

Network News

VSF Europa update September 2005

Meeting in Austria

The latest VSF-Europa Board meeting was held in Vienna, Austria on 8th/9th September, attended by representatives from 6 member organisations. Thanks to one of our newest members - VSF-Austria - for hosting a successful and enjoyable meeting.

VSF-E newssheet

At the Vienna meeting, members agreed to send a newssheet to the field twice a year, to keep staff up-to-date on VSF-E activities and decisions. This is Issue No. 1 - if you have any comments or questions on the content, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the network via jenny@vetaid.org.



VSF Canada

Welcome to VSF Canada, which held their official launch in July. They have signed up veterinarians from across Canada, have projects under development and are actively seeking funds (www.vwb-vsfc.ca)

Co-ordinating the Network

Michele Nori, an Italian consultant, has been tasked with putting together a proposal and identifying possible funders for a full-time co-ordinator for VSF-E.

Knowledge Management

VSF-E has been looking at ways in which member organisations can share useful knowledge (such as project strategies, fund-raising techniques, networks and images). DIO has offered to develop a pilot "Wiki" (a kind of VSF-E Intranet) on which members can post contributions. Watch this space for developments...

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VSF-E Profile

The VSF-E profile is growing, supported by the website (www.vsfe.org), which is now up and running in 6 languages. We have also produced a VSF-E flyer which members are distributing.

Code of Conduct

VSF members have worked together in the field successfully in a range of contexts. In order to achieve this and avoid potential confusion, all members have agreed that it is important to contact members already present in a country to discuss plans before starting up a project there. VSF-Belgium is putting together a proposed "Code of Conduct" to cover this.



Cow Parade and VSF-E

The next meeting is to be held in Scotland at the end of May 2006. It will coincide with Cow Parade Edinburgh (www.cowparade-edinburgh.co.uk), which VETAID is helping to organise. Following the meeting, members will participate in a workshop to share core fundraising strategies and materials.

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