



Finally a **NEWSLETTER** from NOVAS!

At the last annual meeting in Finland I got elected to the board of NOVAS as a swedish member and I also got responsible for the newsletter.

I live in Malmö, Sweden. Here I have a mixed practice where I consult dairyfarmers to improve herd health, hence they make more money with me around the farm. The other part of my practice is mostly horses and a little bit of small animals. I do a lot of horse dentistry and rehabilitation with acupuncture and low energy laser.

My next project will be a chiropractic course in Germany starting this month. I'm very excited as I know my body treatments will improve with yet another tool in my tool box to improve the life quality of both horses and cows.

The aim of this newsletter is to inform you of what is going on in NOVAS, IVAS and in the rest of the acupuncture world.

Do you have any interesting news or a case you would like to share or a person you would like to know more about, you are welcome to send it to my email: info@vetcare.se

Thanks!

**Best regards
Majken Möller**





Halifax Congress

In July there was a congress in Halifax. Debbie Prevratil summarizes the content very nicely in her article from "The Point":

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From the Desk of the Executive Director**

"IVAS - Setting the global standard in veterinary acupuncture since 1974"

This issue of "The Point" will have some highlights from the Halifax Congress, including our Keynote Presenter Kim Henneman's papers and our affiliate reports.

As the old saying goes, "Time flies when you're having fun!" That is certainly the case with IVAS as we have just finished up our 41st Congress. Our Canadian affiliate, AVAC, rolled out the welcome mat for our joint Congress in Halifax this year with traditional Maritime fun. The weather was wonderful and the boardwalk, which was right outside the hotel, was alive with many places to eat and gather. Many IVAS friends, both old and new, passed each other on a daily basis enjoying the salty air. For those that were unable to attend, we missed you, and for those that were there it was great to catch up and see one another. The presentations were informative and engaging and thank you to all of our presenters for their hard work and wonderful lectures.

The Congress Welcome Reception started with an excellent welcome speech by both the AVAC and IVAS President Linda Hamilton. She greeted us in true Maritime fashion, including her daughter Sagan as a translator to make sure we all understood the welcome speech. The evening from there just took off with the wonderful live band SWIG. This was truly a fun band, complete with Maritime music and folklore. In fact IVAS seems to have a new secret affiliate that started at this Congress ...IVUS. This stands for the International Veterinary Unicorn Society! Visit the IVAS Facebook page to see the video!

The evening Gala dinner started off with a big entrance welcoming everyone with an authentic bagpiper. After all, Nova Scotia does mean "New Scotland". The bagpiper played and marched us all into the banquet room for an evening of food and festivities. Nova Scotia is known for its seafood and the banquet was no exception. We started off with seafood chowder, fresh island mussels and salad. The main course was a whole lobster with many accompanying dishes. There were so many desserts on the dessert table to choose from, it was hard to pick just one. In traditional IVAS style there was dancing with a DJ until the wee hours of the morning making the banquet a huge success.

Our evening presentation at the banquet was presided over by Linda Hamilton where all of our speakers were thanked and given Canadian mementos from the area. This year's Honor Roll Member was Boudewijn Claeys and he received a standing ovation. We enjoyed a wonderful slide show presentation by Kevin May beforehand and in true fashion it was hard to pry the camera away from Boudewijn's hands so we could take some photos of him as our newest Honor Roll Member! This year's recipients of the Volunteer Service awards were presented to Kim Samuelsen, our Program Committee Chair, and Kristine Elbaek, our International Continuing Education Committee Chair.



I want to thank all of our hard working Board of Directors for their support and leadership, our committees, our IVAS members, HOD delegates and the IVAS office staff for all they do for this wonderful organization and the family we call IVAS. A special thanks to Grange and Sagan Morrow, Linda Hamilton's husband and daughter who were recruited and volunteered their time tirelessly to assist with Congress and registration!



Linda Hamilton and Kristine Elbaek.

All of our notes from the Annual General Meeting, Committee Reports, Board of Directors Meeting, and House of Delegates will be available on the IVAS website when they are finished and ready for all to read. As another Congress is completed the next one is already in the planning stages, so mark your calendars for Tacoma, Washington June 8-11, 2016 where we will join forces again with AAVA to present a joint Congress. So if you missed Halifax we hope to see you in Tacoma on the West coast next year. On another note, make sure to start saving your pennies, as we will be heading to the "Land Down Under" to join forces with our Australian Affiliate AVAG in August of 2017.

There are many new and exciting things on the horizon with IVAS. So keep your membership and the benefits you receive up to date, this will ensure you are always the first to know. This year's Congress Proceedings are already loaded and ready to view in the Membership only section of the website. Please remember to take some time to get outside, enjoy the grace of a cat, take a dog for a walk and look into the eye of a horse, relax and be thankful for all that life has to offer. Thank you to all that are part of this IVAS family.

I look forward to meeting all of you at future events, until then.

Debbie Prevratil





Nobel Prize winner

We would like to congratulate Youyou Tu for her research within herbal medicine that she won a Nobel Prize for this year, discovering the anti-malaria properties of the Artemisinin extracted from the herb Artemisia annua. Long live herbal medicine and dedicated researchers!

Volunteer service award

Debbie mentioned it in her article but the award deserves a little more attention of course!

Kim Samuelsen our treasurer in Novas and a really hard working member in both NOVAS, IVAS and in the HOD got awarded with a well-deserved price at the last IVAS congress in Halifax.

The price is a super fine transparant glas piece of art with an inscription:

"IVAS Citation for Exceptional Volunteer Service, Kim Samuelsen, DVM. For outstanding dedication to IVAS.

41st Annual IVAS congress on Veterinary Acupuncture, Held Jointly with AVAC, August 21, 2015, Halifax, NS. Canada."

A token of appreciation and we are proud and grateful to have Kim in our organization, as he is very dedicated in his work.

Kim has worked with acupuncture since the 1980's and has now opened his own acupuncture clinic in Denmark.

Congratulations Kim and good luck with the new clinic!



Linda Hamilton and a proud Kim Samuelsen with his Volunteer Service Award.



Basic course

The first session of the basic course in Aalborg, Denmark went well and the 29 students are very engaged and hard studying.

(Why have they ever put the word “dying” at the end of studying?)

The final session of the basic course will be in April 2016 were also the annual meeting find place.

Annual meeting 2016

Book the date now!

15-17th of April in Aalborg, Denmark.

The program is not yet set, but I’m sure there will be some interesting lectures and a lot of interesting people there. There are rumors that Are Thoresen will be there. Will you be there?

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Continual education

Uwe Petermann

are having a course in Belgium between the 13-15th of November. It will be about

Auricular acupuncture in horse and dog.

22,5 CE points

See attached PDF file of this email for more information.

The CHI Institute

Dr Xie of the Chi-institute has together with the South China Agricultural School invited to a combined online and onsite CVA course in China. It is a great opportunity to review/learn TCVM!

DVM students can apply for a scholarship.

See attached files of this email for more information.

For more information of what is going on in the world

www.ivas.org

Austria – AVAS (Contact [Dr Boerge Schichl](#))

Australia – [AVAG](#)

Belgium – [BeVAS](#)

Brazil – [ABRAVET](#)

Canada – [AVAC](#)

France – [AVETAO](#) and [IMAOV](#)

Germany – [GerVAS](#) Israel – IAAS (Contact [Dr Saqiv Ben-Yakir](#))

Italy – [ItVAS-SIAV](#)

Netherlands – [SNVA](#)

Nordic Countries – [NoVAS](#)

Spain – [IVAS Espana](#)

Switzerland – [CAMVet](#)

UK – [ABVA](#)

USA – [AAVA](#) and [AHVMA](#)

You might also find some good courses in the “human world”

European assoc. : www.etcma.org

DK: PA (praktiserende akupunktører) : www.aku-net.dk



Update your knowledge:

A tip from Signe Bebe on how to update your knowledge:

See www.med-vetacupuncture.org/english/pva-l/pvalgen.html

and

http://www.chinesemedicinetimes.com/section.php/80/1/information_sources_on_veterinary_acupuncture

Please contact them to be added to the list! It is a really wonderful way to stay informed on acupuncture research and development.

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CE points

You are required to obtain 10 CE points in every 2 years.

This year's annual meeting were approved for 11,25 CE point. You should soon get a certificate from this meeting. Don't forget to send it to the IVAS office to register your points.

Hard to remember when you should register your points? No problem!

- If you were IVAS certified in an **ODD** numbered year (2007, 2009, 2011, 2013), you are required to obtain 10 hours of IVAS approved CE by the dues renewal every **EVEN** numbered year (2008, 2010, 2012, 2014).
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Or the easiest way to keep track is to join the annual meeting every year, then you are sure to have enough points to keep your certification.

NOVAS fee 2015

Finland: 108€ to Nordea account: FI35 1151 3000 2209 79 (new account)

Norway: 910NOK to Den Norske Bank: 7177.05.51441

Sweden: 1020SEK to Swedbank Bg. nr. 691-0871 (new account 2015!)

Denmark: 816DKK to SparNord 7470- 4562 077 982

Remember to write on your payment: name and address! The member fee should be paid the 1st of May every year.



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