Call for Member of the WSAVA Hereditary Disease Committee

Deadline: July 1st, 2019

We are seeking a new member of the WSAVA Hereditary Disease Committee (HDC) who is an expert on feline hereditary disease. The World Small Animal Veterinary Association formed a WSAVA Committee on Hereditary Disease with the following goals:

- Facilitate clinician diagnosis, treatment and control of hereditary diseases and genetic predispositions in dogs and cats, thereby improving the health of patients now and in future generations.
- Create a web-based information system on hereditary diseases and genetic predispositions, and also other genetic traits.
- Focus on clinical information, such as clinical signs, course of disease, diagnostic tests, therapy and genetic control relevant to the clinician.
- Include specific information from national and international organizations regarding guidelines in the future.
- Provide and facilitate continuing education on practical and novel clinical genetic aspects at the WSAVA conferences and other international & national conferences as well as on the web.

For more information, visit the website: https://www.wsava.org/Committees/Hereditary-Disease-Committee

Expectations of the HDC Member

- The candidate should be well versed in feline genetics and hereditary disease and/or hold an advanced qualification in genetics. Productive research with publications in peer-reviewed journals will be considered positively.
- Ideally, the candidate will also be a member of a WSAVA association. However, exceptions may be made to allow for required expertise.
- The candidate should be knowledgeable about and willing to work closely with international feline organizations.
- The candidate will be regarded highly by cat breeders so that any recommendations for feline genetic health improvement coming from the HDC will have additional weight due to her/his presence on the committee.
- The candidate needs to be willing to work diligently for the genetic improvement of domestic cats.
- The candidate needs to make themselves available to participate in periodic HDC meetings including virtual/online and face-to-face meetings as deemed necessary by the committee and chair.
- The candidate is expected to spend several hours per month working exclusively on HDC projects.
Application Process

Applicant must provide:
- Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of Intent
- Declaration of any Conflicts of Interest
- Letter of Support from WSAVA Member Association*

Applications should be sent to the WSAVA Secretariat [admin@wsava.org]

Applications should be submitted before July 1st, 2019

*All nominees for membership of any WSAVA committee/group are required to provide a letter of Good Standing from the WSAVA member organisation of which they are a member. This requirement does not apply to nominees who are not members of a WSAVA organisation (e.g. non-veterinarians) whose expertise may be necessary for specialist committees/groups. A person of Good Standing is defined as someone who has complied with all explicit obligations of the association and who is not subject to any form of sanction, suspension or disciplinary censure. This letter is not a recommendation from the association that the nominee is the best person for the position. WSAVA committee positions are not chosen by member organisations - the Committee Chair ultimately decides on the best candidate for the position and the choice is ratified by the Leadership and Nominations Committee and the Executive Board. This letter indicates only that the WSAVA member association has no objection to the nomination.