The WSAVA Scientific Advisory Committee advises and assists the WSAVA Executive Board in developing links with the academic world involved in research and development in small animal veterinary science. Its aim is to stimulate academic participation under the auspices of the WSAVA and at the same time to promote worldwide access to knowledge resulting from research.

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**Key Goals**
Advising the WSAVA on the scientific program of the world congress, scientific review of proposed and ongoing research projects, selection of State of the Art (SOTAL) lecturers for the WSAVA annual conference, selection of candidates for Scientific Achievement Awards, Advice and judgement of scientific abstract for the annual congress. Advice on any scientific matters requested by the WSAVA board.

**Opportunities and Challenges**
The SAC endeavours to keep a high standard of scientific level in the congress programs, scientific activities and guidelines produced by the WSAVA or associated with it, and also to provide recognition to leaders of the small animal medical world who have made outstanding contributions to the profession. The SAC also wishes to encourage a diversity of membership and field of activities with members from many countries and a variety of veterinary medical disciplines.

**Key Activities for this year**
Advice and input and on the WSAVA scientific congress program, projects, selection of State of SOTAL lecturers for the WSAVA annual conference; selection of winner of the Scientific Achievement Award, Judgement of African Small Companion Animal Network (AFSCAN) research projects managed and funded by the WSAVA foundation.
Priorities/Calendar for next year

The SAC is currently evaluating a second round of AFSCAN proposals, it will provide input on research abstracts for the WSAVA congress in Copenhagen, and is also involved in the selection of a new winner of the Scientific Achievement Award. It will also provide opinion of the future congress programs available during 2017.

Press mention/articles/publications


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