



The Hong Kong Veterinary Association Ltd.

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Message from the President

In 2009 the HKVA elected a new executive committee composed as below

<u>Paolo Martelli</u> <i>President</i>	<u>Veronica Leong Florence Chan</u> <i>Vice President</i>	<u>Secretary</u>
<u>Bronte Forbes</u> <i>Treasurer</i>	<u>Tom Mangan</u> <i>CE coordinator</i>	<u>Carla Chow</u> <i>WSAVA Coordinator</i>
<u>Fiona Woodhouse</u> <i>Ordinary member</i>	<u>Alison Main</u> <i>Ordinary member</i>	<u>Katrina Bradley</u> <i>Ordinary member</i>

Increasing membership and widening its reach are important goals of the HKVA. We are pleased to report that the total membership this year was 207 versus 175 in 2007 and 130 in 2005. More than half our members opt to renew their memberships when they attend the first CPD. This poses difficulties when planning the year ahead and I hereby strongly encourage you to renew your memberships annually, as you would others. This will be of great help to our treasurer and our executive members in charge of CPD.

The HKVA continues to bring good quality CPD to the profession, thanks to our members' support and the enthusiasm and planning skills of our executive members Tom Mangan and Carla Chow. Fifteen CPD events calling upon 17 speakers took place this year. Many were very well attended and expenses could not be covered for only 4 of the CPD, overall the finances remain healthy and in the black.

The HKVA new treasurer Bronte Forbes has streamlined a number of financial procedures and upgraded processes including internet banking.

Public complaints against practitioners have dropped. Many of these complaints result from inadequate communication. HKVA will direct part of their CPD to this issue. The VSB was approached by HKVA to request for speedier process of public complaints that is presently seen as slow and obscure. The VSB response was encouraging and leads us in the right direction. Part of the solution to that problem will require members of the profession to assist the PIC. We are working on a proposal and will be calling upon those of our members who qualify to volunteer to assist the VSB/PIC.

On a suggestion from Tony James, the HKVA approached the AFCD to request for a standing agreement regarding the access to animal carcass for use in workshops and seminars. The response was positive and we are near reaching this goal that will ensure ethics are not compromised.

I join the executive committee of the HKVA to wish all our members a fulfilling and prosperous Holiday Season.

**For and on behalf of
THE HONG KONG VETERINARY ASSOCIATION LTD**

Paolo Martelli
HKVA President on behalf of HKVA