Combined Conference 2013

One Health in Asia Pacific

Presented by

Singapore Veterinary Association
Asian Society of Zoo and Wildlife Medicine
Unusual Pet and Avian Veterinarians
Association of Avian Veterinarians Australasian Committee

VENUE: Institute of Technical Education (ITE) College West

October 25-28, 2013

Co-organised by

Wildlife Reserves Singapore Group
COMBINED CONFERENCE 2013

The combined conference 2013 will encompass a wide variety of themes to suit the multifaceted veterinary industry and practitioner. We are very excited to present a one-of-a-kind conference with five different streams for veterinarians in Singapore and the region.

INVITED KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Anna Meredith, MA VetMB PhD CertLAS DZooMed MRCVS

Professor Anna Meredith graduated with a veterinary degree from Cambridge University in 1991. She joined The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies in 1992 and single-handedly set up and developed the Exotic Animal and Wildlife Service to its current strength of seven veterinarians. Anna is now the Professor of Zoological and Conservation Medicine. She holds the RCVS Diploma in Zoological Medicine, and is an RCVS Recognised Specialist in Zoo and Wildlife Medicine. Anna held the role of head veterinarian Edinburgh Zoo for 17 years. She currently chairs the UK Government’s Zoos Expert Committee.

She is a recipient of the BSAVA Blaine Award for outstanding contributions to the advancement of small animal veterinary medicine or surgery. Anna lectures internationally and has published widely in the field of exotic animal medicine. She has always had a special interest in rabbits and has been a major contributor to the development of rabbit medicine in the UK, but has expertise in all areas of exotic and wildlife medicine. Her current research interest is in infectious diseases of UK wildlife.

SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

SMALL ANIMAL STREAM – (hosted by the SVA)

Featuring Dr. Andy Sparkes, RCVS registered specialist in feline medicine, Dr. Todd Towell, Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine and Dr. Justin Wimpole Fellow of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists covering a range of topics in small animal internal medicine. We will also see the launch of our special interest group, the Feline Practitioners of Singapore and the introduction of the Cat Friendly Practice scheme.

EXOTICS AND SMALL MAMMALS – (hosted by UPAV and AAVAC)

Leading avian, reptile and small mammal veterinarians from Australia will cover a variety of topics presented as didactic sessions and case reports. Join us for what will be the first meeting of the new combined Special Interest Group of the Australian Veterinary Association, The Unusual Pet and Avian Veterinarians (UPAV).

ZOO AND CONSERVATION WILDLIFE MEDICINE – (hosted by the ASZWM)

In its 6th meeting, this track will feature Zoo, wildlife veterinarians and veterinarians in academia from the Asia Pacific who will cover issues on bears, elephants, non-human primates, marine mammals, birds and pathology.
VETERINARY TECHNICIAN STREAM – (hosted by the SVA)

Featuring veterinary technician trainers from the AIRC (PROVET) and practitioners, providing a range of topics from basic handling of exotic pets, birds, reptiles, handling techniques and practise management topics. This one day annual program is always well attended and will benefit veterinary assistants at any level.

WET LAB AND WORKSHOPS
Hosted by SVA, UPAV, ASZWM

With the support of Wildlife Reserves Singapore, our exotic and wildlife theme event will also feature hands-on workshops focusing on advanced techniques and basic veterinary medicine and surgery to suit all levels.

Rabbit and Rodent Workshop: (proudly sponsored by IM3)
Start the day with lectures by Dr Anna Meredith on rabbit and rodent dentistry and the latest in rabbit anaesthesia techniques. Familiarise yourself with rabbit and rodent specific dental equipment, high and low speed drills, hand tools and techniques. Practice rabbit intubation, incisor extractions, rabbit and rodent dental nerve blocks, burring maloccluded molar teeth and also approaches for tooth root abscess surgery. Brush up on basic anatomy for rabbit and guinea pig dentals and exchange tips with other practitioners on the best approaches to treat dental abscesses.

Reptile Endoscopy Workshop: (proudly sponsored by Storz Endoscopy)
A full day workshop on techniques for endoscopy in reptiles to help with clinical diagnosis. For practitioners who have access to endoscopy and would like to brush up on its use in reptiles for diagnostic purposes.

There will be lectures conducted in the morning covering topics on equipment and the different techniques such as sex determination, biopsies, gastroscopies, de-sexing, enterotomy and access points. The practical session will be held in the afternoon on pythons, tortoises and monitor lizards.

THE HOSTS

SINGAPORE VETERINARY ASSOCIATION (SVA)
The SVA is a professional society representing the interests of veterinary practitioners and the veterinary industry in Singapore. With a membership of 220, members comprise of practising veterinarians, government and regulatory veterinarians, research and laboratory medicine veterinarians and zoo and wildlife veterinarians.

ASIAN SOCIETY OF ZOO AND WILDLIFE MEDICINE (ASZWM)
The ASZWM aims to strengthen the ties between the Zoo and Wildlife medicine community in Asia and build up the next generation of Zoo and Wildlife veterinarians by engaging veterinary students. It also strongly supports the development of Zoo and Wildlife education in veterinarians interested in making Zoo and Wildlife medicine a focus of specialty.

UNUSUAL PET AND AVIAN VETERINARIANS
The UPAV was first formed in 2003. With a membership of over 200 veterinarians, comprising veterinarians with an interest in the advancement and continuing education of the husbandry, medicine and surgery of all pet species other than dogs and cats.

ASSOCIATION OF AVIAN VETERINARIANS AUSTRALASIAN COMMITTEE (AAVAC)
The AAVAC is the leading group of avian veterinarians in Australia. It is a committee of the US-based Association of Avian Veterinarians (AAV). With a membership of 101 veterinarians, the primary purpose of AAVAC is to advance and promote avian medicine and stewardship.
**THE CO-ORGANISER**

**WILDLIFE RESERVES SINGAPORE (WRS)**

Wildlife Reserves Singapore (WRS) is the holding company of award-winning attractions Jurong Bird Park, Night Safari, Singapore Zoo and the newly opened River Safari. WRS is dedicated to the management of world-class leisure attractions that foster conservation and research while educating visitors about animals and their habitats.

A self-funded organisation, WRS also collaborates with various partners, organisations and institutions aimed at protecting local and global biodiversity.

More information can be found at [www.wrs.com.sg](http://www.wrs.com.sg)

**THE VENUE**

- Institute of Technical Education (ITE) College West, a 20-minute drive from the main shopping belt in Singapore.
- 10 minutes from the Singapore Zoological Gardens where social events will be held.
- Full conference facilities.
- Bus transport provided to and from venue to certain pick-up and drop-off points in the shopping belt of Singapore.
- On-site full facility hotel at ITE College West.
- Large on-site parking facility
- Flexibility of facilities, to host multiple concurrent lectures and break out sessions.
- Main keynote address hall.
- On-site food and beverage halls for delegates who do not wish to partake in provided meals.
- Large main exhibition hall for sponsors.
- ITE is a training college and their conference facilities also serve as a training ground for our upcoming hospitality industry. The students will be provided with the opportunity to work with us and apply their knowledge.
Ice Breaker Dinner

Date/Time: 25th October 2013, Friday, 7pm  
Venue: Choon Seng Hng Chinese Restaurant, ITE College West.

“Break the ice” and meet other international delegates at this dinner after the first day of registration. Take this opportunity to sample local Chinese food, mingle and relax before the commencement of the conference.

Conference Opening Dinner

Date/Time: 26th October 2013, Saturday, 7.30pm  
Venue: Singapore Zoo, Forest Lodge and Night Safari

This year’s opening dinner is proudly sponsored by Zoetis Animal Health and Hills Pet Nutrition. Held at the Singapore Zoo’s Forest Lodge, this social dinner is included in the conference package. Enjoy the evening mingling with other delegates, conference guests, friends and family amidst the tranquillity of the rainforest. End the night with a tram ride and tour of the famous Night Safari.

Conference Closing Dinner

Date/Time: 27th October 2013, Sunday, 7.30pm  
Venue: Jurong Bird Park, Flamingo Lodge

End the conference on a high note at the closing dinner held at Jurong Bird Park’s Flamingo Lodge. This formal dinner is held in appreciation of all guests, organisers and sponsors for making the conference a resounding success. Be enthralled by hundreds of beautiful flamingos at dusk and tuck into a specially prepared 8 course Chinese banquet by the Jurong Bird Park’s chefs.

Conference Opening and Closing photos are courtesy of Wildlife Reserves Singapore