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To: Board of Directors, World Small Animal Veterinary Association

The Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Sciences (IVABS) at Massey University is the sole provider of veterinary medical training in New Zealand. Our Vet school at Massey University is accredited by the Australian Veterinary Schools Accreditation Advisory Committee (VSAAC), the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS), the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) demonstrating our commitment to quality teaching, research, and public service. Given our role in fostering the development of veterinary science internationally, it is with great pleasure that we endorse the efforts of the Companion Animal Society (of the New Zealand Veterinary Association), to host the 2013 World Small Animal Veterinary Association Congress in Christchurch.

Our stated mission is "To enhance animal and human well-being by promotion of the health, welfare and sustainable productivity of domestic animals and the health and welfare of humans and wildlife". Having local interaction with a significant gathering of veterinary scientists at the WSAVA Congress presents an important opportunity for the Institute and would contribute substantially to meeting our organisational goals. Students, academic staff and veterinary practitioners in New Zealand will have a unique chance to develop personal relationships with well-known international experts in small animal veterinary medicine. International collaboration has been, and will remain, an important mechanism to continue the 40 years of excellence in teaching and research at IVABS.

We believe that you will find New Zealand's bid to host the 2013 WSAVA Congress meets all of your expectations. The organising committee represents a dynamic, respected group of veterinarians that have the best interest of WSAVA at heart. We look forward to supporting their efforts in any way we can and hope that your Board looks favourable on their bid. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if I can be of any service.

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