**Virtual learning bonanza for global veterinary community**

Recently the World Veterinary Association (WVA) was forced to cancel its 36th World Veterinary Association Congress (WVAC) being hosted in New Zealand by the New Zealand Veterinary Association (NZVA) because of the restrictions imposed by the outbreak of COVID-19.

Out of adversity however has come innovation with NZVA working with WVA and partnering with Webinar Vet to deliver an on-line festival of veterinary learning starting internationally on 25 April (26 April in New Zealand) to coincide with World Veterinary Day.

“We are delighted to be able to partner with Webinar Vet and reach a global veterinary community during our three-week festival while delivering exceptional value and learning opportunities” says, Grant McCullough President of NZVA.

The online festival will deliver most of the speakers that were signed up to speak at WVAC and deliver a mixture of live and recorded lectures. While the festival lasts for three weeks the information will remain available online for six months.

The virtual event will deliver over 100 hours of CPD including education and animal welfare, aquaculture, dairy cattle and equine nursing to name just a few. RACE approved CE credits are available -individual sessions will be marked as having RACE approval if they qualify.

“It will enable veterinary professionals everywhere to make significant inroads into completing their continuing professional development for 2020”, says Leanne Fecser, Head of Education at NZVA.

“I'm very pleased to be helping this very prestigious conference go online in these turbulent times. The varied programme looks excellent and we are very confident that we can make this a smooth transition for delegates and speakers”, says Anthony Chadwick, CEO at The Webinar Vet.

The 7th WVA Global One Health Summit “Climate Change and its Future Impact on Disease Burdens, Food Security, and the Economy” will launch the CPD festival and will be free to access for everyone. Register for these free sessions here: <https://wvac2020.thewebinarvet.com/free-access-wva-global-one-health-summit/>

Additionally, the global seminar on equine welfare will also be free to attend, with registrations available at: <https://wvac2020.thewebinarvet.com/equine-event/>

Registrations for the Congress are now open at <https://wvac2020.thewebinarvet.com/>

We encourage veterinarians everywhere to invest in their education and register their interest today.

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