

# The WAB is accepting nominations for the Ruminant Well-being Awards

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**The Ruminant Well-being Awards** will be granted at the next World Buiatrics Congress to be held in Sapporo, Japan (28 Aug - 1 Sept 2018). This time, two different awards will be offered:

1. A Ruminant Well-being Research Award
2. A Ruminant Well-being Achievement Award

With these awards, the World Association for Buiatrics (WAB) and Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health aim to raise public awareness of the important role veterinarians play in overseeing and improving ruminant well-being.

## The Ruminant Well-being Research Award

This award will be offered to a recent PhD graduate in veterinary science, animal science or related disciplines that made an exceptional contribution to the scientific knowledge on ruminant well-being by:

- Improving our understanding of pain expression as well as the recognition of pain and other forms of suffering
- Developing scientific methods of measuring animal well-being, with potential practical applications
- Developing scientific based strategies that improve animal well-being
- Identifying issues of concern and seeking solutions to challenges
- Developing methods to change human attitudes and behaviour to ensure proper stewardship

## The Ruminant Well-being Achievement Award

This award will be offered to a practising veterinarian or a researcher in veterinary science, animal science or related disciplines to recognise his/her achievements in advancing the well-being of ruminants. It aims at rewarding an individual that made a contribution to the well-being of food-producing ruminants by:

- Improving our understanding of pain expression as well as the recognition of pain and other forms of suffering
- Developing scientific methods of measuring animal well-being
- Developing practical well-being assessment methods
- Developing practical strategies to improve animal well-being
- Raising awareness of issues of concern and engage different stakeholders in seeking solutions to challenges
- Changing human attitudes and behaviour to ensure proper stewardship
- Communicate information about, and propose solutions to animal well-being challenges with courage and integrity

Each Award will be comprised of a €10,000 cash award, plus reimbursement of travel expenses of the recipient to the World Buiatrics Conference, where the Award Ceremony will be held.

## Criteria

1. Nominations may be submitted by:

- The applicant for the award him/herself
- A third person (co-worker, supervisor, etc.)
- Organisations (governmental and non-governmental) or local divisions of WAB

2. The jury will accept only applications for single individuals

3. Recipients must be available and willing to attend a presentation ceremony and participate in other recognition activities (e.g. webinars, an article, an interview...). In addition, a global press release will be issued

4. Individuals nominated for **The Ruminant Well-being Research Award** must be a PhD graduate that defended his/her PhD degree successfully between January 2016 - February 2018

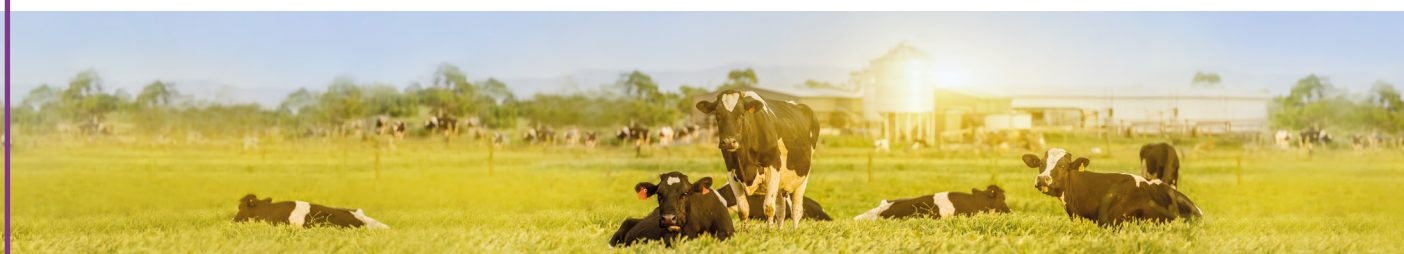
- Nominates must have made a significant contribution to ruminant well-being science. A publication in a peer reviewed journal will be preferred, but other contributions will also be accepted

5. Individuals nominated for **The Ruminant Well-being Achievement Award** must be practising veterinarians or scientists in the field of veterinary medicine, animal science or related disciplines. They must have made a sustained effort to improve ruminant well-being:

- Either through significant contributions to ruminant well-being science by several publications in international peer reviewed journals
- Either have contributed to a significant improvement in animal well-being. Such improvement may either be in exceptional leadership, public service, practical strategies, education and/or advocacy

6. Previous recipients of the Ruminant Well-being Awards will not be accepted

**The Ruminant Well-being Award** is an initiative of the WAB and Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health. Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health facilitates the selection process of the Ruminant Well-being Award and finances the prize exclusively.



## SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### Supporting material

Each nomination must include:

- A completed nomination form
- A curriculum vitae/resume
- A detailed letter of nomination, which describes how the nominee has met the award criteria
- Each nomination may also include up to 2 letters of support from colleagues, clients, or organisations
- Any other necessary documentation (e.g. peer reviewed publications)

### The selection process

An independent jury will select the recipient of both Ruminant Well-being Awards. The Jury comprises of five experts in the field of ruminant well-being:

**Xavier Manteca** Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona,  
(Head of the Jury) Spain

**Ed Pajor** University of Calgary, Canada

**Cathy Dwyer** SRUC, United Kingdom

**Elena Torres** Universidad de la República-Uruguay

**David Beggs** University of Melbourne, Australia

Send your complete submission form to  
[ruminant.well-being.award@buiatrics.org](mailto:ruminant.well-being.award@buiatrics.org)

Full name and Title

Institution or Employer name

Email address

Phone number

Institution or employer address (*Street, Zip, City, Country*)

Personal address (*Street, Zip, City, Country*)

Job title (*post-doctoral researcher, practising veterinarian, etc.*)

Summary of the applicant's achievements (*1 sentence*)

Applying for: ☐ The PhD Research Award  
☐ The Well-being Achievement Award

From which university and which year did you obtain your PhD? (*If applicable*)

### Terms and conditions

The jury, under the supervision of Prof. Manteca takes an independent decision on the winner of the award. WAB and Boehringer Ingelheim do not take part in the voting process, although they will receive all related documentation. WAB reserves the right to revoke the decision of the jury when they have sound reasons to do so. The jury takes a decision on the winner at the latest 3 months before the start of the World Buiatrics Conference (ultimately 31st May 2018). Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health will notify the winner at the latest 2 months before the start of the World Buiatrics Conference (ultimately 30th of June). The selection criteria will include: scientific quality, relevance in practice, innovative aspect and impact on ruminant welfare. If no candidate meets the requisites of the awards, the jury, WAB or Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health may decide not to grant the award in any given year.



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