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During 2015 the VGG continued to work on its Phase IV Project – a revision and update to the 2010 global vaccination guidelines.

The committee held one face-to-face meeting in April 2015 and conducted the remainder of its work electronically.

The membership of the VGG for the phase IV project was: Professor Michael Day (University of Bristol, UK; Chairman), Professor Ron Schultz (University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA), Professor Marian Horzinek (Utrecht University, The Netherlands) and Professor Richard Squires (James Cook University, Australia).

The 2015 WSAVA Vaccination Guidelines were completed and submitted to the *Journal of Small Animal Practice* for peer review and publication. The guidelines are now accepted and will be formally published, with an accompanying editorial in the Journal, in January 2016. The full guidelines document will be available from the Journal website (open access) and also from the WSAVA website. The 2015 guidelines include significant new concepts in vaccinology, updated disease fact sheets and now 110 frequently asked questions and their answers. In parallel, the VGG has revised the pictorial disease fact sheets and the Owner – Breeder information document and these will also be made available from the WSAVA website.

At the 2015 WSAVA Congress in Bangkok, the VGG presented a half-day stream on the Asian Vaccination Guidelines (the Phase III Project, 2012 – 2014). Members of the VGG spoke widely about the WSAVA guidelines at face-to-face and webinar presentations throughout the world. The Chair delivered a keynote address on *Vaccination and Vaccinology* at the ACVIM Forum in Indianapolis in June 2015.

The Chair was co-author on a recent review on the feline injection site sarcoma prepared by the European Advisory Board on Cat Diseases.

During this year, the VGG has also made plans for its new Phase V project that will focus on vaccinology in the southern American countries in a project modelled on the very successful Asian Project. This exciting new project will run from 2016 to 2019 and will involve VGG visits to several key countries, including Argentina, Brazil and Mexico. The composition of the VGG for the Phase V project will be: Professor Michael Day (University of Bristol, UK; Chairman), Professor Richard Squires (James Cook University, Australia), Professor Cynda Crawford (University of Florida, USA), Professor Ron Schultz (University of Wisconsin – Madison, USA) and Professor Mary Marcondes (Universidade Estadual Paulista, Brazil). Professor Horzinek will step down from the VGG at the end of 2015, but we gratefully acknowledge his contribution over many years and his vision in establishing the VGG in 2006.

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Professor Michael J. Day
Chairman, WSAVA Vaccination Guidelines Group
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VGG Publications

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