



International Sheep Veterinary Association Triennial General Meeting

Accepted – October 31st, 2025 at the ISVA GM Wollongong, Australia

March 6, 2023 (19:00 – 20:30 Central European Time)

Room: Sevilla 1 & 2. Barceló Sevilla Renacimiento hotel. Sevilla, Spain

1. Welcome and Announcements - President
2. Membership attendance
 - a. Australia, Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States.
3. Approval of the Minutes of the Special General Meeting held November, 2021 (pdf)
 - a. <http://www.intsheepvetassoc.org/isva-special-gm-minutes-2021>
 - b. Vote to approve (show of hands) passed
4. Matters Arising (President)
 - a. Mentioned in report
5. President's Report (President)
 - a. Karl Linklater fund

The Karl Linklater Award Fund's main purpose is to help sponsor delegates to attend the ISVA (International Sheep Veterinary Association) congresses, such as young veterinarians in lower income countries who are trying to advance their knowledge and skills in sheep health and production. The fund has been built up by the proceeds from the sale of the World of Sheep and Goats book and by donations and the Karl Linklater Challenge. Thanks to the help of Moredun the Fund is now a registered charity and qualifies for Gift aid for UK taxpayers. This allows us to reclaim 25p for every £1 donated by a UK taxpayer.

The fund has been able to sponsor 3 vets for this Congress: Bonnie Munthali from Malawi - Goat Project Summary which hopefully some of you heard earlier; Denis Majyambere from Rwanda - Gender a crucial variable for livestock transboundary diseases control and management - Lessons based on RVF vaccinations in Nyagatare District of Rwanda. Monday; Innocent Nkangala from Malawi - The status of sheep production in Malawi - The opportunities and the challenge - tomorrow morning.

The hope is to raise more funds through donations for the remaining World of Sheep and Goat books available at reception and the Karl Linklater Challenge. The idea of this is that you set yourself a challenge and see how far you can go. Contact me if you are interested.

I set myself a challenge to travel 500 miles or more by walking and cycling. So far I have reached 517 miles.

b. 2021 Virtual ISVA Conference

There were 243 registrations for the Virtual Congress which ended up making a loss of over 12,000 Euros. Our thanks must go to the organising company, Grupo Pacifico who kindly wrote off the loss. I have a copy of the accounts in Spanish if anybody wants to see them. However, one benefit was we were able to sponsor 59 delegates from 11 countries thanks to a grant from Animals publication to the Karl Linklater Award.

Due to the rescheduling of Congresses to every three years we feel it is necessary to review the bid process for the 12th ISVC in 2028 to give the Congress committee sufficient time to book venues. Rather than voting on the bids in Australia the proposal is to have Preliminary bids in by September 2024 with online voting to approve the final bid in December 2024 giving the winning country time to present their plans in Australia in March 2025.

6. Secretary's Report (Secretary-Treasurer)

We would like to thank Richard Anderson and the NZVA for continuing to host the ISVA webpage at no cost <http://www.intsheepvetassoc.org>. Richard will be migrating and updating the webpage right after the ISVC – we look forward to the changes. The website will be down for a few weeks while this is happening.

Retouch of the ISVA ceremonial logo

The only digital version of the ISVA logo was of low quality. A designer was engaged to update the logo so that we have a high quality logo suitable for print and web-pages

We currently have 26 member countries but continue to solicit more

Membership is open to national veterinary associations of countries recognised by the United Nations, provided that such associations are private organisations funded mainly by the private subscriptions of its members.

National members are encouraged to form special sheep (veterinary) interest groups within the national association. This interest group may also include other food animals as long as it includes sheep.

Delegates should be nominated and supported by their association

7. Treasurer's Report (Secretary-Treasurer)

Current bank balance **\$11,802.32** (1 CAD = 0.69 Euro) = **€ 8143.60**

Transactions since November 2021

Debit

Registration fees for ISVA Virtual Meeting 1800.83 EUR @1.448224 = \$2,608.00

Printing for ISVA TGM \$4.63

Credit

1311505 CHF @1.343300 MDPI AG ANIMALS 2021 = \$2,669.14

Outstanding charges as of March 5, 2023 = € 170.76

Logo touch-up (3.5 h @ 30 CAD/h) = \$105 CAD (€ 72.45)

Engraving of President's clip = £12 (€ 13.56)

Gift to Karl Linklater recognizing his contribution to the ISVC = £ 75 (€ 84.75)

Gift to outgoing President

8. Update on the 2023 10th ISVC (Delia Lacasta)

Update on final budget and participation (provided to ISVA on July 11, 2023)

Total participants = 596 including speakers, students, volunteers and regular participants

Total Sponsors = 82

Participants from 38 countries

From ISVC Accounts

Total income 364,870 € - Total expense 350,662 € = Balance of 14,208 €

From SEOC Accounts

Total income 13,000 € - Total expenses 6,610 € = Balance of 6,390 €

Final Balance = 20,598 €

Transfer due to ISVA Accounts = 2,060 €

9. Presentation of the successful bid for the 2025 11th ISVC - Australia (Andrew Whale)

10. Any other relevant business at the President's discretion

a. Review bid process for the 12th ISVC 2028

September 2023 Expression of interest

September 2024 Preliminary bid document to ISVA Board

December 1, 2024 Official approved bid document to be posted on the ISVA website for review.

Must attend the ISVC in Australia to present the bid and be present

b. In Memoriam Heinz Strobel

c. ISVA Lifetime Service Awards

<http://www.intsheepvetassoc.org/criteria-awarding-isva-lifetime-service-award>

Awarded to John Smart (New Zealand) and Heinz Strobel (Germany)

11. Nominations (as of February 5th, 2023) and election of 2023-2025 Executive Committee.

Nominations accepted from the floor given the rules of [the ISVA Constitution](#) is followed. Voting by show of hands and where necessary by paper ballot.

Appendix has the number of votes by country and country delegates.

a. President. Paula Menzies (Canada) acclaimed

b. Vice-President. Piet Vellema elected (Netherlands)

c. Secretary – Treasurer. Delia Lacasta (Spain)

d. Committee Members. Rhoda Leask Anderson (South Africa) acclaimed and Rosa Berta Angulo Mejorada (Mexico) acclaimed

e. 11th ISVC representative. Andrew Whale (Australia) acclaimed

12. Thank you to outgoing President and Committee Members

13. Adjourn - next meeting to be held at the 11th ISVC, 2025. Wollongong, Australia



Ian Gill
President

Paula Menzies
Secretary-Treasurer

Appendix – List of Voting Countries, Delegates and Number of Votes – updated Feb 17, 2023

Please provide corrections / substitutions to the Sec-Treasurer pmenzies@uoguelph.ca

COUNTRY	VETERINARY ORGANIZATION	VOTING DELEGATE	ALTERNATE	# OF VOTES
AUSTRALIA	Sheep Camelid & Goat Veterinarians Group, Australia Veterinary Association	Colin Trengrove	Andrew Whale	3
AUSTRIA	Österreichische Tierärztekammer	Martin Gruber		1
BELGIUM	Orde der Dierenartsen	Bernard Carton	Guido Bertels	1
BRAZIL	Associacao Brasileira de Buiatria	Huber Rizzo	Mario Balaro	2
CANADA	Canadian Small Ruminant Veterinarians / Veterinaires des Petits Ruminants Canadiens	Amy Gaw	Paula Menzies	2
CHINA	Chinese Association of Animal Science and Veterinary Medicine	Fuchun Jian		2
COSTA RICA	Colegio de Médicos Veterinarios de Costa Rica	Natalia Soto Barrientos		1
DENMARK	Danish Veterinary Association	Inga Stamphof		1
FINLAND	Tuotantoeläinlääkäriyhdistys	Eeva Mustonen	Johanna Rautianinen	2
FRANCE	Societe Nationale des Groupements Techniques Veterinaires	Pierre Autef		2
GERMANY	Deutsche Veterinarmedizinische Gesellschaft - Small Ruminants and Camelids	Katja Voigt		2
GREECE	Hellenic Veterinary Medical Society: Farm Animal Division	George Fthenakis	Elias Papadopoulos, Vasia Mavrogianni	2
IRELAND	Veterinary Ireland	Seamus Fagan		1
ITALY	SIPAOC- Società Italiana di Patologia e di Allevamento degli Ovini e dei Caprini	Frederico Infascelli	Guiseppe Moniello	2
KENYA	Kenya Veterinary Association	Mary Romona Ndanyi		1
MEXICO	Asociación Mexicana De Técnicos Especialistas En Ovinocultura	Rosa Berta Angulo Mejordad	Hector de la Cruz-Cruz	2
NETHERLANDS	De Koninklijke Nederlandse Maatschappij voor Diergeneeskunde, Vakgroep Gezondheidszorg Herkauwer	Piet Vellema		2
NEW ZEALAND	New Zealand Veterinary Association, Society of Sheep and Beef Cattle Veterinarians	Rochelle Smith	John Smart	3
NORWAY	Den Norske Veterinaforening Produksjonsdyrveterinærers forening	Snorre Stuen	Cecilie Ersdal	3
PORTUGAL	Associação Portuguesa de Buiatria	Miguel Guaresma		2
SOUTH AFRICA	Ruminant Veterinary Association of South Africa	Ken Pettey	Gareth Bath	3
SPAIN	Sociedad Espanola de Ovinotecnia Y Caprinotecnia	Maria Jesús Alcade Aldea	Delia Lacasta	3
SWEDEN	Sveriges Veterinärförbund	Karin Linkqvist Frisk		1
SWITZERLAND	Schweizerische Vereinigung für Wiederkäuergesundheit	Thomas Manser		2
UNITED KINGDOM	Sheep Veterinary Society	David Wilson	Fiona Lovatt	3
UNITED STATES	American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners	Mary Smith	Ann Goplen	2