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### Leading Veterinary Conference, WCV, Celebrated 90 Years of Education in Las Vegas

**LAS VEGAS, NEVADA (March 16, 2018)** – Nearly 14,000 veterinary professionals gathered at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center in Las Vegas for the [WVC 90th Annual Conference](#), March 4-8. Participants had the opportunity to attend in more than 1,000 scientific sessions, interact with over 518 exhibiting companies in the Exhibit Hall and network with colleagues from 27 countries and all 50 states.

“WVC hosted veterinary professionals from around the world for an inspirational week of education and networking designed to help them grow their skills and clinical offering,” said Dr. W. Mark Hilton, President, WVC Board of Directors. “This year’s event not only gave us an opportunity to celebrate 90 years of tradition and excellence in education, but also provided a vibrant platform to share experiences with colleagues, discover the latest products and services, and reignite our collective passion for serving the health and welfare of animals.”

The WVC 90th Annual Conference scientific sessions covered topics across a large array of important subject matters, including: Small Animal, Avian and Exotics, Food Animal, Equine, Veterinary Technician and Practice Management. The lectures, hands-on labs and workshops were specifically designed for Veterinarians, Veterinary Technicians, and Practice Managers.

The Exhibit Hall featured a newly reinvented New Product Showcase, which gave participants an exclusive look at the newest veterinary products, introduced through interactive trivia and podcast elements to create a learning experience and enhance engagement. The Learning Lounge returned in 2018, hosting 34 educational bite-size CE sessions. Participants were also treated to complimentary professional portraits and celebrated with WVC at the Exhibit Hall Mixer Anniversary Celebration.

Conference entertainment and events provided an added opportunity for the industry to gather, make connections and build relationships. Conference goers enjoyed a general session with American music artist Jewel, who shared unique stories of her life growing up in Alaska and her career as a singer-songwriter. Hill’s Comedy Kickoff with Emmy-nominated actor and comedian Kevin Nealon and a concert sponsored by Merck Animal Health with Grammy award-winning country music artist Darius Rucker, rounded out the week.

The Dr. W. Bruce Wren Food Animal Incentive Award was given to five recent post-graduates and the Dr. Jack Walther Leadership Award was given to 36 veterinary students from accredited veterinary colleges and schools. These awards are intended to honor aspiring leaders in the veterinary profession and are awarded annually for eligible students and recent

graduates who portray leadership and promote a lifelong service to the profession. Additionally, six 2017 Continuing Educators of the Year and two Distinguished Service Awards recipients were recognized.

In addition to the WVC Annual Conference in March, WVC offers numerous year-round educational programs at the state-of-the-art Oquendo Center in Las Vegas. For 2018, WVC will host a [Veterinary Technician Symposium](#), [Women's Veterinary Summit](#), [Recent Graduate Symposium](#) and [Veterinary Business Leadership Symposium](#). The Association will also host [Destination CE](#) in Costa Rica in addition to '[On the Road](#)' courses, which will be held in various cities across the U.S.

To relive everything the conference had to offer, visit the [photo gallery](#). For more information about continuing education opportunities with WVC, visit [wvc.org/ce](http://wvc.org/ce).

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### **About WVC**

WVC has a 90-year history of providing practical, high-quality continuing education to veterinary professionals. Based in Las Vegas and operating as a 501(c)3 nonprofit, WVC provides year-round continuing education including career building and hands-on learning at its nearly 70,000-square foot state-of-the-art Oquendo Center; a lecture-based learning program titled 'On the Road' in cities across the U.S.; Destination CE that offers continuing education in unique locations around the world; and the WVC Annual Conference, a five-day event held in Las Vegas, attracting veterinary professionals from every U.S. state and more than 40 countries. For more information, please visit [wvc.org](http://wvc.org).