



Chinese Veterinary Conference Features First Equine Track

The Chinese Veterinary Conference (CVC), held in Guilin, Guangxi Province, on Oct. 28-30, 2013, offered an equine track for the first time in its four years, featuring 15 presentations by 10 different speakers. The Hong Kong Jockey Club sponsored the meeting.

Lecture topics ranged from equine nutrition to the diagnosis and management of equine back conditions. Kate Savage, BVSc (Hons), MS, PhD, Dipl. ACVIM, who was supported by the World Equine Veterinary Association, gave presentations on common sport horse medical conditions and reviewed recent technical advances in equine medicine. Professor Li Yunzhang of Inner Mongolia Agriculture University spoke on treating soft tissue injuries, as well as laminitis, with traditional Chinese medicine, while Professor Guo Qingyong of Xinjiang Agriculture University described how veterinarians perform colic surgery in Xinjiang Province.



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More than 60 delegates from many Chinese provinces attended the meeting. Attendees were enthusiastic and warmly welcomed the overseas speakers. There is a hunger for more information and new skill development in China, along with a genuine desire to care for the horse more effectively.

Many feel that equine veterinary services are really gathering momentum in China. However, there are certain challenges that must be overcome, most notably the lack of access to or legal authority to handle some critical medications, such as anesthetic agents.

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