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1. 17th FAVA Congress 2013

The 17th Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations (FAVA) was held in conjunction with the Taiwan Veterinary Medical Association (TwVMA) Congress on 4-8 Jan 2013 at Grand Hotel, Taipei, Taiwan. The conference was officiated by Rt Hon Wu Den-yih, Vice President, Taiwan, Republic of China.

The theme of the congress “Asian Veterinarians for Global Health” was aptly chosen in view of the fact of the importance of livestock, food and pets in the emerging economies in the region. There were 3 plenary papers on topics of control of highly pathogenic avian and pandemic influenza, role of AVMA in global health and wildlife challenges & opportunities. Besides, there was also a memorial lecture for Dr.James Micheal G, past President FAVA who passed away due to sudden illness. There were about 100 oral and poster paper presentations.

There were also two other meetings held during the session, namely 4th Asia Oceania Veterinary Group (AOVG) and the World Association for Buiatric (WAB). The AOVG was chaired by Dr.Shane Ryan, President AOVG to discuss on the Continuing Veterinary Development (CPD) and to share experience & problems in veterinary profession. The Philippines Veterinary Medical Association (PVMA) through its Veterinary Teaching Hospitals from University of the Philippines at Los Banos is willing to provide speakers on various areas of specialities. Some of the topics to be held in 2013 will be on lameness detection & examination in dogs & cats; non surgical intervention; surgical intervention; rehabilitative medicine and complementary & alternative medicine. There was also the offer of internship in any of the member association clinic or hospital. The WAB was presented by Dr.Walter Baumgartner, President WAB. Buiatrics is the study of cattle & their diseases. WAB mission to promote goodwill & knowledge transfer within the international veterinary community through scientific and personal experiences. The Concept of Animal Welfare was presented by Dr.Stephanie, World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA)
The future FAVA congress will be held in Singapore 2014; Australia 2016 and Vietnam 2018. Besides, there will be FAVA council meeting every year hosted by the various associations in the region.

The conference was successfully organized and co-hosted by Taiwan Veterinary Medical Association (TwVMA). FAVA is officially recognized by WVA, OIE and FAO. A total of 19 council members attended FAVA meeting out of 30 member countries. The World Veterinary Association (WVA) also attended the congress and organized its council meeting during this time. The congress as well attended by about 1,000 participants from 30 countries from all various stakeholders such as the academicians, veterinarians, experts, scientists, and students. Indeed, it was an excellent platform for exchange of ideas, updating of knowledge, networking and greater development towards the advancement of the profession.

2. **FAVA-VIV ASIA 2013**

FAVA’s mission is to enhance the quality of life of the people in the region through responsible animal care and welfare through unified professional associations. We achieve this through cooperation among FAVA members promoting disease control, veterinary education, strengthening the regional network, and connecting to other worldwide veterinary networks in development of the veterinary profession.

The FAVA strategic plan 2010-2015 was agreed upon and implemented since 2011 in Cebu, Philippines. One of the aim is to set up strong networks and relationships with various international organizations to improve human and animal health and welfare. In 2015, ASEAN become one community, that we should be ready for the change in many aspects. This diversity is also reflected in the consumption and production trends in livestock products. Thus it is important to keep in view of trade preventing diseases in the region and health concerns resulting from zoonosis, food borne diseases and for enhancing food safety and food security.

In order to promote collaboration and knowledge exchange among national and international agencies and to discover ways of addressing future challenge in AEC. FAVA and the international organizations in conjunction with VNU Exhibition Asia Pacific, organized a half day seminar on Holistic Approaches to Livestock Industry in ASEAN Chapter to create a regional network in AEC and FAVA members and also introduce a better understanding for livestock stakeholders. The seminar theme on “Holistic Approaches to Livestock Industry in ASEAN Chapter” was successfully carried out.

March 13, 2013, 1.00-4.00 PM  
Room GH 203, BITEC Convention Center, Bangkok, Thailand  
“Holistic Approaches to Livestock Industry in ASEAN Chapter”  
Mr. Phanpob Plangprayoon Director of ASEAN division III, Department of ASEAN Affair, Ministry of Foreign affairs, Thailand  
Dr. Tritsadee Choasuancharoen Director General of Department of Livestock Development (DLD), Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operative, Thailand  
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Dr. Ronello C. Abila Sub-Regional Representative for South East Asia,
3. **FAVA-AOVG Meeting in VRVC 2013, 13 May, 2013 Impact Forum, Muangthong Thani, Thailand**

Dr. Shane Ryan, President-elected of FAVA and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Achariya Sailasuta, Secretary General of FAVA, collaborated in the workshop on “The Development and Implementation of the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Program in the Royal University of Agriculture Cambodia, during 19-20 June, 2013. The workshop has been successfully conducted with a strong professional network in ASEAN.

4. **FAVA-AOVG Continuing study in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, 22-23 June, 2013**

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6. **Conclusion**

It is important that VAM should play a significant role in FAVA especially VAM is one of the 6 founding members of FAVA. This is in line with globalisation for VAM to forge greater linkages and to play leading role in regional and international veterinary organisations. This is a real challenge for VAM to be more visible and to rise to greater heights to take on the world. We need to embrace globalization and we need to compete & not to be just satisfied with own home turf. The question we need to ask ourselves, can we? Below is a recap of FAVA history.

The idea of forming a regional organization whose membership will be composed of the different professional veterinary associations of Asia was started by Dr. Teodulo M. Topacio, Jr. President, Philippine Veterinary Association in December, 1974. However, the 1st FAVA Congress and the 1st Executive Council of Representatives was finally held in Manila on February 21-23, 1978, at the Philippine International Convention Center. Since its founding, FAVA has held the FAVA Congress every two years, hosted by the respective country Veterinary Association, The Executive Council of FAVA meets every year and likewise is hosted by the respective country Veterinary Association.