

MINING DIAMONDS

Bringing together gems of the past, present and future to celebrate the VPHA's 60th anniversary virtually



Virtual conference for both members and non-members of VPHA and AGV.
Newcomers very welcome!

Conference **free of charge** but delegates are encouraged to give a suggested donation of at least **£20 or more if you wish** with no limit to support student One Health & VPH related causes, the annual VPHA Masterclass in VPH & other activities. More details on how to donate will be offered on registration.

Lecture series with a great speaker line-up (see below) is pre-recorded for viewing *at your own convenience*. This will be followed by live interactive discussion groups through the week. These are for **non-undergraduate delegates (vets and non-vets) only** (students from all UK vet schools will have separate sessions and discussions throughout the week). All sessions will be run by current veterinary students. Discussions will focus on the following key questions:

- 1. What has the UK veterinary profession done in the last 60 years to benefit humans, animals and the environment (One Health-VPH)?*
- 2. In what way could UK vets have had more of an impact on One Health-VPH?*
- 3. What does the UK veterinary profession need to do more of in future to benefit humans, animals and the environment? What more needs to be taught at UK Vet Schools?*

Dates of the discussion groups:

- A) Sat 10th Oct 10-12pm*
- B) Mon 12th Oct 9-11am*
- C) Wed 14th Oct 3-5pm*
- D) Thurs 15th Oct 3-5pm*

Sign-up is first come first served. Please specify at the time of registration which group you wish to join. (40 max per 2 hour session)

A concluding live session is scheduled for **Saturday 17 October 2020** from **2-4 pm** as students present the outcomes of the separate non-undergraduate and undergraduate group discussions. **All are welcome to join!**

A report is due to be written on the virtual conference to summarise the past, present and future role of the veterinary profession in One Health-Veterinary Public Health. Every registered delegate who participates in one of the discussions, will also have the option to be named in the credits for the report.

Viewing of the lecture series, involvement in one discussion group and attendance at the virtual concluding live session counts as **7 hours CPD** (certificates available on request)

Registration details to follow soon.

The pre-recorded lecture series will begin with short opening remarks from the organisers followed by the following presentations (in total no more than 3 hours). Free to all delegates to view at their own leisure. Please find the biographies of speakers on Page 3.



Professor the Lord Trees MRCVS, FMedSci, HonFRSE, House of Lords

Vets' contribution to the UN Sustainable Development Goals:

What vets have done and can do to tackle global challenges to animal and human health, food security and environmental health and sustainability



Dr Rens van Dobbenburgh DVM, FVE President

The European Official Veterinarian: Current Context:

The EU Official veterinarian's job (supported by other vets and non- vets) has evolved over the period of time to include a number of important roles and responsibilities. These veterinary tasks will continue to be developed in line with the society needs and no doubt our veterinary under and post graduate education will adjust and adapt to serve those needs



Dr Rakesh Chand BVSc & AH, Nepal, Director, Center for One Health Research & Promotion (COHRP, Nepal), Executive member, Nepal Veterinary Association (NVA)

My experience working towards the International trade of Insects at the OIE, Paris 2019:

This presentation will give the most recent update on working with OIE in Paris (until Oct '19) on developing standards on global trade of insects ('mini livestock' and as animal disease vectors); challenges, gaps in regulation, guidelines, policies, regulatory bodies and the role of the veterinary profession



Anthony Ridge MA VetMB MRCVS, Veterinary advisor, Defra

Why do we need vets to trade:

Anthony will discuss the crucial roles that vets play to enable international movements of animals and animal products whilst safeguarding animal health, animal welfare and public health.



Lucy Johnson BA, 6th year Veterinary Medicine Student, University of Cambridge

A review of animal welfare cases as reported by OV's at UK abattoirs:

A presentation of data collected by the FSA and animal welfare cases reported by UK OV's and a discussion of the challenges faced by the OV in monitoring animal welfare. How do relevant authorities collaborate on welfare law and could this area be improved in the future.

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Please find below our speakers' biographies.

Professor the Lord Trees

Professor the Lord Trees graduated in 1969 from the University of Edinburgh. After a research expedition to Kenya he worked in mixed practice before completing a PhD on bovine babesiosis followed by veterinary advisory work with a pharmaceutical company in the Middle-East/North Africa region. In 1980 Lord Trees was appointed Lecturer in Veterinary Parasitology at the University of Liverpool, based in the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine. In 1994 he was promoted to Professor and was appointed head of the Parasite and Vector Biology Division of the LSTM from 1994-97. He was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Science from 2001-2008 before retiring from the university in 2011. Serving on the Council of the RCVS from 2000-2015, he was president of the RCVS 2009-10. His research has focused on protozoology and filarial nematodes with a strong interest in both human and animal health and has involved extensive fieldwork particularly in West and East Africa. He has been a fellow of the RSTM&H since 1986. Lord Trees is currently Chief Veterinary Adviser of the *Veterinary Record*, Chairman of the Board of the Moredun Research Institute, Edinburgh, a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences and an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

In 2012 Lord Trees was appointed to the House of Lords Crossbenches through the Appointments Commission and is only the second Veterinary Surgeon to be appointed to the upper house. As an active working Peer he has served on the House of Lords EU Select Committee and on its EU Energy and Environment Sub Committee and is currently Co-Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Animal Welfare and Vice-Chair of the APPGs on Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases and on Antibiotics.

Dr Rens van Dobbenburgh

Dutch veterinarian with professional background as livestock practitioner in the southern part of the Netherlands, the highest animal dense area of Europe. Besides practice active as board member of Royal Dutch Veterinary Association (KNMvD). Since 2004 veterinary CEO of AUV Veterinary Co-operative/Group. 2012 acquired by Henry Schein plc, global distributor of supplies for veterinary practices. Merged 2019 with Vets First Choice into Covetrus. Since 2012 to date companies chief veterinary officer Europe. 2009 – 2015 board member of the Union of European Veterinary Practitioners (UEVP).

Since 2015 vice-president of the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE), President since 2019. Currently chairing FVE/UEVP Medicines Working Group and up to September 2019 chair on behalf of FVE of the European Platform of Responsible use of Medicines in Animals (EPRUMA)

Dr Rakesh Chand

Rakesh graduated as a veterinarian from Nepal in 2015 and worked until 2017 at the National Zoonoses and Food Hygiene Research Centre (NZFHRC). From 2017-2018 he undertook training as part of the TPFV-II Program (JVMA), Japan Veterinary Medical Association (JVMA) and trained towards molecular biology at Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology (TUAT). In 2017 he was an awardee at World Rabies Day 2017 (Asia).

2018-2019 he was a consultant for Dog Rabies Database (HART) and AMR Diaries (PAHS), executive member of the Nepal Veterinary Association (NVA) and country lead - 0.30 Project: Rabies Control Program in Nepal. In 2019 he founded the Center for One Health Research & Promotion, Nepal and undertook an Internship in the Science Department, World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) in France on the "International trade of insects and its impact towards animal health" before beginning an MPhil at the University of Cambridge entitled "Epidemiology and control of Rabies in Nepal.

Dr Anthony Ridge

Anthony has had a varied career since graduating from Cambridge Veterinary School in 2013. After initially spending two years in small animal clinical practice, he completed a policy internship as the Parliamentary Veterinary Intern in the House of Lords working closely with Lord Trees (a vet and crossbench peer).

In 2017 he joined the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) as a Senior Veterinary Inspector and in 2019 he moved to his current role working as a Veterinary Advisor for trade facilitation at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra).

He is a working group member of the online "Vets: Stay, Go, Diversify" community and a Council member of the Association of Government Vets.