrics	<a href="http://www.alric.org/buiatrics">www.alric.org/buiatrics</a>	<b>Date: May 4, 2010</b> Site: Daejeon Subjects: The 15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Korean Association for Buiatrics Name of the Organizer: Doo Kim Address: School of Veterinary Medicine, Kangwon National University Chuncheon, Kangwon, South Korea 200-701 Tel: : 82-33-250-8555 Fax: 82-33-244-2367 E-mail: <a href="mailto:kimdoo@kangwon.ac.kr">kimdoo@kangwon.ac.kr</a>
<b>Marocco</b>	Moroccan Buiatrics Association	<a href="http://www.amabmaroc.org">www.amabmaroc.org</a>	<b>Date: March 27, 2010</b> Site: Hassan 2 <sup>nd</sup> Agronomy and Veterinary Institute (Rabat) Subjects: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting: Buiatrics laboratory analyses applied in practice. ( <a href="http://www.iavh2.org">www.iavh2.org</a> ).
<b>Norway</b>	The Norwegian Veterinary Association / Association for Production Animal Practitioners	<a href="http://www.vetnett.no">www.vetnett.no</a>	<b>Date: June 3-4, 2010</b> Site: Oslo Subjects: Acute medicine in large animals Name of the Organizer: The Norwegian Veterinary Association Address: PO Box 6781 St. Olav's Place, NO-0130 Oslo, Norway Tel: +47 22 99 46 00 Fax: +47 22 99 46 01 E-mail: <a href="mailto:kurs@vetnett.no">kurs@vetnett.no</a>
<b>Portugal</b>	Portuguese Buiatrics Association	<a href="http://www.apbuiatria.pt">http://www.apbuiatria.pt</a>	<b>Date: April 23-25, 2010</b> Site: Elvas Subjects: . Nutrition, Reproduction, Small Ruminants, Workshops, etc Name of the Organizer: APB Address: Elvas – Parque transfantoiriço de negócios Tel: +351 917210361 Fax: +351 243491077 E-mail: <a href="mailto:luisfeio.apb@gmail.com">luisfeio.apb@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:joao.cannas@telepac.pt">joao.cannas@telepac.pt</a>
<b>South Africa</b>	Livestock Health and Production Group of the South African Veterinary Association	<a href="http://www.lhpg.co.za">www.lhpg.co.za</a>	<b>Date: April 7-9, 2010</b> Site: Black Mountain Hotel, Bloemfontein Name of the Organizer: Vetlink Conferences Address: Broderickstr 272, Groenkloof, 0027



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<b>Sweden</b>	The Swedish Society of Veterinary Medicine, Section for Farm Animals	<a href="http://www.svf.se">www.svf.se</a>	<p><b>Date: November 11-12, 2010</b>  Site: Uppsala  Subjects: Veterinary Congress (Veterinär Kongressen in Swedish), for more information see: <a href="http://www.svf.se">www.svf.se</a>  Name of the Organizer: SVF and SVS</p>
<b>Ukrajna</b>	Ukrainian Association for Buiatrics	<a href="http://www.inenbiol.com/uaba.html">http://www.inenbiol.com/uaba.html</a>	<p><b>Date: September 29-30, 2010</b>  Site:  <a href="http://www.inenbiol.com/news.html">http://www.inenbiol.com/news.html</a>  Subjects: Important questions in modern biology, animal biology and veterinary  Name of the Organizer: Institute of Animal Biology  Address: 79034, IAB, Lviv, Stusa str., 38  Tel: 80322600795  Fax: 803222702389  E-mail: <a href="mailto:inenbiol@mail.lviv.ua">inenbiol@mail.lviv.ua</a></p>
<b>United Kingdom</b>	British Cattle Veterinary Association	<a href="http://www.bcva.org.uk">www.bcva.org.uk</a>	<p><b>Date: October 14-16, 2010</b>  Site: Riviera Conference Centre, Torquay, UK  Subjects: Various  Name of the Organizer: BCVA  Address: BCVA Office, The Green, Frampton on Severn, Glos, GL2 7EP, UK  Tel: ++(0)1452 740816  Fax: ++ (0)1452 741117  E-mail: <a href="mailto:office@cattlevet.co.uk">office@cattlevet.co.uk</a></p>
<b>USA</b>	American Association of Bovine Practitioners	<a href="http://www.aabp.org">www.aabp.org</a>	<p><b>Date: August 19-21, 2010</b>  Site: Albuquerque, NM, USA  Subjects: Annual Conference  Name of the Organizer: AABP  Address: P.O. Box 3610, Auburn, AL 36831  Tel: 334-821-0442  Fax: 334-821-9532  E-mail: <a href="mailto:aabphq@aabp.org">aabphq@aabp.org</a></p>