

# WSAVA Scientific Committee

## Job description for Members

September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

The new WSAVA Scientific Committee is looking for members to serve on the committee. In this document you can find a description of the position, preferred candidates and requirements.

The committee will aim to ensure all WSAVA members receive the highest quality evidence-based scientific and educational offerings.

More information on  
the committee can be  
found here



### Professional profile

Candidates should ideally fit the following professional profile:

- 🐾 Specialist diploma and/or advanced research degree (PhD) are preferred qualifications. Alternately, strong reputation for research or advanced clinical practice may be considered.
- 🐾 Globally-recognized scientific expert in a particular discipline pertaining to the activities of the WSAVA Scientific Committee (SC).
- 🐾 Affiliation to an academic institution, specialist practice, or diagnostic laboratory. Employees of the veterinary industry cannot serve on the SC.
- 🐾 Preferably affiliated with a WSAVA member association and currently professionally active in a field of small animal veterinary medicine.

### Availability

Members of the SC are required to be able to set time aside to timely contribute to the activities of the Committees. These include general and congress-related scientific activity.

- 🐾 While there are no precise estimates available, the overall workload for SC members may be as high as 50-100 hours per year (1-2 hours per week on average) or possibly more. The workload for the committee is varied and periods of high activity may be irregularly distributed throughout the year. Activity may be intense for instance during the preparation of the scientific programme for the annual Congress, during the review of scientific abstracts, during grant review periods, etc.
- 🐾 Members of the SC are expected to timely respond to e-mail requests from the SC co-chairs and other SC members, to be available for teleconferences as needed for the SC to perform its duties, and to respect deadlines set for the tasks assigned to them.

### Additional requirements

- 🐾 Members of the SC need to adhere to WSAVA's values as stated in the current strategic plan, and to WSAVA's Code of Conduct. Both documents can be reviewed on the following web pages:  
[WSAVA Strategic Plan 2019-2022](#)  
[WSAVA Code of Conduct](#)
- 🐾 Continuous engagement in the functions of the committee is required from all members appointed to serve on the SC.

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## 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](mailto:admin@wsava.org)]
- 🐾 Applications should be submitted before **October 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.*

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