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Special sessions for horse owners, breeders, and trainers at the WEVA Congress

Keeping the Horse in Mind

"We're very fortunate to enjoy an environment of very high-quality continuing education in the United States and Europe, and WEVA is determined to give a similar opportunity to less fortunate colleagues," said Vincent Gerber, PhD, DVM, Dipl. ACVIM, ECEIM, FVH, of Switzerland's University of Bern, 2011 WEVA Congress program organizer.

Gerber highlighted one potential of WEVA Congress, the opportunity to equip veterinarians so they can not only better care for their own clients but also educate other animal health care providers and horse owners, contributing to horse health and welfare worldwide.

In that light, an aspect of the WEVA Congress (scheduled for Nov. 2-5 in Hyderabad, India) that hasn't been discussed in this space yet is the program for horse owners, breeders, and trainers that will run concurrently with veterinary sessions.

According to Gerber, the laypersons in attendance at this part of the Congress will learn more about breeding (specifically, stallion evaluation, foaling emergencies, and mare and foal care), pedigrees, global infectious disease challenges, farriery topics, performance horse health, racetrack surfaces, exercise-induced pulmonary hemorrhage (commonly known as "bleeding"), nutrition, proper medication use, the media and its ties to equestrian activity, and more.