How do we demonstrate the importance of working equid welfare to human livelihoods?

Welcome to the 7th International Colloquium on Working Equids – 2014

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We are delighted to welcome you to The 7th International Colloquium on Working Equids at Royal Holloway, University of London: one of Britain’s most prestigious international research institutions. We hope to bring you an inspiring three days to build on the heritage of the previous Colloquia, which have played a pivotal part in determining how we best help and support working equids in their vital roles in communities around the world.

Our discussions will seek to answer the question: “How do we demonstrate the importance of working equid welfare to human livelihoods?” The sad fact is that working equids are too often invisible in communities and their key role ignored in too many livelihood systems. We aim to determine why this is so, what the reality of working equids’ contribution is and how we prove it. We also intend to examine how much more these equids could contribute if their welfare improved and the role the veterinary profession can play, as well as what we can do now to encourage this change. Above all, we need to articulate, more clearly, the vital role fulfilled by working equids. Even if we have a better understanding of the answers to only some of these questions by the close of this Colloquium then we will have made a great step forward for the welfare of working equids around the world.

Thank you for making the time to join us, to the four other supporting organisations (SPANA, The Brooke, The Donkey Sanctuary and World Animal Protection) who have helped make this pivotal event possible, to the members of the Scientific Committee for all their diligence, to Royal Holloway for their help, support and providing such a wonderful venue, and to the Equex Foundation for generously sponsoring the gala reception and dinner. Most important of all, we hope that you enjoy The 7th International Colloquium here in the UK.

Roly Owers MRCVS
Chief Executive, World Horse Welfare

The Scientific Committee

Dr Andrew Higgins (Chairman)  Roly Owers (World Horse Welfare)
Stephen Blakeway (Donkey Sanctuary)  Karen Reed (The Brooke)
Sarah Coombs (World Horse Welfare)  Dr Andrew Stringer (Society for the Protection of Animals Abroad)
Dr Mark Kennedy (World Animal Protection)  Dr Melissa Upjohn (The Brooke)
Liam Maguire (World Horse Welfare)  Jan Wade (World Horse Welfare)
Karen O’Malley (World Horse Welfare)  Dr Becky Whay (University of Bristol)
Timetable: Monday 30th June

1600 (The Hub) Registration opens for delegates
1830-2030 (L6) Buffet supper (informal)
2000 (L7) Informal networking (Crosslands Bar will be open each evening)

Timetable: Tuesday 1st July

0700-0800 (L6) Breakfast
0800-0830 (L1) Delegates convene
0830-0840 (L2) Colloquium welcome: Dr Barry Johnson, Colloquium Chairman and Chairman, World Horse Welfare
0840-0900 (L2) Colloquium introduction: Roly Owers, Chief Executive, World Horse Welfare
0900-1015 (L2) Theme One presentations
1015-1045 (L3) Morning break
1045-1115 (L2) Theme One presentations
1115-1200 (L2 & L3) Theme One breakout sessions
1200-1230 (L2) Theme One breakout summing up
1230-1400 (L3 & L4) Lunch and poster exhibition
1400-1515 (L2) Theme Two presentations
1515-1545 (L3) Afternoon break
1545-1615 (L2) Theme Two presentations
1615-1700 (L2 & L3) Theme Two breakout sessions
1700-1730 (L2) Theme Two breakout summing up
1730-1745 (L2) Day one closing presentation: HRH The Princess Royal, President, World Horse Welfare
1830-1945 (L5) Evening drinks and canapé reception with HRH The Princess Royal, including prize-giving for winning posters
1945-2130 (L5) Warm buffet

Please note: the lanyard with your ID badge must be worn at all times. Thank you!
**Timetable: Wednesday 2nd July**

0700-0800 (L6) Breakfast
0800-0830 (L1) Delegates convene
0830-1015 (L2) Theme Three presentations
1015-1045 (L3) Morning break
1045-1115 (L2) Theme Three presentations
1115-1200 (L2 & L3) Theme Three breakout sessions
1200-1230 (L2) Theme Three breakout summing up
1230-1400 (L3 & L8) Lunch and Charity Knowledge Exchange
1400-1545 (L2) Discussion panel forum (see p. 13 for more details)
1545-1615 (L3) Afternoon break
1615-1715 (L2) Summing up: Rapporteurs, Professor Cathy McGowan and Dr Richard Newton
1715-1720 (L2) What Next? Roly Owers, Chief Executive, World Horse Welfare
1720-1730 (L2) Day two closing presentation: HRH Princess Haya, President, Fédération Equestre Internationale
1800-1930 (L9) Pre-dinner drinks reception with HRH Princess Haya, kindly sponsored by the Equex Foundation – Shanghai Sports Development Foundation
1930-2200 (L6) Gala dinner, also sponsored by the Equex Foundation

**Timetable: Thursday 3rd July**

0600-0700 (L6) Breakfast
0730 (Car park 12) Coaches depart from Founder’s Building
1000-1700 Practical workshops at Glenda Spooner Farm Rescue and Rehoming Centre
1700 Coaches depart Glenda Spooner Farm Rescue and Rehoming Centre
1930 (L7) Dinner and informal farewell

**Timetable: Friday 4th July**

0730-0900 (L6) Breakfast
1000 onwards Delegates depart from The 7th International Colloquium on Working Equids

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Join the conversation about #workingequines throughout the Colloquium
Poster exhibition (Tuesday lunchtime)

The poster exhibition offers delegates the chance to view the posters submitted and to learn from others’ projects and experiences with working equids and their owners in countries around the globe. Posters are listed and numbered at the end of each theme section in the programme and will be displayed by theme in alphabetical order.

Charity Knowledge Exchange (Wednesday lunchtime)

The Charity Knowledge Exchange is an interactive opportunity for all delegates to share ideas, innovations and practical examples of their work, tools and equipment. This is a great chance to learn about others’ experiences with working equids and their owners. Those exhibiting at the Exchange will be World Horse Welfare, SPANA, The Brooke, The Donkey Sanctuary, World Animal Protection, Fundacion Ammvee Proequus (AMMVEE), British Veterinary Association (BVA), Cambodia Pony Welfare Organisation (CPWO), Fédération Européenne du Cheval de Trait pour la promotion de son Utilisation (FECTU), Heavy Horses, Michigan State University, and World Association for Transport Animal Welfare and Studies (TAWS).

Practical workshops (Thursday)

The practical day will bring together real-life experience with scientific theory, enabling delegates to get hands-on in their learning. On arrival at Glenda Spooner Farm, delegates will be divided into seven groups, to rotate around each zone in turn. The seven zones will focus on different aspects of practical horse care: farriery; dentistry and handling; disease; body condition; owner interaction; UK welfare issues; and future research.

The practical day will encourage discussion of common problems seen in working equids, debate about possible solutions, analysis of current programmes and ways to achieve greater welfare improvements. Delegates will receive a booklet with more details about the practical day on arrival.

Dress code

Daytime sessions (Royal Holloway): Casual (but please check if you have time to change before the evening receptions).

Evening receptions: Lounge suits, dresses, national dress or equivalent.

Daytime sessions (practical workshops): Comfortable, practical clothing – appropriate for a working yard environment – including closed-toe footwear.
Tuesday 1st July: morning session

0900-0930 (L2) Theme One keynote speech by Joy Pritchard: *What exactly is the vital contribution of working equids to human livelihoods around the globe and how far is this recognised?*

0930-0945 (L2) Theme One keynote speech Q&A session

0945-1000 (L2) Debbie Warboys: *Cross-sectional survey on the importance of the role of working equids in Honduras*

1000-1015 (L2) Bekele Mekonnen: *Socio-economic impact of epizootic lymphangitis in cart mules in Bahir Dar Town, North West Ethiopia*

1015-1045 (L3) Morning break

1045-1100 (L2) Delphine Valette: *Voices from Women: working equids as “invisible helpers”*

1100-1115 (L2) Dr Syed Fareh-uz Zaman: *Contribution of working equids to the livelihoods of their owners in India*

1115-1200 (L2 & L3) Theme One breakout sessions

1200-1230 (L2) Theme One breakout summing up

1230-1400 (L3 & L4) Lunch and poster exhibition

### Theme One keynote speaker: Joy Pritchard

**Joy Pritchard** is a veterinary surgeon specialising in animal welfare science, ethics and law. She has worked with The Brooke for 15 years in various posts within the animal welfare and research team, where she is currently The Brooke’s Senior Animal Welfare and Research Advisor. Her areas of expertise include the care and use of animals in international development contexts, in particular the health and welfare of working equine animals, identification and promotion of opportunities to improve animal welfare in demanding environments, and furthering the links between good livestock husbandry, productivity and poverty reduction.

Joy holds a PhD in working equine welfare and is a de facto Diplomate of the European College of Animal Welfare and Behavioural Medicine. She is a partner at Animals in International Development and a Research Collaborator at the University of Bristol, where she adapts her experience of participatory planning, monitoring and evaluation in developing country contexts to improve farm animal welfare in the UK and Europe.

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**What role do working equids play in human livelihoods?**
## Theme One posters

*Listed by poster board number and alphabetically by surname of author (lead author in case of multiple authors)*

1. Abbas, Naeem Syed: *Voices from women*
2. Amadou, Doumbia: *Contribution of working donkeys to the livelihoods of the population in Mali (West Africa)*
3. Asmamaw, K: *A preliminary study on socioeconomic contribution of working equids in Dalocha District, Southern Ethiopia*
4. Cousquer, Glen: *Knowing the expedition pack mule: animal welfare problems associated with the appearance and growth of the mountain tourism industry*
5. Dlamini, Abednego M: *Importance and welfare of working equids in Swaziland*
6. Geiger, Martha: *Exploring donkey welfare and social perception in Botswana*
7. Heleski, Camie: *Community-based participatory research interfaced with equine welfare assessment to learn about working equids and their owners in Vera Cruz, Mexico*
8. Kandpal, Dev: *Study on the contribution of equines to livelihoods of landless people in Indian brick kilns*
9. Kendagor, Michael: *The role of donkeys in the contribution to the livelihoods of the marginalised populations in Kenya*
10. Lane, Dr Jennifer: *Understanding the connection between human health and working equid health in rural Nicaragua*
11. Meshack Ojwang, Josiah: *Linking the role of working donkeys to human livelihoods through education of school children in Kenya*
12. Ogola, Eric: *Donkey welfare challenges associated with perennial floods in Kano plains, Western Kenya*
13. Orozco, Rebeca: *Anthropological research to benefit equid welfare*
14. Rodríguez Rodas, Danilo Armando: *Identification of equine-owner-community profiles as a tool for equine welfare programme sustainability in Guatemala*
15. Scantlebury, Claire: *Hearing the lay voice: the context of working equine disease in peoples’ lived experience*
16. Srivastava, Sushil: *Donkeys’ contribution to livelihoods in the poorest communities in India*
17. van Dijk, Lisa: *Working animals’ potential to reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change*
Tuesday 1st July: afternoon session

1400-1430 (L2) Theme Two keynote speech by Tom Morrison: Does taking a holistic approach to improving working equids' welfare result in better outcomes?

1430-1445 (L2) Theme Two keynote speech Q&A session

1445-1500 (L2) Danilo Armando Rodriguez Rodas: Design of an equine welfare network matrix as the implementation model for equine welfare projects in Guatemala

1500-1515 (L2) Dr Jogen Kalita: Community-led actions in India: a path-finding approach for sustainable equine welfare

1515-1545 (L3) Afternoon break

1545-1600 (L2) Dr Mariano Hernandez-Gil: Changing the approach: promoting welfare in livelihoods relying on equids

1600-1615 (L2) Sher Nawaz: Holistic approaches to monitoring and evaluation of working equid programmatic activities

1615-1700 (L2 & L3) Theme Two breakout sessions

1700-1730 (L2) Theme Two breakout summing up

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**Theme Two keynote speaker: Tom Morrison**

**Tom Morrison** is a human development worker with over 40 years of experience as an economist, agriculturalist and team leader. He completed his BA (Hons) and MA (Hons) at Cambridge and has a Diploma in Tropical Agriculture.

Tom’s entire career since graduating has been in human development around the world. He has worked with a wide range of organisations – including large institutional donors such as the World Bank, the African Development Bank, the EC and DFID – and a range of UN agencies such as FAO and WFP.

Tom has been a partner/director in two development consulting organisations, including his present role as a director of Devec (a consulting company that specialises in development economics). Tom’s commitment to his work was illustrated by setting up and running the Agricultural Survey of Afghanistan. This project demonstrated that a US Government-led decision to send Afghan refugees home from Pakistan was flawed: the damage done to the agricultural system of Afghanistan meant that many could have starved to death. Tom led a team to lobby governments and development organisations worldwide and was instrumental in convincing the US administration to change the decision and support the reconstruction of Afghanistan’s agriculture.

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**Does a holistic approach produce better welfare outcomes?**
Theme Two posters

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18. Albone, Dr Stephen: Differential effectiveness of SPANA’s education programme in Morocco with respect to patterns of animal ownership

19. Ali, Murad: Contribution of women in achieving sustainable welfare of equids: a case study from Brooke India


21. Buenhombre, Jhon Jairo: WSPA’s work with urban horses in Bogotá, Colombia

22. Cagigas, R: Veterinary and educational intervention conducted by social service students and supported by DS-UNAM in the rural community Tuliman, Guerrero, Mexico

23. Chunekamrai, Dr Siraya: Human behaviour change as a sustainable model for improved welfare of working ponies in Thailand

24. Cousquer, Glen: The impact of a holistic approach to animal welfare within Moroccan mountain tourism

25. Demissie, Tibebu D: Including the excluded: use of government extension services to improve equine welfare

26. Farhat, Dr Shaaban: Assessment of the impact of a SPWDME training programme on the health and welfare of donkeys in three communities

27. Gadad, Suchitra: Collective action by community, government and Donkey Sanctuary India saves precious donkeys’ lives and secures livelihood

28. Geiger, Martha: Reflective ear tags as a method for improving donkey and human welfare

29. Gogoi, Prakash: Nurturing a community-led TT (tetanus toxoid) vaccination program: the synthesis and learning

30. Granilo, A: Training and education of local farmers working with equids of rubbish collectors

31. Hart, Ben: The importance of including Animal Behaviour Science in projects to improve animal welfare

32. Hassib, Dr Mohamed Abouzied: Animal welfare improvement through cooperation with El Ahlame Elnesaia Development Association Edfu-Egypt

33. Hernandez-Gil, Dr Mariano: A new strategy of community partnership to improve the welfare of working equids in Mexico

34. Hernandez-Gil, Dr Mariano: The role of community-based training programmes on equine management practices to support working equid welfare in Veracruz, Mexico

35. Kalita, Dr Jogen: Community-led equine insurance system among equine welfare associations

36. Kalita, Dr Jogen: Engagement of equine welfare associations in India for formulation and distribution of balanced feed for equine welfare

37. Kane, Professor Yaghouba: Improving working equids’ welfare by strengthening capacities: a World Horse Welfare training programme in Senegal

38. Kawe, Hellen: A study on participatory rural appraisal (PRA) tools for greater participation of owners and users in equine welfare

39. Kennedy, Dr Mark: Ethics and approaches to working equine welfare

40. Kumar, Ashwani: Monitoring and evaluation in equine welfare through photographic evidence in India
Theme Two posters cont.

41. Kumar, Dr Hridesh: Impact assessment of owner level foot care training: a holistic approach to improve foot health in working equids in India

42. Mauro, Madariaga: Perception and relationship changes of owners towards their mules to improve animal-human welfare through community-based equine behaviour training sessions in Tiaxcala, Mexico

43. Megra, Dr Tesafaye: Assessment of welfare problems of working donkeys in Shashemene District, Ethiopia

44. Nawaz, Sher: Increasing mass awareness of equine welfare through Free Medium Radio in Jacobabad, Pakistan

45. Nawaz, Sher: Improvement in body condition and decrease in work related injuries of working equids through enhancing knowledge, attitude and practice (KAP) of equine owners/users in equine communities in Karachi, Pakistan

46. Ouassat, Mohammed: Marrakech horse carriage status: a technical and socioeconomic study

47. Parai, Sushmita: Improving welfare of working donkeys by facilitating change in community feeding practice in Delhi and NCR, India

48. Patil, Dr Satyajit S: Participatory approach involving the community for sustainable wound management and hoof care in working donkeys in Salapur

49. Peacock, Dr Jane: Development of context-specific acceptable levels of change to demonstrate impact on working equine welfare

50. Pradhan, Subir Kumar: Effective holistic community empowerment approaches to achieve sustainable equine welfare in India

51. Qureshi, Mohammad Zaffar: Role of CBAHWs in welfare of working equids in District Mardan in Pakistan

52. Rivero, Avril: Social service students as community-based promoters of animal welfare: a model for sustainability

53. Rivero, Avril: A multidisciplinary experience aimed to build relationships with a group of cart holders in Jalapa, Mexico

54. Schmit, Professor Paul: Benefits of draft springs in the interaction between draught horses and implements

55. Schunemann de Aluja, Aline: Equine welfare in animal markets in Mexico

56. Shah, S Z A: Minimising prevalence and severity of croup lesions in cart pulling donkeys through community awareness in Jacobabad, Pakistan

57. Shawky, Farid: Measurement of impact of harnesses and carts project in the brick kilns

58. Syed, Zahir Ali Shah: Minimising cart donkeys’ foot conditions through community awareness-raising, capacity building and linking relevant stakeholders in Jacobabad, Pakistan

59. Warboys, Debbie: A multi-faceted approach to improving working equine welfare in Honduras

60. Wells, Kimberly: Brooke’s ways of working: developing an accessible organisational memory for more effective programming

61. Westen, Hannah: The role of campaigning in working equine welfare: experiences from World Horse Welfare’s transportation campaign

62. Zaman, Dr Syed Fareh-uz: Working equids and women: a new paradigm in animal welfare

63. Zedlacher, Hanna: Qualitative behaviour assessment in working donkeys – a pilot study

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Wednesday 2nd July: morning session

0830-0900 (L2)  Havemeyer equine infectious disease workshop: Dr Paul Lunn
0900-0930 (L2)  Theme Three keynote speech by Professor Derek Knottenbelt: What is the role of veterinary science in achieving better welfare for working equids?
0930-0945 (L2)  Theme Three keynote speech Q&A session
0945-1000 (L2)  Laura Skippen: Exploring approaches to dentistry in working equids
1000-1015 (L2)  Elizabeth Starkey: Ocular disease in the working horses of Choluteca, Honduras
1015-1045 (L3)  Morning break
1045-1100 (L2)  Dr Nigatu Aklilu: African Horse Sickness in Ethiopia – an update
1100-1115 (L2)  Gabrielle Laing: Unravelling the causes of respiratory disease in the working equids of Ethiopia – a participatory approach and cross sectional survey
1115-1200 (L2 & L3)  Breakout sessions
1200-1230 (L2)  Breakout summing up
1230-1400 (L2 & L3)  Lunch and Charity Knowledge Exchange

L2: Boiler House lecture theatre
L3: Moore Building atrium
L4: Moore Building annex MX034
L5: Picture Gallery, Founder’s Building
L6: Dining hall, Founder’s Building
L7: Crosslands Bar, Founder’s Building
L8: Moore Building SO16

What is the role of veterinary science in improving welfare?

Theme Three speaker: Dr Paul Lunn

Dr Paul Lunn is the Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at North Carolina State University. Previously he was a Professor and the Head of the Department of Clinical Sciences at the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at Colorado State University. Before moving to Colorado in 2003, Dr Lunn worked as a large animal medicine faculty member and as Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs and Director of the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital at the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Dr Lunn hails from Wales, where he grew up in a farming community, before studying veterinary medicine at Liverpool University. After a period in private practice in the UK, he pursued clinical training in Ontario and Wisconsin and doctoral research training at the University of Cambridge.

Dr Lunn’s interests as a faculty member outside of clinical work have been in equine immunology and infectious disease. His research has focused on influenza virus and EHV-1 infection in horses and more recently on infectious diseases of working equids in low-income countries.
Theme Three keynote speaker: Professor Derek Knottenbelt

Professor Derek Knottenbelt is originally from Zimbabwe and qualified from Edinburgh University in 1970 and, after a period in research, spent 12 years in private practice. During this time he developed a keen interest in equine medicine and in 1985 he joined the academic world. He moved to Liverpool in 1989 and has since become Professor in Equine Internal Medicine. Having recently retired and moved to Scotland, he now consults in equine internal medicine and oncology at both Glasgow and Liverpool Universities.

Derek has published widely in the scientific and lay press and is the author of 10 recognised text books. He has received international awards for his welfare work and his science and in 2005 he was honoured with an OBE by the Queen for his services to the horse. Derek is involved with national and international equine welfare and other charities. His main professional interests are in oncology, dermatology, ophthalmology and wound management. He is actively involved with many domestic and international equine welfare charities and travels widely to share veterinary experiences with vets and horse owners across the world.

Theme Three posters

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64. Anzuino, J: Veterinary science: a welfare centred mandate for working equids

65. Carleton, Carla L: Identification and preservation of the Thai Native Pony

66. Fayez, Dr Shaaban: The base line survey and welfare assessment in the brick kilns of Egypt

67. Harsola, Dr Vaibhav Kumar: Prevalence of exertional rhabdomyolysis and its epidemiological factors in working equids in India: a review of 102 cases

68. Heragy, Amin: Prevalence of helminths and evaluation of anthelmintic resistance in working horses and donkeys in seven regions in Egypt

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Theme Three posters cont.

69. Hirson, Tamsin: The use of interactive online learning platforms to improve resources for working equine veterinary education in low income countries

70. Iqbal, Dr Muhammad: Training of government and private veterinary assistants in Pakistan (north region): a step towards sustainability

71. Kuzmina, Tetiana: Parasitic diseases of working equids in Ukraine: a neglected problem and possible solutions

72. Mahgoub, Dr Mostafa: Common dental disorders of horses at Brooke Alexandria

73. McLean, Amy K: Haematological and serum biochemical parameters in healthy working mules and hinnies in Portugal and Spain

74. Megra, Dr Tesafaye: Importance of linking vet practical training with rural community through holistic approach to improve welfare of working equines: report from DSE

75. Merriam, Jay: Training vets and caregivers for working equids’ medicine

76. Mohite, Dr Dinesh Shriram: Epidemiology of colic in working equids with reference to equine fairs in India – a review of 237 cases

77. Obiero Oduori, David: The control of tetanus in donkeys of Lamu Island

78. Peachey, Laura: The evaluation of ethnoveterinary medicines for treating gastrointestinal nematodes in working equids

79. Serag, Dr Reem: The life cycle of a donkey in the brick kilns and owner perception about euthanasia

80. Slivinska, Dr Kateryna: Molecular detection of Theileria equi infection in horses in the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone, Ukraine

81. Wilson, Julia H: Maximising educational opportunities through the use of a veterinary team in a community-based equine welfare program
Wednesday 2nd July: afternoon session

1400-1405 (L2) Discussion panel introduction: Dr Andrew Higgins, Panel Chairman

1405-1415 (L2) Jeremy Stoner, Director of the Humanitarian Leadership Academy: Latest developments in the humanitarian NGO field

1415-1545 (L2) Discussion panel Q&A session

The discussion panel will be chaired by Dr Andrew Higgins and the panellists are: Joy Pritchard (see p. 5), Tom Morrison (see p. 6), Sarah Coombs and Jeremy Stoner.

Dr Andrew Higgins BVetMed MSc PhD FBS MRCVS graduated from the Royal Veterinary College (University of London) in 1973, from where he also obtained his PhD. After a Short Service Commission in the Royal Army Veterinary Corps, he attended the University of Edinburgh to gain his MSc. From 1988-1999, Dr Higgins was Scientific Director and Chief Executive of the Animal Health Trust, an independent veterinary research institute based in Newmarket. He was Honorary Scientific Advisor to the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) from 1990-2010, has been an Honorary Veterinary Advisor to the UK Jockey Club and chaired the British Equestrian Federation’s Veterinary Panel. Dr Higgins is Editor-in-Chief of The Veterinary Journal and has co-edited two textbooks. He is a consultant to several diverse organisations and has been a trustee of many charities, including World Horse Welfare.

Sarah Coombs BSc BVetMed, MRCVS, completed a RVC Internship followed by equine practice in New Zealand, and then returned to equine practice in Somerset and Dorset. Sarah is currently a partner in a mixed veterinary practice in West Dorset. Sarah has been a Veterinary Consultant to SPANA since 1986 and also to World Horse Welfare. She has travelled to both charities’ countries of operation and served periods on SPANA’s council and veterinary committee. Sarah has spent several years on the World Horse Welfare Veterinary Advisory Committee, has served more recently on the International Committee and is currently a Trustee. Her areas of major professional interest are equine sports medicine and physiology.

Jeremy Stoner is a long-serving member of the development sector, having played key roles in both development solutions and humanitarian preparedness and response. He volunteered in Bangladesh in the early 1980s before completing a Master’s in Development Studies at the University of Bath. He worked on issues of fuel poverty for the elderly in the UK before applying in 1988 for a Save the Children role in northern Somalia. After conflict interrupted this role, he worked in areas including Sudan, Ethiopia, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. He took up the role of Director for the Brazil Programme of Save the Children in the early 1990s. Prior to his current role as Director of the Humanitarian Leadership Academy, Jeremy was Regional Director in West and Central Africa and Regional Director Asia.

How to submit questions for the discussion panel forum

Delegates with questions for the panellists are invited to write them down on the question cards provided in your welcome pack. You can then place them in the box at the front of the lecture theatre to be answered. Spare cards will also be available should you have further questions.
Since we were founded in 1927, our whole approach has been practical, based on scientific evidence and our extensive experience, and focused on delivering lasting change across the full spectrum of the horse world. We rely completely on voluntary donations and grants to fund all our work.

**Our International work**
In ten countries across Africa, Central America and Asia, our International programmes alleviate the suffering of many thousands of working horses by providing essential knowledge for horse-owning communities in the developing world. Our community-based, locally-tailored projects focus on improving horse care knowledge and skills including hoofcare, saddlery, nutrition and safety, while supporting the skills of local service providers.

**Our campaigning work**
We also work tirelessly to change legislation and attitudes to horse welfare through campaigns and education, including our founding campaign to end the suffering endured by the tens of thousands of horses transported long-distance across Europe to slaughter each year and our initiatives to combat the rise of equine obesity, overbreeding and disease.

**Our work in the UK**
We are the largest horse rescue and rehoming charity in the UK, where our dedicated network of Field Officers investigate and resolve welfare problems, and bring suffering horses into our four Rescue and Rehoming Centres. There horses in need can receive specialist care, undergo rehabilitation and find loving new homes through our rehoming scheme.

**Our work improving welfare in sport**
We support the responsible use of horses in sport, and are welfare advisors to the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) and the British Horseracing Authority.
SPANA exists to improve the welfare of working animals that support the livelihoods of marginalised communities worldwide.

Treating and teaching
Providing and improving veterinary care in developing countries

There is a huge, unmet need to establish and improve veterinary services in the majority of developing countries. We’re working hard to tackle needless animal suffering by providing long-term veterinary services for communities in seven countries across Africa and the Middle East, as well as improving the skills of local veterinary professionals and students through training and teaching.

Making marks in education
Inspiring the next generation to improve animal welfare

Many people in the countries in which we work regard animals with a mixture of fear and hostility. To achieve long-term improvements in animal welfare, positive and compassionate attitudes towards animals need to be developed. We believe the key to reaching this goal is through educating children, the next generation, about animal needs and welfare.

Changing impressions
Empowering communities to tackle the root causes of poor animal welfare

Free veterinary treatment can never be enough to stop the causes of animal suffering, which is why we’ve recently launched new programmes to work directly with communities to increase their animal welfare knowledge. By engaging owners and local suppliers, such as farriers, we’re taking sustainable steps to increase knowledge of welfare and encourage the behavioural changes needed to tackle the root causes of poor animal health.

Off the beaten track
Emergencies: Getting help to animals wherever and whenever we’re needed

When drought, conflict or disaster strike, our emergency response programmes get help to animals in desperate need. Last year we helped animals affected by political instability and conflicts in Egypt and west Africa, and we have previously responded to provide care for animals in places like Afghanistan, Darfur, Iraq, the Horn of Africa and Kosovo.

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The Brooke is a global equine animal welfare charity dedicated to improving the lives of working horses, donkeys and mules. We currently work in 11 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East delivering veterinary services and community training. We want to secure a better future for generations of working equines, where people have the knowledge, skills and local resources to deliver long-term improvements in welfare practices.

The Brooke has a strong history in scientific research that we are delighted to bring to the International Colloquium on Working Equids 2014. We are proud of the content that we are presenting and look forward to being able to learn from other people and organisations. If you would like more information about our work, please come and talk to us during the next few days – we’re wearing a badge!

What role do working equids play in human livelihoods?

Working equine animals are essential for many poor people living in less-economically developed countries. However, their socio-economic contribution is often under-recognised. Equids earn money for their owners directly by working in a range of sectors: in particular transportation, tourism, construction and brick kiln industries. Their indirect contribution is also large. They transport people and goods, provide agricultural traction, and alleviate the domestic burden on women, despite not being traditionally thought of as livestock animals. The Brooke is conducting research that will provide evidence of these considerable and multiple contributions to people’s livelihoods, allowing us to ensure that these animals get the recognition that they deserve.

What is the role of veterinary science?

Health is an integral part of animal welfare. The health of equine animals depends on effective veterinary and healthcare infrastructure. Veterinary services are an important part of an integrated tool kit for improved animal welfare. The Brooke works closely with vets and other healthcare providers in all our countries, ensuring that they have access to the latest evidence-based information and supporting their professional development. This is captured in the recent publication of the Working Equid Veterinary Manual. Specifically written for vets and para-vets in the developing world this manual offers practical advice on how to provide effective care for working equines and has been disseminated around the world to those in the field, key teaching institutions, industry leaders and policy makers.

Does a holistic approach to improving equine welfare produce better outcomes?

The problems faced by working equine populations have varied combinations and levels of root causes. To reduce animal suffering, solutions must be contextual and a range of effective approaches adopted to achieve our theory of change.

The Brooke adopts a holistic approach to improve working equine welfare ranging from prevention through community engagement, training of service providers, treatment to policy and advocacy. We recognise that there is no one size fits all solution that will achieve improved working equid welfare. We focus on a package of responses to provide both immediate and sustainable positive change for the animals. This multi-stranded approach extends our reach and has a longer-term positive impact on the welfare of working equids, which ultimately will not depend on the Brooke’s presence.

The Brooke’s speakers at the colloquium...

- Sher Nawaz, Senior Programme manager, Pakistan
  Holistic approaches to monitoring and evaluation of working equid programmatic activities
  Tuesday 1st July 1600

- Syed Fareh-uz Zaman, Research and Veterinary Coordinator, India
  Contribution of working equids to the livelihoods of their owners in India
  Tuesday 1st July 1100

- Jogen Kalita, Programme development manager, India
  Community-led actions in India: a path-finding approach for sustainable equine welfare
  Tuesday 1st July 1500

- Joy Pritchard, Senior Animal Welfare and Research Advisor, UK
  What role do working equids play in human livelihoods – and how well is this currently recognised?
  Tuesday 1st July 0900

- Laura Skippen, Veterinary Advisor, UK
  Exploring approaches to dentistry in working equids
  Wednesday 2nd July 0945

- Delphine Valette, Head of Advocacy, UK
  Voices from Women
  Tuesday 1st July 1045

Do you want to work with us?

We support small projects with our SIF fund initiative, for more information contact: sif@thebrooke.org

Talk to us about current projects...

- OIE working equid welfare standards
- Welfare assessment app
- Capacity building through electronic media
- Working Equid Veterinary Manual open access online
- The Brooke Journal
OUR INTERNATIONAL WORK

The Donkey Sanctuary was founded in 1969 by Dr Elisabeth Svendsen MBE. She dedicated her life to championing donkeys, and it is through her devotion that the Sanctuary grew to be the international charity it is today. We now support projects in 27 countries and are within reach of over one million donkeys. We currently fund five major international projects outside Europe in Mexico, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya and India, and in 2013 offered small grants to a further 20 projects around the world.

OUR VISION: A world where donkeys and mules live free from suffering, and their contribution to humanity is fully valued.

OUR VALUES: Compassion; Collaboration; and Creativity.

COMPASSION

Working donkeys and mules play an essential role in many of the world’s poorest communities. By empowering people with a sense of ownership in the solution to their problems, we help bring sustainable improvements to their lives and to the lives of the donkeys so vital to their livelihoods.

COLLABORATION

We make a difference to hundreds of thousands of donkeys’ lives every year, not only by treating sick and injured donkeys but by collaborating with other organisations and individuals, such as local harness makers, farriers, vets and educators. This extends our reach and ensures improved welfare for more donkeys in the long term.

CREATIVITY

Nurturing the creativity in our teams is the only way we can genuinely respond to the unique circumstances of every donkey. For example, our partners abroad use locally available tools and materials to make donkey-friendly harnesses. This helps keep costs down and ensures improvements can be maintained locally.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

We have ambitious plans. By 2018 we want to be within reach of two million donkeys in 40 countries worldwide. Our exciting strategy includes all donkeys, whether wild, working or feral. We are incorporating donkey assisted therapy into our work in a locally applicable way, and tracking and responding to emerging trends, such as the use of donkeys for meat, milk and skins. Donkey use around the world is dynamic, but through compassion, collaboration and creativity, our international work will help transform the quality of life for donkeys, mules and people worldwide.

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