

## **WEVA Intermediate Meeting Held in Hong Kong**

A WEVA Intermediate Meeting focusing on equine abdominal medicine and surgery took place in Hong Kong March 27-29. The event, held in conjunction with City University and the Hong Kong Jockey Club, attracted approximately 50 delegates, with significant contingents coming from Hong Kong, mainland China, Taiwan, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Australia, and New Zealand. Presentation topics included equine abdominal pain evaluation, medical management of colic, surgical approaches to the abdomen, laparoscopy techniques, dystocia management, and a ruptured bladder and other urinary tract problem management.

During the meeting WEVA president Ravi Reddy, BVSc, MRCVS, presented an overview of the organization's work around the world, and speakers including Tim Mair, BVSc, DEIM, DESTS, Dipl. ECEIM, MRCVS; Chris Riggs, BVSc, PhD, DEO, Dipl. ECVS, MRCVS; Paul Robinson, BVSc, Dip ACVS; Frank Low, BSc, BVSc, MRCVS; Chris Sun, BVSc, MRCVS; and Tim Greet, BVMS, MVM, Cert EO, DESTS, Dipl. ECVS, FRCVS, gave two days of didactic presentations. The lectures were followed by a wet lab at the Sha Tin Racecourse.

The development of a modern equine veterinary profession in China is in its embryonic stages, and WEVA officials hope that organizing further meetings of this type will help grow the profession in this rapidly developing region of Asia. City University is developing a veterinary school in Hong Kong and aims to enroll the program's first students in 2015.

WEVA designed the intermediate meeting to align with one of the organization's goals, which is supporting veterinary education in countries where it is most needed. The group has already committed to sending a speaker to the Chinese Veterinary Medical Association meeting in October.

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