2013 WEVA Congress in the Books

More than 500 attendees from 49 countries attended the 2013 World Equine Veterinary Association (WEVA) Congress, held in Budapest, Hungary, Oct. 3-5. Hosted by the Hungarian Association of Equine Practitioners and the World Organization of Hungarian Veterinarians, the Congress featured more than 30 speakers, 160 poster presentations, and 40 oral abstract presentations. Congress proceedings will be available soon through IVIS.com.

Congress highlights included:

- Dominique Votion, DVM, PhD, from Belgium’s University of Liege, received the Merial Applied Research Award for her work on atypical myopathy (an often fatal disorder involving the sudden onset of acute muscle pain and damage). Jean-Christophe Thibault of Merial and WEVA President David Hodgson, BVSc, PhD, Dipl.ACVIM, FACSM, presented the award.

- Organizers named the Congress’ reproduction sessions “The Dr. Michelle LeBlanc Lectures” in memory of the renowned theriogenologist who passed away earlier this year. During the sessions, Pat McCue, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ACT; Giorgio Ricardi, DVM; and Sandro Barbacini, DVM, presented current information on equine reproduction.

- The Mexican Equine Association will host the 2015 Congress in Guadalajara, Mexico.

- Also at the Congress, WEVA thanked immediate past board members Ekaterina Zabegina, DVM, DBSc, PhD, and Neimar Roncati, DVM, for their service and welcomed several new board members.

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