Postcard from the AMMVEE Congress

More than 400 member veterinarians attended the 33rd Annual Congress of the Asociación Mexicana de Médicos Veterinarios Especialistas en Equinos (AMMVEE or Mexican Association of Equine Practitioners), held in Guanajuato, Mexico, Sept. 20-24. The first day of the Congress involved wet labs on approaching lameness in horses and joint injections. The key instructors were Bill Moyer, DVM, American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) president, and Gary Norwood, DVM, past president of AAEP and WEVA.

The didactic component of the Congress consisted of a mixture of presentations on almost all aspects of equine veterinary medicine. Local and international speakers provided a varied and comprehensive syllabus. Joe Bertone, DVM, MS, Dipl. ACVIM, presented lectures on a variety of subjects related to internal medicine, whereas Stephen E. O'Grady, DVM, MRCVS, provided contemporary information on laminitis and podiatry. Additionally, David Hodgson, BVSc, PhD, Dipl. ACVIM, FACSM, presented papers on ocular, respiratory, and liver disease. One of the meeting's core themes was equine dentistry with many highly skilled local and international speakers, including Ruedi Steiger, DVM, among others.

During the AMMVEE the organization announced the establishment of a foundation designed to increase awareness of issues affecting working equids in Mexico. The association will fund scholarships for veterinary students with a demonstrated commitment to bettering the lives and longevity of working horses and donkeys throughout the country.

Further, the AMMVEE indicated an interest in hosting a biennial WEVA congress in Mexico in future.—David Hodgson, BVSc, PhD, Dipl. ACVIM, FACSM, WEVA Board Member

Editor's Note: For more information on the AMMVEE Congress, see TheHorse.com/18911.