

## Key Milestones

1961: The first World Congress held in London, UK.

1980: The first collaboration between the WSAVA and World Health Organization takes place: a joint report: 'WHO/WSAVA Guidelines to Reduce the Human Health Risks Associated with Animals in Urban Areas'.

1982: A commercial exhibition is held for the first time alongside the WSAVA World Congress which was hosted in Las Vegas, USA, by AAHA.

1984: The first two WSAVA International Awards (Scientific Achievement and Service to the Profession) are introduced to recognize work 'fostering and enhancing the exchange of scientific and cultural ideas throughout the world'.

1984: World Congresses become annual events rather than taking place every four years and WSAVA membership rules are amended to enable specialist associations to become affiliate members.

1985: The first annual congress takes place in Tokyo, Japan.

1992: The WSAVA CE Committee is formed.

1993: The first WSAVA Continuing Education (CE) Conference is held in Prague.

2000: The first of the WSAVA's Standardization Projects - the WSAVA Liver Standardization Research Group - is launched. It is later followed by the creation of the Gastrointestinal Standardization and Histopathology of renal disease projects.

2003: Royalty graces World Congress which was hosted by the Veterinary Practitioner(s) Association of Thailand in Bangkok. Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn opens the Congress and later tours the exhibition.

2005: A vote is taken to enlarge board to seven members. Relationships with organized regional groups begin to develop with a partnership with FECAVA the first to be formalized.

2006: First WSAVA text book is launched. Called Standards for Clinical and Histopathological Diagnosis of Canine and Feline Liver Disease, it is produced by the WSAVA Liver Standardization Group.

2006: The Vaccination Guidelines Group is formed with support from MSD.

2006: The Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) is formed.

2006: The Animal Welfare and Wellness Committee is re-launched.

2008: Hill's Pet Nutrition forms a partnership with WSAVA, becoming its major sponsor.

2009: The WSAVA 50th Anniversary celebration is held in Sao Paulo Brazil.

2010: The One Health Committee, Global Pain Council and Global Nutrition Committee are formed.

2011: A Memorandum of Understanding is signed between WSAVA and OIE to promote increased collaboration in One Health.

2011: The WSAVA Foundation, the WSAVA's charitable trust, is created.

2012: A Permanent Congress Organiser is appointed to organise World Congresses, starting in 2014.

2013: The first veterinary nursing association (New Zealand Veterinary Nursing Association) joins the WSAVA.

2014: WSAVA Global Pain Council Guidelines published

2015: Vaccination Guidelines for Dogs and Cats published

2016: The Dental Standardization Project Committee is formed

2017: The Professional Wellness Group is formed