

## **The WVA Veterinary Education Portal – A Vision for Excellence in Continuing Veterinary Education**

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Access to high quality continuing education is essential for veterinarians to maintain current knowledge and skills following graduation. Traditionally, veterinarians have subscribed to journals, purchased textbooks, and traveled to conferences and meetings to keep up-to-date. In many countries around the world, it is difficult for veterinary practitioners to find affordable opportunities for continuing professional development and the ability to travel may be limited by insufficient funds and other personal and professional commitments. One obvious solution to this dilemma in the digital age is to provide high quality virtual continuing education opportunities. The WVA aims to be a global leader in supporting veterinary continuing education and has entered into a partnership with the World Continuing Education Alliance to provide a suite of lectures and courses via a global educational portal on a wide range of topics to WVA members. Educational materials can be uploaded to the website by experts in the field and viewed for a fee or authors can apply discounts or provide their materials for free to countries with emerging economies to assist with disseminating education. The education portal can also be used to track and report continuing education requirements for maintenance of licensing. To date, the portal contains 912 seminars given by 81 different educators from around the world, 515 of which are provided free of charge to WVA members. Through the WCEA Veterinary Education Portal, the WVA hopes to promote and advance the quality of veterinary medicine practiced around the world.

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