



WEVA's First Strategic Planning Session

The WEVA Board of Directors met June 22-23 in Paris, France, to complete the organization's first strategic planning session. The board met at the Association of French Equine Veterinarians headquarters, and was hosted by Richard Corde, DVM, and Anne Courouc -Malblanc, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ECEIM. Amy Hogan, SPHR, assistant Provost at Virginia Tech, facilitated the planning session.

The meeting began with an analysis of recent WEVA Congresses and Intermediate Meetings, during which the board evaluated ways to improve continuing education meeting management. A particularly challenging but necessary task the board identified is the need to provide language translation of the presentations to best accommodate attendees from all countries.

The proposed specific areas of professional interest for next year's WEVA Congress in Budapest, Hungary, include most aspects of equine health care. Additionally, organizers are considering an equine welfare session, possibly focusing on the welfare of working Draft horses.

Additionally, Bianca Schwarz, DVM, DrMedVet, Dipl. ECEIM, from Germany presented an update on the growth of "Young WEVA," the organization's initiative designed to interest and inform younger colleagues in WEVA's mission.

The rest of the meeting agenda focused on revisiting the WEVA Mission and Core Values and charting future initiatives based on these principles.

Directors and officers attending this meeting traveled from Australia, England, India, Ireland, Italy, Russia, Switzerland, Thailand, and the United States.

—Harry Werner, VMD, WEVA Board Member

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