From Aug. 7-17, Saarlouis, Germany, played host to the second international Vetcamp, a conference for young vets interested in equine or small animal medicine designed to promote career growth for young professionals.

This year's camp attracted twice as many attendees as the inaugural event. Students from more than 16 countries camped out and sharing thoughts, ideas, and experiences with colleagues from all over the world.

Bianca Schwarz, DVM, DrMedVet, Dipl. ECEIM, WEVA board member; Arnold Ludes, DrMedVet (vice president of the German Veterinary Chamber); and numerous representatives of the European Colleges of Equine Internal Medicine, Veterinary Anesthesia and Analgesia, and Veterinary Surgery provided information to the attendees.

Additionally, animal welfare organizations including The Donkey Sanctuary and Vets for Change provided insight into their missions and work and made significant contributions to the scientific program.

This year the organizers partnered with Vetstage.com, an online job exchange platform especially for veterinarians.

“Together we plan to expand job and internship opportunities and organize more workshops
for young veterinary professionals," said Frank Donoth, Vetnowledge director and Vetcamp founder. "Topics considered include practice management, something that should help graduates to prepare themselves better for the job market."

The organizers considered Vetcamp 2014 a great success in introducing new partners and a rapidly expanding number of international delegates who are forging a new era in veterinary medicine.

Seek the advice of a qualified veterinarian before proceeding with any diagnosis, treatment, or therapy.