



ISHAM-VMWG

Nijmegen, 2 April 2013

To: ISHAM-Council

Re: Achievements and activities of the veterinary mycology working Group

Dear ISHAM-Council,

The first general meeting of ISHAM-Veterinary Mycology Working Group (ISHAM-VMWG) was held successfully on Wednesday 13th June 2012 during the 18th Congress of ISHAM in Berlin, Germany. There was a great opportunity to share our expertise, recent activities and also discuss future plans among members who attended this meeting. Attendees were scientists and veterinarians from all over the world.

During this meeting it was agreed that:

- i. Membership is open to any with a scientific interest in fungi affecting animal species.
 - a) Interest in research into understanding a veterinary disease problem
 - b) Interest in development of animal models of human fungal disease
- ii. A veterinary qualification was not a requirement for membership

It was agreed that for the next three years members of the executive committee are:
Professor Jacques. Guillot: Chairperson and Dr Amir S. Seyedmousavi: Secretary.

We decided to support the publication of review papers and guidelines with regards to pathogenic fungi corresponding infections in various animal species. To this aim, we published a paper in Clin Microbiol Rev. 2013 Jan;26(1):19-35 "Phaeohyphomycoses, emerging opportunistic diseases in animals" and more collaborative publication are under way.

During this meeting it was also agreed that the next meeting of the VMWG will take place in the form of a workshop in conjunction with the first international dedicated veterinary mycology course. Now, we are honored to announce the 1st CME Accredited International Veterinary Mycology Course under the umbrella of International Society for Human and Animal Mycology, to be held on 4-8 November 2013 in Nijmegen, The Netherlands limited to 25 participants (attached file).

Since we plan to promote the interest in veterinary mycology, we cordially request the financial support to cover the registration fee for 10-15 ISHAM members/young scientists. The calculated fee for each person will be 800 euro for 5 days course. We believe this will

encourage scientists and particularly researchers from developing countries to join this event and consequently will add to the number of ISHAM members.

Yours Sincerely,

The Organizing Committee

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