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## **WAVMA Launches First Online Congress with Support from Vetstream**

The World Aquatic Veterinary Medical Association (WAVMA) is set to host its first online Congress in 2016 with support from veterinary digital content supplier [Vetstream](#). More than 300 vets are expected to attend the virtual event, which will take place on Tuesday 3 and Wednesday 4 May, and which will include more than 20 hours of continuing education, focused on creating sustainability in aquatic medicine. Four hours of sessions will be broadcast live. There will also be the opportunity to question the speakers, either live or through an online forum.

WAVMA aims to offer continuing education for its growing membership, as well as providing a global voice for aquatic vets around the world. It has taken the decision to hold its congress online to help to meet the needs of its globally dispersed members. Vetstream provides digital services to the veterinary profession, including Vetlexicon, the world's largest online clinical veterinary reference tool. It also offers online continuing education through its Vetacademy platform and offers digital support to practices.

Commenting, WAVMA Past-President Chris Walster said: "Our online Congress will be an excellent opportunity for our members - both veterinarians and students - and others with an interest in aquatic veterinary medicine to contribute to, participate in and comment on lectures from world-recognised specialists and other experts.

"Each talk will include a KSA (Knowledge, Skills Assessment) through a short multiple choice quiz, ensuring time spent contributes to necessary CPD and can be used towards gaining WAVMA's CertAqV, which provides recognition to clients that an awardee has demonstrated 'day-one competency' in aquatic veterinary medicine."

Dr G Mark Johnston MRCVS, Managing Director of Vetstream, added: "Hosting its Congress online will enable WAVMA to help its members to benefit from the specialist knowledge of global experts, wherever they are based in the world, without the need to travel or take time out of practice.

"Vetstream specialises in harnessing the power of digital technology to support the veterinary profession with continuing education a particular focus. We are delighted to be using our digital expertise and technology platforms to host WAVMA's first virtual Congress."

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Vetlexicon is the world's largest online clinical veterinary reference tool, offering comprehensive, peer-reviewed digital point-of-care information on the veterinary treatments of dogs, cats, rabbits and horses. Accessible 24/7 on any internet-enabled device, it is a unique expert resource available to practices, which is trusted, updated and reviewed by more than 900 of the world's leading veterinarians.

**'Learn'**

Vetacademy is Vetstream's user-friendly online platform, providing the whole practice team with the ability to search and select from more than 300 courses from the world's leading training and CPD providers, including the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Medicine, the North American Veterinary Community (NAVC) and Elsevier, all brought together in one place.

**'Communicate'**

Vetstream's Webpartner offers a suite of website design, online content and digital marketing services designed specifically for the veterinary profession.

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