

## Appendix 2

# International Group of Specialist Racing Veterinarians

### Formation of the Group

The Veterinarians' Business Session of the 6th International Conference of Racing Analysts and Veterinarians was held on Tuesday, 3 December 1985 at 1.45 p.m. and was attended by thirty-two veterinary delegates from eighteen countries:

<b>Australia</b>	J M Bourke (Chairman)
	A G Britt
	R L Mason
	A R Meldrum
	T A Rieusset
<b>Canada</b>	R F Roelofson
<b>Denmark</b>	H V Soennichsen
<b>England</b>	B F Abraham
	D H Snow
<b>France</b>	J-M Rannaud
<b>Hong Kong</b>	C J Hammond
	D K Mason
	K L Watkins
<b>India</b>	P K Rao
<b>Ireland</b>	J A Evans
	R Teevan
<b>Italy</b>	M Quercioli
<b>Japan</b>	S Araki
<b>Macau</b>	Y H Yip
<b>Malaysia</b>	B C Ho
	P S H Ong
<b>New Zealand</b>	C H G Irvine
<b>Norway</b>	A W Holm
<b>South Africa</b>	M A J Azzie
<b>Sweden</b>	L Persson
	S G B Persson
<b>Thailand</b>	P Gesmankit
	P Poomvises
<b>United States</b>	C M Gall
	J D Hoop
	R C Jensen
	E E Wedman.

A working party (appointed at the 1983 Toronto conference and comprising J M Bourke, convenor; H Gerber; D K Mason; M P Weber) had circulated to all present:

- arguments for and against forming a body to be known as the International Group of Specialist Racing Veterinarians (IGSRV)
- draft guidelines for such a group.

The session first considered the arguments for and against forming the IGSRV and agreed that the benefits made it desirable, any disadvantages being of no real consequence.

The session then considered the draft guidelines. Eligibility for membership received particular attention:

- For horseracing, the session accepted the working party's recommendation that membership should normally be limited to veterinarians employed full time by authorities controlling horseracing *nationally or regionally*. However, for allied horse events, the session decided that membership should normally be restricted to veterinarians employed full time by authorities controlling such events *internationally*.
- For countries where the authorities did not employ full-time veterinarians, the working party had recommended that the authorities should be allowed to nominate non-practitioner veterinarians as representatives. The session felt that this could present insurmountable difficulties in some countries. To achieve the widest possible national representation (and thus help to further the IGSRV's aims), it was agreed to amend the draft guidelines so private practitioners could become members in countries where no full-time official veterinarians were employed.

Financial arrangements for the IGSRV were considered next. The session agreed that IGSRV administrative costs would best be met by an annual subscription paid by members, the amount in any year to be determined from time to time by a General Meeting of the IGSRV and to fall due on January 1. The session noted that the duties of the Honorary Secretary proposed in the draft guidelines would therefore have to be expanded to include the additional duties of treasurer:

- to collect member subscriptions as these fall due
- to keep proper records of IGSRV financial transactions.

The session next considered the composition of the proposed Executive Committee. The working party had presented two alternatives: an Executive Committee comprising the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Honorary Secretary, or these officers plus regional representatives. The session agreed that, at least in its early years, the IGSRV could operate efficiently with the smaller Executive Committee.

The session agreed to accept these draft guidelines as amended. The inaugural General Meeting of the IGSRV was then convened.

## Inaugural General Meeting

All those present at the Veterinarians' Business Session remained. J M Bourke occupied the chair.

### *Election of officers*

This was conducted in accordance with Guideline 5. Nominations were received for:

Chairman	J M Bourke
Vice-Chairman	J-M Rannaud D K Mason (declined nomination)
Honorary Secretary/Treasurer	D K Mason.

There being no further nominations, these nominees were declared elected.

### *Annual subscription*

It was agreed that an annual subscription of US\$25 should be set to cover IGSRV administrative costs.

## *Report to the Main Conference Business Session*

It was agreed that the Chairman should notify the Main Conference Business Session that the IGSRV had been formed according to guidelines accepted by a meeting of interested veterinarians who looked forward to cooperating with the analysts in achieving, among other things, the aims of the International Conference of Racing Analysts and Veterinarians.

### *Informing the authorities*

It was further agreed that the Honorary Secretary/Treasurer should notify the appropriate authorities that the IGSRV had been formed, invite those authorities to nominate eligible veterinarians, and process these applications according to the guidelines.

### *Expression of thanks to the working party*

The meeting expressed its appreciation to the working party for its efforts in producing the draft guidelines and other relevant documents. It was resolved that letters of thanks be sent to H Gerber and M P Weber, who were not present—Dr Weber's acknowledgment to include the best wishes of all IGSRV members and their hopes for his speedy recovery.

## Guidelines

### 1 Name

The organization shall be called the *International Group of Specialist Racing Veterinarians* (IGSRV).

### 2 Aims

The aims of the IGSRV shall be:

- (a) to establish and maintain an official association of veterinarians with similar special interests
- (b) to advise authorities controlling horseracing and allied horse events on matters relating to
  - i control of the use of drugs in competing horses
  - ii welfare of competing horses
  - iii control of disease of horses

- (c) to act with the Association of Official Racing Chemists (AORC) on a group basis and with individual analysts to achieve more effective control of the use of drugs in horses
- (d) to organize, in association with the AORC, meetings of the International Conference of Racing Analysts and Veterinarians
- (e) to promote veterinary science as far as it is concerned with the requirements of the rules of various controlling authorities
- (f) to further research on, and knowledge of, equine disease and drug metabolism
- (g) to promote international goodwill.

### 3 *Membership*

Membership of the IGSRV shall be limited to:

- (a) official racing veterinarians, i.e. veterinarians employed full time by authorities controlling horseracing nationally or regionally, or allied horse events internationally
- (b) other veterinarians nominated by such controlling authorities.

### 4 *Officers*

The officers of the IGSRV shall be the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Honorary Secretary/Treasurer.

### 5 *Election of officers*

Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of eligible members at a General Meeting of the IGSRV. Candidates shall be nominated and seconded from the floor of the General Meeting.

### 6 *Duties of officers*

- (a) The duties of the Chairman shall be:
  - i to chair (when present) General and Special Meetings of the IGSRV and the Executive Committee
  - ii to coordinate and supervise IGSRV activities
  - iii to act as a member of the Executive Committee
  - iv to act as veterinary representative on the Management Committee of the International Conference of Racing Analysts and Veterinarians.

- (b) The duties of the Vice-Chairman shall be:
  - i to chair (when present) General and Special Meetings of the IGSRV and the Executive Committee in the absence of the Chairman
  - ii to act as a member of the Executive Committee.
- (c) The duties of the Honorary Secretary/Treasurer shall be:
  - i to act as custodian of IGSRV records, including membership records
  - ii to keep the minutes of all General and Special Meetings
  - iii to conduct IGSRV correspondence and notify members of all meetings
  - iv to review and report applications for membership at General Meetings
  - v to serve as secretary to the Executive Committee
  - vi to collect member subscriptions as these fall due
  - vii to keep proper records of IGSRV financial transactions.

### 7 *Executive Committee*

There shall be an Executive Committee which shall conduct the business of the IGSRV when and if required between General Meetings.

### 8 *Election of the Executive Committee*

- (a) The Executive Committee shall comprise the officers of the IGSRV.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall be empowered to appoint an eligible member to its number should a vacancy occur before a General Meeting.

### 9 *Meetings*

General Meetings shall be held with meetings of the International Conference of Racing Analysts and Veterinarians. Special Meetings may be convened by the Chairman whenever he deems it desirable or necessary. The convenor of such Special Meetings shall report the outcome to the next General Meeting.

### 10 *Publications*

The proceedings of General Meetings shall be

published in the *Proceedings* of the International Conference of Racing Analysts and Veterinarians in accordance with the guidelines of this Conference.

11 *Finance*

IGSRV administrative costs shall be met by an annual subscription paid by members. The

amount of this subscription in any year shall be determined from time to time by a General Meeting and shall fall due on January 1.

12 *Amendments*

Amendments to these guidelines shall be made only by a majority vote of eligible members at a General Meeting.