Annual Report for the WSAVA Vaccination Guidelines Group

**Name of the Committee**

**Name of the Committee (Co-)Chair(s)** Michael Day

**Name of the Committee Members**

Michael Day, Mary Marcondes, Richard Squires and Cynda Crawford

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**Mission/Tagline of the Committee**

To provide evidence-based scientific advice to the global veterinary profession on optimum vaccination practice for dogs and cats.

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**Committee Activities of 2018**

During August 2018, the VGG made the third of its country visits for the current LATAM Phase V Project (2016 – 2019). This visit to Mexico included meetings in Mexico City, Guadalajara and Monterrey. Committee members met with veterinary association leaders, academics, first-opinion practitioners and government vaccine regulators. They also made site visits to practices in all three cities. To support veterinary education, they delivered three evening CE sessions. The CE session in Mexico City was also live-streamed and made available to registrants for 30 days after the presentation. Altogether, well over 2,000 veterinarians were reached by the live or on-line programme.

In advance of the visit, the VGG circulated an online questionnaire to collect data on veterinary demographics, infectious disease occurrence and vaccination protocols. The survey was completed by 552 veterinarians with the data presented during the CE events.

During 2018 the survey questionnaire was also released in Ecuador and Costa Rica.

A press release about this visit was sent out immediately afterwards.

During the 2018 Congress in Singapore, the VGG presented a well-attended half-day stream on canine and feline vaccinology and serological testing in vaccinology.

VGG members continued to individually deliver lectures related to the WSAVA guidelines over the course of the year.

In 2019 the VGG will hold a face-to-face meeting to work on the white paper that will summarize the findings of the LATAM Project and deliver vaccination guidelines for veterinarians in the region. The paper will be submitted for publication in late 2019.

The VGG is grateful for the sponsorship of MSD Animal Health for their Phase V Project.
The VGG meeting with Key Opinion Leaders in Mexico City.

The first VGG CE Event in Mexico City.

Members of the VGG at one of the small group meetings in Mexico. Left to right: Dr Richard Squires (James Cook University, Australia), Dr Cynda Crawford (University of Florida, USA), Emeritus Professor Michael Day (Chairman, UK) and Dr Mary Marcondes (São Paulo State University, Brazil).

**Priorities for 2019**

Preparation of the white paper summarizing findings and making recommendations for LATAM

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