

YoungWEVA Launched

The World Equine Veterinary Association (WEVA) recently announced the launch of YoungWEVA, a new initiative designed to inform young veterinarians about WEVA's mission. The organization hopes YoungWEVA will attract colleagues early in their veterinary careers to join and spread WEVA's spirit.

Recently YoungWEVA launched its own Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ YoungWEVA) designed to provide a discussion platform for young equine practitioners and veterinary students with a strong interest in equine medicine to share experiences and discuss cases. The page will also provide equine medical information and details on future WEVA meetings and Congresses (the next of which will be held in Budapest, Hungary, in October 2013). Furthermore, students can find information on past congresses, including links to the meeting proceedings.

YoungWEVA's vision is to offer a special session at WEVA Congresses, rich in "how to" talks and workshops aimed at recent graduates and other young equine practitioners. Additionally, YoungWEVA hopes to develop an award for the best scientific presentation from members.

Organizers have established a goal to identify two YoungWEVA "ambassadors" per continent, and I am the first of those. I graduated from Munich University in 2002 before working in the U.K. for a year and a half, including completing an internship in equine studies at the Royal Veterinary College in London. I then finished a residency in equine medicine at the Vetmeduni Vienna, in Austria, and became a European Specialist in Equine Internal Medicine in 2011. Since 2011 I have worked in an equine clinic in Germany called Pferdeklinik Altforweiler.

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