The world’s first veterinary school was founded in Lyon, France, in 1761, shortly followed by the Alfort veterinary school, near Paris, in 1764, both at the initiative of Claude BOURGELAT. This means that 2011 will mark the 250th world anniversary of veterinary education. By setting up the world’s first veterinary training institutions, BOURGELAT created the veterinary profession itself. 2011 will mark the 250th world anniversary of the veterinary profession.

It is the reason why we have proposed that 2011 should be declared ‘World Veterinary Year’.

Among the many events already proposed all around the world in the programme of this year, the National Veterinary School of Lyon receives the General Assembly of the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE) on 12 May. You are invited to join the European Deans during the three following days (from 13 to 15) for a second global conference on Veterinary Education.