CALL FOR PAPERS:

The Caribbean Veterinary Medical Association is hereby issuing a Call for Papers for the 25th Biennial Conference of the Caribbean Veterinary Medical Association (CbVMA 2010). We invite the submission of abstracts for oral or poster presentations. Although the CbVMA 2010 Scientific Program Committee would particularly welcome papers which are related to the identified conference theme, all will be given due consideration.

The main Conference Theme is:

“Promoting Animal Health and Welfare for Sustainable Human Development”

The conference will consist of plenary sessions together with oral and poster presentations, some of which may run concurrently. Contributions to the conference should focus on one of the following topics.

- Companion Animal Medicine and Surgery
- Food Animal Medicine, Surgery and Husbandry
- Equine medicine and surgery
- Avian medicine and surgery / Aquaculture— including poultry and pet birds, possibility of doing sessions for pet bird owners/breeders and poultry technicians
- Marine mammals/ zoo/exotics
- Practice management
- Regulatory and Public Health
- Animal Welfare
- Other

The Scientific Program Committee retains the right to add, remove, or change these subjects, and to move abstracts to different themes, as it sees fit.

Authors may submit abstracts of completed work or work in progress.

All work submitted for presentation must be original. The onus remains with the primary author to ensure all authors/institutions consent to the material being presented at the conference. Abstracts will be selected through a peer-review process. Authors whose abstracts are accepted for presentation at the conference will be responsible for all costs associated with attending the conference.
**Presentation Type**

Authors are invited to submit abstracts for both oral and poster presentations.

**Oral presentations:** Presentations should address one or more of the sub-themes.

1. Full length presentations - presentation time will be 50 minutes.
2. Short research or clinical papers: presentation time will be 20 minutes. Students or student groups of the Regional Veterinary Schools are invited to present research papers.

**Poster presentations:**

Designated times will be determined during the conference for authors to present their posters. 90cm (height) by 90cm (width) of board space will be available for each poster. Normally they will use Velcro fastening. If they require drawing pins, these will be provided.

**Authorization and Consent:**

The submitting author is required to complete an authorization and consent form, on behalf of all co-authors. The onus remains with the submitting author to ensure all authors/institutions consent to the material being presented at the conference. You must agree to the following.

*I warrant that the material used in my presentation will be original and not violate the rights of any third party.*

*I hereby grant Caribbean Veterinary Medical Association permission:* 

1. to reproduce, via any medium whatsoever, my abstract and any poster created therefrom and to distribute copies thereof;
2. to publish my abstract if accepted, in the CbVMA website; and
3. to audiotape any oral presentation I may make at the conference. I remain free to publish any material submitted after its presentation at the conference.

**Instructions for Abstract Submission**

1. Abstracts should be submitted in English.
2. Abstracts should not contain more than 200/250 words, not counting title and authors.
3. Abstract titles should be brief and reflect the content of the abstract.
4. Only standard abbreviations should be used and kept to a minimum.
5. Single spacing, 12-pitch type, aligned left
6. First line should be the title in upper case
7. Second line should be the author(s)' name(s) in upper and lower case (First name followed by surname)
8. Underline the name of the author presenting the work
9. Third line should be the full address of the institution(s) where the work was carried out, in upper and lower case.
10. There should then be a space of one line before the body of the abstract.
11. The body of the abstract should follow the outline described:
   - Background and objective of investigation
   - Methods used (if relevant to assist clarity)
   - Results. Key points should be summarized and statements such as "will be presented" should not be included
   - Conclusion
   - Reference lists should not be included. Be certain to clarify all issues with regard to sponsorship and patenting before submission.
12. There is a limit of two abstract submissions per presenting author.

The submitting author will be notified of the decision of the selection committee by e-mail.

The Conference Secretariat is now open to receive abstracts and the deadline for submission is May 31st 2010. Those unable to submit on-line can mail in a disk plus hard copy to the Conference Secretariat (address below). You may prepare your abstract in the word processing or text editing software of your choice, but do not use presentation software such as PowerPoint.

Abstracts should be submitted to.

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