

Commentary: 2011 WEVA Congress Features World Class Equine Veterinarians

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The 12th Congress of the World Equine Veterinary Association (WEVA) is scheduled to be held in the historic city of Hyderabad, India, Nov. 2-6, 2011. More details relating to the biennial WEVA congress are available at weva2011india.com. The year 2011 has been designated World Veterinary Year, celebrating the 250th anniversary of the opening of the first veterinary school in Lyons, France.

The conference organizers have been fortunate to attract some of the world's leading veterinary authorities to present across the gamut of equine veterinary disciplines. Some of the featured speakers include world authorities in their area of interest and include:

- Dennis Brooks, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ACVO;
- Jean-Marie Denoix, DVM, PhD;
- Sue Dyson, MA, VetMB, PhD, DEO, FRCVS;
- David Frisbie, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ACVS;
- Robert Hunt, DVM;
- Derek Knottenbelt, BVM&S, DVM&S, MRCVS, Dipl. ECEIM;
- Michelle LeBlanc, DVM, Dipl. ACT;
- Steve O'Grady, BVSc, MRCVS;
- Ed Robinson, BVetMed, PhD;
- Steve Reed, DVM, Dipl. ACVIM;
- Juan Samper, DVM, MSc, PhD, Dipl. ACT; and
- John Walmsley, MA, Vet MB, Cert EO, Dipl.ECVS, Hon. FRCVS, to mention a few.

Overall there will be more than 60 featured speakers from all corners of the globe. This program will be supported by a large number of scientific abstracts, two days of concurrent small animal sessions, and a lay program designed for horse owners and trainers.

The Congress will be held at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC), the first purpose-built, state-of-the-art conference facility in South Asia. The HICC is the first Green Globe certified convention center in India attesting to the center's environmentally friendly nature. The HICC is linked to the Novotel Hyderabad Convention Centre, which opened in 2006 and is a flagship hotel for Accor Hotels, India. The hotel complex covers 15 acres, and features 287 rooms and all the usual accoutrements expected in a world class hotel. The Novotel and HICC are in Hyderabad's information technology (IT) hub, which is just a 22-mile (and about 45-minute) drive from the recently opened Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, India's sixth busiest airport. There are direct flights to Hyderabad from cities including Chicago, London, Frankfurt, Dubai, Singapore, and Bangkok, among others. Additionally, there are a myriad of regular connections from other major cities in India and South Asia.

Hyderabad, also known as the City of Pearls, is located in central India and is the capital of the state Andhra Pradesh. The sixth most populous city in India with a population of more than 4 million, Hyderabad boasts an eclectic mix of great historical perspectives with a rapidly expanding overlay of modernity. Tourism is a major industry of the area with visitors often enjoying the contrast between great natural geographic features and 400-year-old buildings standing adjacent to some of the world's most modern buildings. The city was founded in 1591 on the banks of the river Musi. Since the liberalization of India in the 1990s Hyderabad has become a sentinel city in the development of the country's burgeoning IT industry. Such has been the growth that some now refer to the city as *Cyberabad*. Located on the Deccan Plateau the city rises approximately 1,600 feet above sea level.

The climate is mixed, with hot summers (February - June) and a monsoon season (June - October). During the congress days are expected to be dry, with average high temperatures of about 80°F and nights cooling to about 60°F--ideal conditions to attract attendees to the WEVA Congress in the City of Pearls.

Please come and join us for this exciting CE opportunity.



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