Invitation for the next World Conference on Veterinary Education

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Second town of the French Kingdom
Collège chirurgiens
Louis XV
Sur la Requête présentée au
Roy en Son Conseil par le S. Bourgeois
Chargé d'Écure des Roy, Chef de Son
Académie, à Lyon, en affaire correspondante de
l'Académie Royale de Science, Contenant
que récentes expériences de fers vingt ans de loisides
des maladies des Boeufs, des Vaches, de toute espèce, il
étoit permis aux commissaires de
prendre à des gens, et que dans la vie de la COMMUNAUTÉ
au nombre des dénombrements, et les commissaires de
l'expédition dans une partie, si nécessaire, il
avoit pris des mesures pour ouvrir une l'office des
l'écroissance publique par le préfet de
le méthode de récolter les maladies des Boeufs.
La guerre provoquera immédiatement à l'agriculture des
boissons les moyens de pouvoir à la consommation
du bœuf, pour les temps de cette pénurie.
Avant les campagnes, mais que pour provoquer
aux autorités, toutes les commissaires, béguins,
pour la direction des lois, et la préparation
des récoltes, et en véritable défense d'espèce,
grande, dépens, au moyen de la nourriture de Bateaux, avoir
adopté dans l'application de récoltes, qu'il estoit nombrable
impossible de supporter, à la Majesté,
si avec la bonté de l'entendue une première.
Claude Bourgelat is the founder of the veterinary trade...

...but he is also the inventor of the concept of "comparative biopathology"
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In a booklet describing the School of Lyon called “Art vétérinaire ou médecine des animaux” and published in 1761, he names precisely the activity of comparative medicine.
Later, in 1777, in the “Réglemens pour les Ecoles Royales Vétérinaires de France”, he declares that human and animal machine are similar, and that looking for the nature of animal is not a degrading study. He invites all the scientist involved in human health to come into the veterinary schools to discover the analogies with animal health.
The concept “ONE HEALTH” was born.
(250 years ago!)
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that we must celebrate all around the world.
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World Veterinary Year
Objective:
Organize all over the planet a great number of events explaining to all publics that:

- our profession at the service of both animal and human health for 250 years.

- modern veterinarian is not only an animal doctor but also a key player in public health, dealing with
  - reducing global hunger;
  - controlling zoonoses;
  - monitoring food quality and safety;
  - biomedical research;
  - protecting the environment and biodiversity.
Creation on May 7, 2008 of the “Comité Vet 2011” composed first by the 10 founding members:

- the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE),
- the Ministry of Agriculture
- the Higher Council of the Order of Veterinarians,
- the National Veterinary Unions Federation,
- the French Veterinary Academy,
- the National Veterinary School of Alfort,
- the National Veterinary School of Lyon,
- the National Veterinary School of Nantes,
- the National Veterinary School of Toulouse,
- the National Veterinary Services School.
The aim was then to recruit:

-associate members from among national, regional and international veterinary or research institutions wishing to contribute to the overall success of World Veterinary Year;
We are presently trying to recruit:

- Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations
- PANVET (South and Central America)
- Canadian Veterinary Medical Association
- South African Veterinary Council
- Veterinary Council of New Zealand
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2008 December, 10th

Belgium, Madagascar and Tunisia veterinary institutions.

2009 January, 7th

Session générale de l’OIE en mai 2009
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All the Veterinary Schools and Faculties, all the Veterinary Orders, all the Veterinary Services and all the Veterinary Associations have received a file at the end of August (1344 files have been sent)
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For coordination, the corresponding members in a given country will need to form a Vet 2011 National Committee.
Vet 2011 National Committees in:

- France
- United States
- Australia
- Belgium
- Madagascar
- Tunisia
- Uruguay
- Paraguay
If anybody among you is not yet an associate member:

vet2011.org
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- the annual General Assembly of the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education in Lyon (France) on May 12th

Meeting of the Deans of 94 establishments of geographical Europe
The National Veterinary School of Lyon invites all the Deans of the world to join their European colleagues on May 13, 14 and 15th for a second World conference on Veterinary Education.
The logical and necessary continuation of this actual first world meeting
It will be an homage to the founder of the veterinary profession and sciences, a kind of pilgrimage...
Lyon, “the city of lights”, has been designated by UNESCO as a world cultural heritage site in 1998.
An international airport in connection with the whole world
Lyon is considered as the world capital of gastronomy..!
The National Veterinary School of Lyon hopes to welcome you in May 2011. On your agenda: 13, 14 and 15th
"I thank you very much for your kind attention!"