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## **WEVA Online Webinar**

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The Veterinary Association of Namibia (VAN) once again had the wonderful opportunity to host a World Equine Veterinary Association (WEVA) CPD event, supported by the educational partners AAEP and Boehringer-Ingelheim!

With the help and guidance from Dr Vince Gerber (Senior Vice-President of WEVA), VAN jumped at the opportunity to organize and plan this internationally recognized event. It would have been special to host this CPD event in our home country of Namibia – introducing our guest speakers and attendees to our beautiful country and affording them the renowned Namibian hospitality, but unfortunately due to the global pandemic of Covid-19 we could not host the event locally. Keeping our guest lecturers' and attendees' safety in mind, it was decided to try the next best thing – using an online webinar platform.

Dr Vince Gerber promptly organized all our guest speakers – reaching places far and wide, from Switzerland and Italy, to the United States of America! All our speakers thankfully accepted their roles and after establishing the different time zones, it was smooth sailing from there.

With the co-operation of VAN and WEVA, it was decided to open the webinar up to other international associations, therefore not only benefitting Namibia and southern Africa, but our international colleagues as well. Quickly we received registrations for the webinar from all over the world – China, Brazil, Dubai and India. In the end we had 90 registrations for this event – a first for Namibia!

We had the absolute pleasure to host **Dr Nathalie Fouché, Dr Solange Oesch, Dr SallyAnne DeNotta, Dr Christoph Koch** and **Prof Lorenzo D’Arpe**. The event was organized over two evenings, and presentations covered a range of important topics – bloodwork interpretation and case discussions, foal emergencies in the field, equine sarcoid disease and case discussions, and laminitis. All the lectures were excellently presented, easy to follow, practical and informative! We received so much positive feedback from our attendees – many thanking us for the wide range of topics and the relevant, in-field presentation of these topics.

Even though there were a couple of technical glitches and time zone concerns, all this was minimal compared to the ultimate success of the event.

All this would not have been possible without the organization, contribution and cooperation of WEVA – with the educational partners AAEP and Boehringer-Ingelheim, our world-class lecturers and all our attendees! VAN and Namibia is truly grateful to you all for your time, effort and willingness to help us organize and join this successful WEVA online webinar. Namibia is home to a small community of vets but we pride ourselves in offering the best veterinary medicine practice possible and hosting CPD events like these help us to achieve that.

**THANK YOU** and gratitude to all those involved in the success of this event. It would be our greatest pleasure to host WEVA again in our future equine CPD events!

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