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## *President's Piece*

Dear ISAE Colleagues,

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Congress of the ISAE is less than a month away. Carol Petherick and her team of local organizers have an excellent scientific program and social events in store for Congress participants. There is still time to register in case you forgot the location includes proximity to the Great Barrier Reef, the pristine environment, ocean breeze -- and that excellent scientific program! Professor Lesley Rogers of the University of New England Australia will deliver the Wood-Gush lecture titled "Brain and behavioural lateralization in perspective, including its relevance to animal welfare". Go to [www.isae2009.com](http://www.isae2009.com) to learn more. The Congress will be bittersweet as we remember ISAE member John Barnett and his wife Jenny who were lost to the fires that ravaged Australia. I hope you will attend the plenary talk in which Paul Hemsworth pays tribute to the life and work of John Barnett who had been invited and scheduled to be our plenary speaker.

The last year has been one of many transitions and challenges for Council. We entered the year with a new membership service provider Association Membership Services (AMS). The transition from Granta to AMS has been fraught with challenges including incompatible software, issues with web linkages and inability to make changes to our website. Membership Secretary Hans Spooler and Communications Officer Keelin O'Driscoll have done an extraordinary job of troubleshooting issues with AMS to keep membership services moving and exploring avenues of improvement for our website. Council will be focused on strategies to resolve these issues so service to members is seamless and website functions (such as paying subs) are easy to use. Membership has been patient as we contend with these challenges and hope that you will remain attentive to bringing issues to Council as they arise. We appreciate your continued loyalty to the society and apologize for any inconvenience as a result of the service disruptions.

This will be my last newsletter as President of the ISAE. The two years passed quickly and my deepest gratitude to the Council and ISAE members who volunteer time and effort to conducting the society business. Council officers completing their posts this July are Anna Valros, Debbie Goodwin, Marek Spinka and Joe Garner. Anna has played an important role in keeping Council on 'agenda', setting up our meetings, capturing our issues and actions, and brought her wisdom and practical sense to every meeting for the past 5 years. Debbie Goodwin has completed her term as treasurer. Debbie has been a trusted and dedicated member of our Council. She has expertly managed societal budgets and accounts over the last 5 years and we are forever grateful for her major contribution to keeping this society fiscally responsible and solvent. Marek Spinka, Senior Vice President is finishing his 6 years of service as an officer that started with his term as junior vice president. Marek's high integrity, dedication to our society and its scientific goals, sense of responsibility and spirit of volunteerism sets an excellent example for our membership. I have deeply appreciated his counsel and friendship. Joe Garner is completing his term as editor. If you know Joe you know he will be prepared to comment and bring his expert advice to bear on issues. Thank you to Anna, Debbie, Marek and Joe for your dedication and service commitment to the ISAE. If you happen to see Anna, Debbie, Marek or Joe please say thank you to her/him for their service to the ISAE. And a special thank you to our ISAE Regional Secretaries whom keep the ISAE alive throughout the year.

I will end this message by asking you to support and provide service to regional and international ISAE activities. Whether you consider running for Council or serving on a regional committee, the strength, function and direction of the Society depends on you. I hope to see you Down Under! Have a great summer.

Best Wishes -- Janice Swanson

## *Bug in the system*

### **A report from the recent Council meeting, from Anna Valros, Secretary**

Dear ISAE members,

As usual, the ISAE Bug has been busy within the system to make sure you get the latest gossip on what Council has been up to. Council held their usual web-based meeting in February 2009 to discuss on-going issues. One issue was the feedback from you members regarding our new system of sending out *Officers reports prior to the AGM*. Some members had actually read these last year (wow!), so we will continue with this at least for one more year. In other words: be prepared to get an e-mail with reports from Council at the end of June.

There was some discussion on the state of our *Society Website* and the *banking system* in use. Council knows that membership fee payments are not always that easy to pay, and realizes that things could work more smoothly. However, this is an issue of money and resources: if we want a better system someone has to do something about it (surprise, surprise!) AND pay for it. Therefore, the issue needs to be discussed further before we can decide on any practical actions. Until then, please try to make the best out of our current system, and do remember to pay your fees in time!

Furthermore, Council discussed who should be *eligible for membership* in our fine Society, and decided that there is no need to change the rules as they are now. The system of proposer and seconder, combined with a bio sent to Council works fine and we do not need to tighten membership criteria any further.

An issue that has raised quite a lot of discussion in Council lately is that of official *ISAE representation*: what should be the rules for selecting ISAE representatives for different panels, committees etc and what are the responsibilities and roles of these representatives? Some guidelines will be prepared for and discussed during our next meeting in Cairns in July 2009, so hopefully you can get updated at the 2009 AGM.

I think that those were the most important points raised at our last meeting, So now all that's left to say is that I hope to see you in Cairns in July. I am sure we can look forward to yet another interesting, fun and motivating meeting!

Anna Valros

## *ISAE Council News*

### **Secretary – Anna Valros**

Some very interesting and important Council positions are up for election at the 2009 AGM (at the ISAE 2009 Congress in Cairns, Australia on July 9, 2009), so this is YOUR chance to take part in the development of our Society. Nominations, including a short (½ page) biography should be sent to the Secretary. If you want further information on any of the duties, please contact the Secretary ([anna.valros@helsinki.fi](mailto:anna.valros@helsinki.fi)) or the current officers in question (see contact details below). Remember that it is perfectly ok to nominate yourself! If you do nominate someone else, make sure to ask them first.

Below is some information on the positions in question, for more information on the Council and the duties of the Officers, please refer to the ISAE constitution and guidelines.

Positions opening 2009:

#### ***Junior Vice-President (2009-2011)***

The JVP assumes the duties of the President in the latter's absence or inability to serve and acts as the coordinator for the Regional Secretaries. In addition, the JVP assists the Treasurer with applications for regional funds. Normally the JVP continues as President and Senior Vice President after the 2-year JVP term. The JVP should be a person with solid experience of, and a high interest in developing the Society. For information, contact our current JVP: [Vicky.Sandilands@sac.ac.uk](mailto:Vicky.Sandilands@sac.ac.uk)

#### ***Secretary (2009-2013)***

The Secretary's main duty is to prepare Council and AGM meetings and to keep minutes during these. The Secretary stores meeting minutes and announces any vacant Council positions to the membership. The Secretary also helps with other issues assigned by the President or Council. As Secretary you get a very good insight into the Society. If you are interested in building networks and have good organisational skills, this is the job for you! For information, contact our current Secretary: [Anna.valros@helsinki.fi](mailto:Anna.valros@helsinki.fi)

#### ***Treasurer (2009-2013)***

The treasurer makes sure, via the professional membership service, that membership fees are collected, and is in charge of all funds received by the ISAE. The treasurer prepares the budget, maintains the ISAE accounts and, together with the JVP, allocates funds to Regional Secretaries. In addition, the treasurer has other duties related to keeping track of ISAE-money, such as making documents available to the Auditors. If you are not afraid of numbers and want to help ISAE make best use of membership fees, do consider nominating yourself for Treasurer! For information, contact our current Treasurer: [D.Goodwin@soton.ac.uk](mailto:D.Goodwin@soton.ac.uk)

#### ***Junior Editor (2009-2011)***

The Junior Editor assists the Senior Editor with the decision of the topic, selection of authors and the publication of an annual special issue of Applied Animal Behaviour Science. In addition, the Jr Editor helps with preparing the annual ISAE-article in Applied Animal Behaviour Science and coordinates the Help-with-English scheme. Normally the Jr Editor continues as Sr editor after the end of the two-year period. The candidates for Jr Editor need to have experience of, and an

interest in writing and editorial work. For information, contact our current Jr Editor:  
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## *ISAE Regional News*

### **Annual JVP report June 2009 (Vicky Sandilands, Scotland)**

My responsibility for the society is to coordinate activity between the regions. Below are reports by region and regional secretary. Thank you to all secretaries for all their hard work in the past year. I would like to extend particular thanks to Seiji Kondo of the East Asia region who steps down after the next congress in Cairns.

### **Australasia and Africa - Kate Littin**

Membership in this region is now about 70! During the past year the ISAE 2009 conference (see page 15) has been the main activity in this region. A regional bank account has been established, and the region has been granted regional funds to support attendance at the meeting. There is a possible regional seminar planned for New Zealand end of 2010 to focus on applied ethology in the laboratory (cross-relevance / funding opportunities with local UFAW representative – yet to be discussed with UFAW, and New Zealand Three Rs Programme, and Australian and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching). We would also like to note the sad passing of Prof John Barnett in Victoria, during the Australian bush fires (see below, page 12).

### **Benelux region - Ingrid de Jong**

The Benelux region has about 50 members. We held a joint meeting with the Netherlands Society for Behavioural Biology in Nov 2008, and the programme is available on the ISAE website (<http://www.applied-ethology.org/isaameetings.htm>). Prof. Per Jensen was invited to give a general lecture (with financial support of the ISAE) on domestication and there were four presentations in the field of applied ethology. Thus far, the members are positive about the joint meeting and we therefore decided to organize it again in 2009.

### **Canadian region – Stephanie Torrey**

The Canadian region will hold a joint regional meeting with the United States on July 17-18, 2009 in Montreal, Quebec. Dr. Don Kramer from McGill University will be the keynote speaker, and there will be 40 oral and poster presentations. We look forward to an exciting meeting! For more information, go to [http://www.applied-ethology.org/isaameetings\\_files/2009%20CAN-USA%20ISAE%20Meeting%20Montreal%20-%20Second%20Notice.doc](http://www.applied-ethology.org/isaameetings_files/2009%20CAN-USA%20ISAE%20Meeting%20Montreal%20-%20Second%20Notice.doc)

The Canadian region lost a long time ISAE member with Nora Lewis' passing in December 2008. An obituary can be found on page 9.

ISAE member, Dr. Sharon Cregier of Prince Edward Island, has returned from New Zealand and Australia. She spent two weeks there in May, looking at the latest developments in balanced transport for horses, loading and traveling horses, and presenting to the international Animal

Transportation Association annual conference, Sydney. The system developed Down Under is built around the horse's requirements for effortless balance and security. It is the only float or trailer system which meets the OIE (World Animal Welfare Organization) standards for humane horse transport, making loading, travel, and unloading safer for horse and handler alike. In fact, children using this system now load their own mounts.

### **East Asia region - Seiji Kondo**

Membership (jointly with Japanese Society for Applied Animal Behaviour) stands at 168! An annual meeting was held (in collaborating with Japanese Society of Livestock Management) on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2009, with 61 oral presentations. We have also held two symposiums for citizens:

1. Temperament and behavior of animals (collaborating with Japanese Society of Veterinary Medicine and Japanese Society of Livestock Management) on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2009, and
2. How to observe the behavior of Zoo animals, (collaborating with Higashiyama Zoo and Botanical Gardens and Japanese Association of Zoo and Aquariums). There were 66 participants.

We held the JSAAB AGM in March 2009. Our website is updated monthly, but sorry! It is only in Japanese! Finally, we have issued 4 newsletters to members by email.

### **East Central Europe - Boris Bilčík**

Currently there are 10 members in our region. Our new regional web page is under construction. The greatest activity of this year will be next "Joint East Central and West Central Europe Regional Meeting" (see below).

### **West Central Europe – Kristin Hagen**

Membership stands at 49. Our traditional Joint West and East Central Europe Regional Meetings with a focus on young researchers continue: the 5<sup>th</sup> will take place in Vienna, Austria, on September 25-26, 2009, hosted by Christoph Winckler at the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences. The next "Freiburg meeting"- the German Veterinary Society's yearly congress in Applied Ethology - takes place on 19 to 21 November 2009 (see meeting announcements). As every year, we plan an ISAE regional membership assembly in this context.

### **Latin America - Rodolfo Ungerfeld**

The region did not have common activities during this year. However, the number of regional members continued increasing during the year. The regional web page is being designed by María José Hötzel, and will probably be active during next months. During next year, we will hold the second Regional Meeting in San Pablo, Brasil.

### **Mediterranean region - Xavier Manteca and Nuria Chapinal**

This year, the Mediterranean region held their first ever regional meeting, in Cervia, Italy. Abstracts from the meeting will be available shortly on the ISAE 'Meetings' web page.

### **Nordic Region - Margit Bak Jensen**

The region has 86 members. The Nordic Symposium of the ISAE for 2009 was held in Bjerringbro, Denmark on the 19<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup> January 2009. There were 42 participants. At the

symposium we discussed the need to promote ISAE membership in the Baltic countries (currently only one). Therefore in following year we aim to promote ISAE membership in the Baltic countries. The Nordic region hopes to host its regional meeting in 2011 in Estonia, which will help. Next year I will step down as regional secretary. Finally, the home-page for the Nordic region was updated recently.

### **UK and Eire region - Cathy Dwyer and Laura Boyle**

Since the annual congress was held in Eire last year, there hasn't been a huge amount of additional regional activity. There was an ISAE-supported meeting held in Edinburgh in September 2008 on the Welfare of Animal Athletes. In addition, plans are underway for a 1 day meeting in December, probably in London, with a focus on postgraduate presentations and researchers at an early stage in their careers.

## *ISAE members on the move*

### **Stephanie Torrey moves from Lennoxville (Quebec) to Guelph (Ontario) with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada**

As part of a national initiative to increase research in poultry behaviour and welfare, Stephanie Torrey has transferred from Lennoxville (Quebec) to Guelph (Ontario) with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. In addition to switching from pigs to poultry, Stephanie will be involved in creating a Canadian 'virtual' network for poultry ethologists, and will assist in teaching at the graduate level at the University of Guelph. Her email address will remain the same, but her new contact information is:

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### **Niamh O'Connell moves from the Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (Hillsborough) to Queens University Belfast**

Niamh has taken up a new role as lecturer in the School of Biological Sciences, Queens University. She will be lecturing in the areas of farm animal welfare, and in general agricultural biosciences. Niamh will continue to manage the farm animal welfare research unit at the Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute in Hillsborough. This unit currently conducts research into dairy cow lameness, harmful social and aggressive behaviour in pigs, and perching behaviour of laying hens. The unit will also shortly commence research into broiler chicken welfare. In particular, the effects of access to natural light and environmental enrichment will be assessed.

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## *Appl. Anim. Behav. Sci. news -- from Elsevier*

### **Get your research published fast!**

Over the past year a joint effort between Editors and Publisher has resulted in optimising the review and production process of *Applied Animal Behaviour Science*. Subsequently, more articles have been published and production times have been significantly reduced. We are pleased to inform you that accepted manuscripts are now published online within 6 weeks and articles appear in the printed issue approximately 3 months after acceptance. *Applied Animal Behaviour Science* is the official journal of the ISAE and provides a unique forum for the publication of topical articles on the application of ethology to animals managed by humans. Publication of your most recent original research in *Applied Animal Behaviour Science* ensures maximum visibility amongst a worldwide audience and is faster than ever. Manuscripts should be submitted online using the Elsevier editorial system at: <http://ees.elsevier.com/applan>

As you may be aware, *Applied Animal Behaviour Science* regularly publishes Special Issues on current, important topics in the field of ethology. With the improved production times, this is also a good opportunity to publish some new, relevant Special Issues in the journal. If you have any suggestions for Special Issues and are willing to act as a Guest Editor, please contact the Editors-in-Chief or Publishing Editor ([w.meester@elsevier.com](mailto:w.meester@elsevier.com))

Elsevier also continues to offer a subscription to *Applied Animal Behaviour Science* to ISAE members at highly reduced rates. Remember to select the option to subscribe to *Applied Animal Behaviour Science* when renewing your ISAE membership.

## Meeting Reviews

**The ISAE Newsletter welcomes reviews from all meetings of potential interest to ISAE members.**

**21<sup>st</sup> Nordic Symposium of the ISAE January 19-21, 2009, Bjerringbro, Denmark – reviewed by Trine Jensen**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Nordic ISAE Symposium was held at Nørugaards Højskole in Bjerringbro in Denmark. Arriving at the Højskole the participants were greeted by a large wooden statue of a troll by the name of “Gudar”. The tale of “Gudar” the troll says that upon loosing his only daughter the troll grasped hold of a large rock which he in anger flung to the ground. The rock then ploughed its way through the landscapes and created the river Gudenåen, which is the longest running stream in Denmark, although in size it did not impress the participants from the other Nordic countries.

More than 40 participants took part in the symposium and heard a total of 20 presentations on a wide range of topics. This also included 2 talks from invited speakers. Invited speaker Dr. Colin Hendrie, from the Institute of Psychological Sciences, University of Leeds, UK opened the symposium by giving a talk on “Clinical applications of Comparative Ethology”. The talk focussed on the possible implications of behavioural observations in diagnosing patients with different mental disorders. On the second day of the symposium Invited speaker Dr. Machteld van Dierendonck, from the Veterinary Faculty of Utrecht University, NL gave a talk on “Sociality in production animals and horses, principles and practice” focussing on her work with horses. Following the presentations many interesting questions and principal discussions arose, to the benefit and inspiration of speakers as well as the audience.

The award for best student presentation (the Klaus Vestergaard award) was awarded to Stephanie Buijs for her presentation “Spatial distribution and behaviour of broiler chickens at different densities”. Stephanie Buijs is a PhD Student at the Swedish Agricultural University and the experimental work presented was done at the Institute for Agricultural and Fisheries Research, ILVO-Animal Science in Belgium. Besides the honour, the Klaus Vestergaard award also includes free attendance of the next Nordic ISAE symposium, including refund of travelling expenses.

Situating the Nordic ISAE Symposium at the informal surroundings of Nørugaards Højskole in Bjerringbro gave the participants the opportunity to become familiar with some of the Danish “Højskole traditions” and concept of “Højskole Manners”. In the spirit of “Højskole traditions” the participants were invited to learn folk dancing from a real folk dancing instructor, accompanied by live music in the lecture hall. Judging by the loud laughing and the red cheeks, I think everyone enjoyed this evening work out, which was much needed after the very nice symposium dinner.

On behalf of the participants of the 21<sup>st</sup> Nordic Symposium of the ISAE, I would like to thank the organisers: Eva Søndergaard, Liat Romme Thomsen and Margit Bak Jensen for their hard work on making this symposium a success. The 22<sup>nd</sup> Nordic ISAE meeting will take place in January 2010 in Finland. Hope to see you all there!

*(Trine Jensen is currently doing her PhD at Aarhus University with Dr. Lene Juul Pedersen and Dr. Jens Malkvist and is her project is titled ‘The thermal needs of neonatal pigs’.)*

## **Campbell Centre for the Study of Animal Welfare Research Symposium Examines Our Complicated Relationships with the Animals we Keep – reviewed by Kimberly Sheppard**

Can elephants in zoos get too hot? Are wild carnivores raised in 'high welfare' enclosures more attractive to potential mates than those raised in standard cages? Are cats and dogs our companions, our toys or our children, and does it matter?

The answers to these questions and more were on the agenda on May 5, 2009, at the second annual CCSAW Animal Welfare Research Symposium at the University of Guelph. The symposium is designed to address a wide range of topics related to animal welfare, ethics and the role of animals in society.

“Our aim is to stimulate thought-provoking discussion that challenges delegates to continually examine, question and study the ways in which we use animals and how this affects them and us” said Kimberly Sheppard, Communications Coordinator for the Campbell Centre.

The 2009 CCSAW Research Symposium addressed profound and practical questions revolving around our complex relationships with animals. Those relationships are often riddled with contradictions, said Prof. Georgia Mason.

“It’s very complicated – even when we’re talking about pets, we shower them with affection but we also use them,” said Mason, an associated faculty member at University of Guelph’s Campbell Centre for the Study of Animal Welfare, which hosted the symposium. Mason also holds the Canada Research Chair in animal welfare in University of Guelph’s Department of Animal and Poultry Science. “On the one hand, we give some animals cute names and make them part of the family, while on the other we struggle with the welfare of animals destined for slaughter. How can we live with that contradiction without examining it? And if we do examine it, what happens?”

Each year, the symposium brings together graduate students and faculty members at University of Guelph who deal with animals from a variety of perspectives, from the biological sciences and veterinary medicine to geography and philosophy. Some have a practical focus – how to humanely transport food animals, for example – while others probe deeper into the ways our treatment of animals may be problematic.

The day’s themes included making inferences about how animals feel, examining how animals are perceived and treated, and improving how we treat animals. A highlight of the event was the keynote address by Dr. Ed Pajor of Purdue University on the topic "Pregnant, barefoot and nowhere to move: Sow housing research."

CCSAW would like to thank Universities Federation for Animal Welfare, Egg Farmers of Canada, and The Canadian Farm Animal Care Trust for their generous sponsorship of this symposium

To view the proceedings or for more information on the Campbell Centre, Associated Faculty, or associated projects, please visit: [www.uoguelph.ca/ccsaw](http://www.uoguelph.ca/ccsaw)

*(Kimberly Sheppard is the Communications Co-ordinator for the Colonel K.L. Centre for the Study of Animal Welfare.)*

## *In remembrance – Dr. Nora Lewis*



In Remembrance of  
Dr. N.J. (Nora) Lewis

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Nora Jean Lewis on December, 29, 2008 at the age of 56 years after a short battle with cancer.

Dr. Lewis received her B.Sc. (1976) (Biology) from the University of Guelph, and an M.Sc. (1978) and Ph.D. (1982) in Applied Ethology from the same institution. From 1982 to 1986 she was employed as a Research Associate and Lecturer in Ethology in the Department of Animal and Poultry Science, University of Saskatchewan and 1987 to 1990 at the University of Guelph. She returned to school and graduated with a DVM (1994) from the University of Guelph and practiced as a licensed Veterinarian in Ontario until her appointment as Assistant Professor (Ethology) (60%) and Associate University Veterinarian (40%), Department of Animal Science, University of Manitoba. She was promoted to Associate Professor (Ethology) in 2001 and Acting University Veterinarian in 2003.

Nora was instrumental in establishing the Animal Care and Use Program in the Office of Research Services and was appointed as its first Director (2005), and Assistant to the Vice-President (Research). In her role as Director of Animal Care and Use Program, Dr. Lewis provided direction to the program and assisted the University Community in moving toward a more centralized approach to animal care and use. Under her leadership the University expanded its Animal Care and Use Program to include two clinical Veterinarians, two Animal Health Technicians, one education co-ordinator and one Administrative Assistant. She worked tirelessly for the benefit of research animals and raised the standard of the Animal Care and Use Program at the University of Manitoba to be in exemplary compliance with the Canadian Council of Animal Care.

As the Associate Professor in Ethology, Dr. Lewis dedicated herself to teaching and research on animal behaviour and welfare. She taught a fourth year course in Animal Behaviour and a graduate course, but also gave special lectures in Zoology and twice a year in Animal Care Refresher courses and new Faculty Orientation Sessions - "Ethics for using animals in research".

Her research focused on transportation of early weaned Piglets; use of electrolytes to encourage early feed consumption in weaned piglets; the effect of adding antibiotics on water consumption in early weaned piglets; sow gestation housing; longevity of sows; welfare of laying hens in traditional vs. enriched cages. As well Dr. Lewis was part of a nationally recognized collaboration group studying the aspects of handling and transportation as they affect welfare and meat quality in market hogs.

Dr. Lewis was highly respected by all in the University Community for her teaching, research, service and administration. She was a committed and dedicated colleague who will be greatly missed by all.

## *In remembrance – Dr. John Barnett*



The tragic loss of Associate Professor John Barnett and his wife Jenny Barnett in the Victorian bush fires has deeply affected all those who knew and loved them.

John's main area of expertise was stress physiology and its application to the study of domestic animal welfare. This research over 30 years provided a timely balance on discussions within science and the livestock industries on welfare methodology and interpretations and this impact will continue to improve animal welfare methodology in the future. John's research on pigs and poultry have also made a critical contribution to our understanding of the welfare risks associated with confinement housing, highlighting the major risks of confinement that arise from spatial and social restriction. He has worked extensively with the livestock industries in developing welfare components of livestock industry QA programs and in assisting to achieve improvements in awareness and practices to safeguard animal welfare standards. His outstanding scientific efforts have been highly acclaimed nationally and internationally by both science and the livestock industries and animal welfare science will greatly miss his important contributions.

John was also a major contributor to the Animal Welfare Science Centre's research and teaching programs at the University of Melbourne, Monash University and the Victorian Department of

Primary Industries. His wise counsel on matters of science as well as life will be sadly and irreplaceably missed.

The Animal Welfare Science Centre is working with its three partner organisations and a number of scientific societies in considering a long lasting tribute to John that reflects his contribution to animal welfare.

The thoughts of the members of the Animal Welfare Science Centre are sincerely extended to John and Jenny's families and friends in their terrible loss.

## *Open learning resources*

A large EU project called Q-PORK CHAINS involves about 50 partners from 25 countries and is focusing on the entire pork sector. Pig welfare, sustainable pig production and animal ethics are topics of interest. More details on the scope of the project can be obtained at: [www.q-porkchains.org](http://www.q-porkchains.org)

One aspect of this project involves the development of training/learning resources for the pork chain. On this platform developed in collaboration with UNESCO you will find an archive for **FREE AND OPEN LEARNING RESOURCES**. You also find a **WIKI** that you can use in your teaching as well as a **FORUM**. [www.porktraining.org](http://www.porktraining.org)

On behalf of Q-Pork Chains please surf this web site and contribute some of your learning resources to this learning platform. You are also very welcome to use the platform in your teaching and to promote the platform by sending our site link to your other colleagues and people in your network.

Contact Anne Algers (anne.algers@lmv.slu.se) for further information!

## *Legal Scene*

*Northwest Animal Rights Network v State of Washington & King County* is a case pending in the US courts in which there will be a challenge to the constitutionality of exemptions made under the cruelty to animals Chapter.

The exemptions relate among other things to Hunting, Accepted Husbandry Practices and Normal Rodeo events.

The term "hunting" means in the USA what we brits term shooting. What we call hunting is hunting by dogs. That was made illegal in 2004 in England and Wales the Act receiving Royal Assent on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2004. But since that time there have only been three successful

prosecutions. The Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) has now decided that policing of the Act will have a low priority.

## *Employment Opportunities*

Employment opportunities related to applied ethology that are brought to the attention of the Communications Officer, are posted to the ISAE Home Page. Below is a sample of positions currently available. Please check the ISAE Home Page for further details and for application deadlines: <http://www.applied-ethology.org/employment.htm>.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<b>MSc Studentship:</b> Horse behavior	University of Alberta, Canada	<b>Dr. Derek Haley</b> derek.haley@ualberta.ca
<b>PhD position:</b> Environmental enrichment to reduce stress in shelter cats	University of Prince Edward Island, Canada	<b>Dr. Michael Cockram</b> mcockram@upe.ca
<b>Opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students, and post-doctoral fellows</b> Ethology	Centre of Eco-Etho Research & Education, France	<b>Dr. Marthe Kiley-Worthington</b> mkileyworthington@gmail.com
<b>Welfare Quality help in training and mobility for young researchers</b>	Various (See details for more information)	<b>Dr. Isabelle Veissier</b> veissier@clermont.inra.fr

## *43<sup>rd</sup> Congress of the ISAE in Cairns, Australia*

### **ISAE2009, Cairns, Queensland, Australia**

At the time of writing this we are only 6 weeks away from the Congress. If you've not registered already, then you've missed the early bird rate, but there is still time to join us at what, we are certain, will be a stimulating and memorable meeting. We know that it's a long way to travel for many members and that funds may be hard to come by in these difficult financial times, but this is your opportunity to support and demonstrate the "international" of the International Society for Applied Ethology.

The full program of the Congress is available on the website ([www.isae2009.com](http://www.isae2009.com)) and you will see that we have an excellent range of topics being covered during the 4-day program. Lesley Rogers is giving the Wood-Gush Memorial Lecture and there are seven plenary presentations, most of which feature some of our (New Zealand and Australian) "home-grown talent". In

addition there will be a special tribute, given by Paul Hemsworth , to the work of John Barnett, who, together with his wife Jenny, died in the terrible bushfires we had in Victoria in February this year.

There are 80 short oral presentations and I'm delighted to report that many of these are being delivered by students, which demonstrates the high standard of research that they are conducting. This year we are trying something a little different with some of the posters; 12 have been selected for a brief oral presentation. We hope that this will help to raise the profile of all of the posters (about 85 of them) that will be on display throughout the meeting. In addition, we have selected three, what we hope will be, controversial topics for facilitated discussion on the first day of the Congress. We trust that these discussion fora will encourage stimulating communication between delegates that will continue throughout the meeting.

Then there is the social program; the Welcome Reception will feature an aboriginal dance troupe and the farewell party is in the beer garden of The Rattle 'n' Hum bar and grill in Cairns. In between are the excursions that give you the choice of learning more about aboriginal culture, getting close-up and personal with some of our wildlife (crocodiles included) or experiencing a Great Barrier Reef atoll. The Congress dinner will give you the experience of dining in one of Cairn's premier hotels and we've been told that we've got Cairn's best band for the musical entertainment. There will be ample opportunity to dance the night away or, if you prefer, to relax in the tropical gardens of the hotel.

So, what are you waiting for? Get registered and book your flights! We'll see you in Cairns in a few weeks.

Carol Petherick  
On behalf of the Local Congress Organising Committee.

## *Future Meetings*

### **ISAE Meetings**

- **43rd International Congress**  
July 6-10, 2009 in Cairns, **Australia**
- **Joint Regional Meeting for Canada and the United States**  
July 17-19, 2009 in Montreal, Quebec, **Canada**
- **East and West Central Europe Region**  
September 25-26, 2009 in Vienna, **Austria**
- **44th International Congress**  
August 3-7, 2010 in Uppsala, **Sweden**

*Other meetings of potential interest can be found on the Applied Ethology Home Page:*

## Other Meetings

### 2009

- **Animal Behavior Society**  
June 22-26, in Pirenopolis, **Brazil**
- **Darwinian selection, selective breeding and the welfare of animals – UFAW Symposium**  
June 22-23, in Bristol, **UK**
- **Minding Animals 2009 – International Conference on Animals and Society**  
July 13-19, in Newcastle, **Australia**
- **Concepts of Animal Welfare: Interdisciplinary Perspectives**  
October 8-9, in Bad Neuenahr, **Germany**
- **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Society for Anthrozoology**  
October 20-25, in Kansas City, MO, **US**
- **7<sup>th</sup> International Veterinary Behaviour Meeting**  
October 29-31, in Edinburgh, **UK**
- **German Veterinary Society – Applied Ethology Section – 41<sup>st</sup> International Meeting**  
November 19-21, in Freiburg, **Germany**

### 2010

- **International Association of Human-Animal Interaction Organisations**  
July 1-3, in Stockholm, **Sweden**

### 2011

- **International Workshop on the Assessment of Animal Welfare at Farm & Group Level (WAFL) – 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting**  
Guelph, ON, **Canada**

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