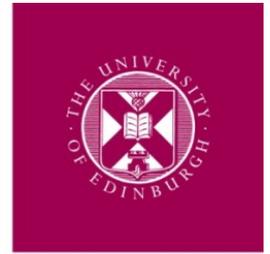


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THE JEANNE MARCHIG INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR ANIMAL WELFARE EDUCATION

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ANIMAL WELFARE NEWS

NEW ON-LINE MASTERS IS LAUNCHED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SRUC

Thirty-six students from five continents and a variety of professional and academic backgrounds, including the veterinary profession, NGOs and the legal profession, have started our new online Masters in International Animal Welfare, Ethics and Law. These pioneering students are studying a range of animal welfare related subjects, from behavioural science to ethical concepts and international legislation.

Dr Fritha Langford, an animal welfare scientist who has been appointed as the Inaugural Programme Director, said "The programme aims to develop students' understanding of how scientific evidence can be applied to give insight and improve animal welfare standards worldwide while also enhancing knowledge of scientific study and research".

The programme is run by the University of Edinburgh, through their Jeanne Marchig International Centre for Animal Welfare Education (JMICAWE) in partnership with Scotland's Rural College (SRUC). It is aimed at both UK and international graduate students, who study flexible part-time hours, to achieve a Certificate, Diploma or Masters degree.

For further details:

web: www.ed.ac.uk/vet/international-animal-welfare



EQUINE WELFARE SCIENCE CONFERENCE COMES TO EDINBURGH

The International Society of Equitation Science (ISES) ran a very successful three day conference including two days of presentations at the University of Edinburgh's, Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies and a practical day held at the Scottish National Equestrian Centre (SNEC) in West Lothian, in July 2012.

The conference was attended by more than 200 international equine experts, international scientists, equine organisations and practitioners who came together to discuss horse welfare issues related to training, management and sports performance.

For further details of ISES and the next conference, visit:
web: www.equitationsscience.com



EDINBURGH CO-ORGANISES THE ANIMAL WELFARE FORUM AT THIS YEAR'S CVMA CONFERENCE IN SUZHOU, CHINA

Officials, academics and professionals gathered for the third Chinese Veterinary Conference in Suzhou, Jiangsu province, at the end of October to discuss animal welfare and legislation.

It was the first time the conference held a forum on animal welfare, hosted by the Chinese Veterinary Medical Association's Animal Health & Welfare Subcommittee (CVMA), The Jeanne Marchig International Centre for Animal Welfare Education (JMICAWE), Animals Asia, HKSPCA and the WSPA.

During the preceding week veterinarian Heather Bacon, the JMICAWE outreach veterinarian, and Hayley Walters, the welfare veterinary nurse at the Dick Vet, were invited to work with the Nanjing Agricultural University Vet school delivering a week of animal welfare and clinical skills teaching using animal alternatives to fourth year undergraduate veterinary students.



DICK VET STUDENTS CREATE THE VETERINARY ETHICS FORUM

A student-led group called the Veterinary Ethics Forum has recently been established at Easter Bush, bringing together staff, UG students and PG students for regular animal ethics discussions. This unique forum was initiated by Olivia Nathan, a 4th year veterinary student, who is currently working towards her intercalated Masters in Applied Animal Behaviour and Welfare. The group is an informal society who meet on a regular basis to listen to external speakers discussing animal welfare and ethics, as well as organising other events to encourage students to consider current issues in animal science, and to have regular online ethical discussions on their blog and Facebook site.

All are welcomed to the discussions – please contact the Chairperson, Ms Liv Nathan:

email: vetethics@groups.facebook.com

facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/vetethics/members

ANIMAL WELFARE SEMINAR SERIES

The Jeanne Marchig International Centre for Animal Welfare Education (JMICAWE) along with the student led Veterinary Ethics Forum and colleagues in the SRuC are pleased to be able to welcome a number of high profile animal welfare and ethics speakers to the vet school this winter. The talks will take place during evening or lunchtime sessions, and started in October with an excellent talk by Dr Dorothy McKeegan of Glasgow University on animal ethics for veterinarians and animal scientists.

The sessions are open to all students, staff and colleagues from the wider University of Edinburgh community. Please email JM.Welfare@ed.ac.uk if you would like to know more.

The full programme is available on our website:

web: www.ed.ac.uk/vet/jmicawe/cpd

WORKING WITH THE BRITISH COUNCIL, TO DELIVER ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE WORKSHOPS IN KERALA

JMICAWE's Prof Nat Waran was recently joined by Prof Neil Sargison, the RDSVS Head of the Farm Animal Section in delivering the second British Council funded workshop on Production Animal Health and Welfare in Pookat.

The Workshop was attended by 18 of the University's Faculty members from both campuses, was considered to be a great success. Topics ranged from animal welfare measures, improving welfare through implementing animal health and welfare audits, the importance of preventative medicine and herd health management, and the role of the vet in animal welfare. Faculty members were given the opportunity to explore a problem based approach to delivering animal health and welfare content, and they gained an insight into the ways in which colleagues in Edinburgh utilised a more practical hands on approach for assessing and managing health and welfare.

The KVASU Vice Chancellor, Dr Ashok has pledged that "KVASU, with the help of colleagues in the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary studies of the University of Edinburgh will jointly offer learning programmes in Animal Welfare as part of continuous professional development (CPD) with KVASU acting as the facilitator for implementing problem based learning in the country". The JMICAWE team will be returning to Kerala to deliver the third and final British Council sponsored workshop, on developing a PBL approach for teaching small animal health and welfare, in late February 2013.



Prof Nat Waran advising on the potential animal welfare issues associated with the design of a new slaughter plant in Kerala

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