



# Commonwealth Veterinary Association e-Newsletter

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## Election of Office Bearers

The CVA is delighted to announce that the following office bearers have been elected for the term 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2019:

President: Dr Peter Thornber, Australia

Secretary: Dr Henry Magwisha, Tanzania

Treasurer: Dr Deborah Kirton, New Zealand

Programme Director: Dr Jeff Cave, Australia

Our congratulations go to the newly elected office bearers and may they steer the CVA in the right direction during the coming four years.



[President elect Dr Peter Thornber learning the finer art of Malaysian handicrafts](#)

## The end of an era

The CVA is also pleased (though sad!!!) to inform you that the July 2015 edition of the Commonwealth Veterinary Journal is now hosted on the journal website at <http://commonwealthveterinaryjournal.com>

We are sad since this is the last edition which we will be producing as we have now opted to cease its publication and concentrate on the CVA e-Newsletter.

President Abdul Rahman has written in his President's column of his deep association of the journal for the last 25 years. He would like to thank all of you again for supporting his efforts in bringing this journal out twice every year. Once the CVA's pride, it had become more and more difficult to publish and ultimately we had to take the decision to stop its publication. Like any story there always has to be an END.

President Rahman is to be commended for his phenomenal effort in being the editor of the journal for the past 25 years.



## WVA Education Network

By now many of you will have availed yourself to registering with the WVA Education Network. If you haven't we encourage you to do so since the network provides 265 modules of on-line CPD to all veterinarians, 124 of which are free of charge. To register visit <http://cva.wcea.education> Thus far 124 veterinarians from 34 different countries have registered with the CVA portal.

## News from Trinidad and Tobago

The Trinidad and Tobago Veterinary Association's general elections were held on March 17, 2015. Their new President is Dr Karla Georges. Other Executive members are Drs Nicholas Mackenzie (President-Elect), Lisa Benjamin (Secretary), Ayesha Alexander (Treasurer), Sabrina Thomas (Assistant secretary/PRO), Michael Morris (Associate) and Hasani Stewart (Associate) and Curtis Padilla (Immediate Past President).

New graduates were welcomed into the fraternity on 25th June 2015 at their General Meeting. The association looks forward to working with them to develop their skills and nurture their young professionals.

### Profile: Jeff Cave

After graduating from Murdoch University in 1988 Jeff spent two years in mixed private practice. He then travelled extensively throughout Eastern and Southern Africa, before completing a Masters of Science degree in Tropical Veterinary Science at James Cook University. Following this he worked for two years in Vanimo, Papua New Guinea and three years in Rarotonga, Cook Islands. For the past sixteen years he has worked as District Veterinary Officer in Wodonga, Victoria, Australia.

Jeff was the CVA Councilor for the Cook Islands from 1995 – 1998, CVA Councilor for Australia from 2002 – 2004 and from 2010 until the present time, and CVA Regional Representative for the Australasia/Oceania Region from 2004 – 2008. He has managed the CVA book program since 2001. Since 2007 he has been the CPD Coordinator of the CVA, and recently Jeff was elected the CVA Program Manager/Communications Coordinator for 2016 - 2019.

Jeff's early work in the Pacific has given him a lasting interest in helping veterinarians in developing countries working in professional isolation at the grassroots level.



### Recipes from the world - from Fiji

#### Fiji Chicken Curry

Ingredients:

- 1 chicken of around 1,300 gms
- 2 large onions
- 2 heaped table spoons of curry powder
- 3cm square piece of green ginger
- 8 pieces of garlic
- 3 tablespoons canola oil

- 1 large ripe tomato [skinned and chopped]
- 2 table spoons chopped fresh coriander leaves
- 3 cloves
- 2 cups of water
- salt to taste

Method:

Disjoint the chicken and cut it into medium size pieces. Crush the ginger and garlic to a paste and set aside.

Heat oil in saucepan place 1 finely chopped onion inside and fry until lightly brown add chicken pieces plus ginger/garlic paste together with the second onion, curry powder and cloves - continue frying and stirring for 10 minutes. Then add the salt and the chopped tomato and mix well - next add 2 cups of water, cover and allow to simmer slowly until the meat is well-cooked and tender. Lastly, add the coriander leaves [plus 1 - 2 finely chopped chillies as an option]

Serve with boiled rice plus a chutney, either freshly chopped or a mango-based one.

Will serve 5 to 6 persons.



#### Upcoming Events

21 - 23 September – Livestock Asia at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Malaysia. For further details visit <http://www.livestockasia.com/>

1 – 2 November - AMAMS (Asian Meeting of Animal Medical Specialties) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. For further details visit <http://amams2015.com/>

The Nepal Veterinary Association has launched an appeal for funding to support the livestock relief and recovery efforts in rural areas. They are seeking funding to support treatment costs, carcass disposal, supplementary feed and fodder and for temporary shelter. Details on how to donate funds to support this effort are given below.

Below is the story of Gyanu Maya, from a farming family in the Kavre district in Nepal showing how difficult it has been for rural families following the earthquakes.

**LIVESTOCK WAS LIFE LINE FOR MY FAMILY  
BUT AFTER EARTHQUAKE .....**



*I am Gyanu Maya from Devitar (Kavre district, Nepal) a hilly area. I am a permanent inhabitant of this village. My life was very simple. I used to cultivate in a small agricultural land and raise four goats and a buffalo and a cow. There are four members in my family- myself, my husband, a son and a daughter who also help in household work.*

*Before the great earthquake, we were living happily with whatever property we have. That day my husband and I were working in the agricultural field and our children were playing nearby home. Suddenly the ground started to tremble (25<sup>th</sup> April) and our house and a small shed collapsed within minute in front of our eyes. Immediately we rushed to our house, we were relieved finding both of our children safe. However our animals were under the rubbles. There was no one to call for support.*



*So we started the rescue of our beloved animals ourselves. We found one doe and two kids dead. One pregnant buffalo had bruises around the body and was trying to stand on its own but to no avail. A sharp wooden piece was penetrating in the cleft of digit of one leg. Another pregnant cow looked apparently normal however later showed sign of abortion. The wound in leg of buffalo and body turned even worse with infestation of maggots. The cow could not abort rather fell sick-not eating and drinking well.*



*Around three weeks after the disaster, some vets representing Nepal Veterinary Association (NVA) arrived in our village and gave some treatments to buffalo. The team also gave some medicines to sick cow after getting the dead fetus out from the uterus. The conditions are slightly improving but we are not sure what the condition will be in the days to come. We doubt of their survival and We are very much sad with the fact that there is no any shelter for the animals and more over without animal, our life will be threatened as they are the only source of small but regular income for our subsistence livelihood. Livestock is life line for my family.*



Donations may be made by international bank transfer to:

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