

## WELCOME TO VETS WITH HORSEPOWER TOUR 2014



It is an enormous pleasure and privilege to welcome you to this amazing and unique event! We hope you will enjoy it and we hope you will also find it useful.

The HORSEPOWER project sets out to “Reduce human and animal burden through improved working animal welfare”. This is the fourth tour we have undertaken we have raised over 350,000 euros so far; this has been used support SPANA in its work in Mali and Mauritania in particular and World Horse Welfare and The BEVA TRUST.



This time we are embarking on another amazing adventure during which we hope to see lots of unusual places and meet lots of nice people as we ride into Northern Europe! We all have a common aim – we want to help those who are not in the privileged position we are in. For the cost of a single meal in a modest restaurant we can save a child or we can treat up to 10 working horses / donkeys. Does this mean we should not enjoy our own lives? NOT AT ALL – we have duty to ourselves and to future generations to make the very best of our lives on this planet. We need to care about others of course and we certainly do that, but part of the joy of being a human in the modern world is that we can share knowledge, experiences and the pleasures that the world offers.

This project would not be possible without the amazing support of the sponsors – large and small. MSD has been an amazing support from the outset and they have been backed up by Succeed, Boehringer, NFU Mutual, ARIAT, BCF, Equine Solutions UK, Elanco, Zoetis, Kruuse, CPD Accreditation and the other sponsors that are shown in the front pages of this document. We are deeply grateful for the support the sponsors have given so willingly and so enthusiastically. In each country we are visiting, other sponsors are helping us and we have been supported by World Animal Protection, and by many practices in the UK. It is clear that corporate sponsorship is very positive – the companies that support us are the ones that we will support! Anyone can gain our moral and professional support by supporting us in our venture to help the SMILE TRAIN deliver up to 500 cleft palate operations for children and the GAMBIA HORSE AND DONKEY TRUST in their quest to build a equine treatment and education centre in Banjul, Gambia. We need all the help we can get – the more we get the more good will be done!

Our strapline is **“getting together for good”** - we want to meet as many people as we can and in so doing we will bring sustainable long term benefits to the vets who attend our courses through education and professional development and of course we want to leave a tangible benefit behind for

the causes we are supporting. Anyone who is involved with this project either in the “engine room of the various centres” or the attendees at the courses will contribute to the causes by their very involvement. We hope that everyone will join in, laugh a lot and learn a lot about the job of equine practice and about life and its responsibilities to the animal and people of the world. **THANK YOU SPECIALLY ALSO TO ALL THE LOCAL ORGANISERS** – you have been awesome in your acceptance of the enormous amount of work this takes. We are all extremely grateful and for sure you are the most important part of the whole project! I know that you have all had a team of helpers so we hope that from the “full backs” to the “centre forwards” you will have enjoyed taking part in this mad project!

Finally of course I have to thank the HORSEPOWER TEAM – you are awesome and no matter what lunacy I suggest you always seem to be willing to listen and take part. We have some new bikers and drivers this time so WELCOME and thank you all!!!

At the end of the day and the end of the journey we know that children’s lives will be saved by what we have done and there will be a solid brick structure in Banjul that will have a little bit of YOU in it! Countless thousands of working donkeys and horses and the families who depend so heavily on them, will be grateful to you over many years ahead.

Thank you all again, stay safe and we hope the **HORSEPOWER** events of July 2014 will be in your memory banks for all the best possible reasons!

DEREK KNOTTENBELT



# The local events & organisers

**WED, 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY**

*Departure from Royal Holloway LONDON, mid-day*

*(Departure coincides with the opening of the "6<sup>th</sup> International Colloquium for the Working Horse")*

**THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY**

**UTRECHT – NO CE PROGRAM PLANNED**

**LOCAL ORGANISER: Prof Dr Marianne Sloet: email: Sloet van Oldruitenborgh-Oosterbaan, M.M. <m.sloet@uu.nl>**

**FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JULY:**

**HANOVER [VETERINARY FACULTY] morning start – all day CE (FULL) PROGRAM**

**SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY:**

**BERLIN – evening only (SHORT CE PROGRAM) (HOTEL VENUE)**

**LOCAL ORGANISER: Dr Bianca Schwarz: email: Dr. Bianca Schwarz <dr.bianca.schwarz@googlemail.com>**

**MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JULY:**

**WARSAW – MORNING to mid pm (FULL CE PROGRAM) (FACULTY VENUE)**

**LOCAL ORGANISER: Dr Alicja Pacholewska : email: alicja.pacholewska@vetsuisse.unibe.ch**

**TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JULY:**

**RIGA Evening (SHORT CE program) (HOTEL VENUE)**

**LOCAL ORGANISER: Dr Nauris Laizans : email: Nauris Laizāns <nauris.laizans@gmail.com>**

**WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JULY TARTU FULL pm – evening CE program (HOTEL VENUE)**

**LOCAL ORGANISER: Triine Tohver: email: Triin Tohver <triin.tohver@googlemail.com>**

**FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JULY**

**ST PETERSBURG – all day - CE PROGRAM (FULL PLUS) (VENUE TBC)**

**LOCAL ORGANISER: Dr Ekaterina Zabegina : email: Ekaterina Zabegina <ekaterina@zabegina.ru>**

**MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JULY**

**HELSINKI – morning and early half pm (FULL CE PROGRAM)**

**LOCAL ORGANISER: Dr Mike Hewetson: email: Michael Hewetson <hewetson@mappi.helsinki.fi>**

**TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JULY**

**SKOVDE (pm – evening) (FULL CE PROGRAM) (HOTEL VENUE)**

**LOCAL ORGANISER: Dr Anna-Karin Sandberg: email: anna-karin.sandberg@husabyhastklinik.se>**

**WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JULY SANDEFJORD (pm-evening) FULL CE PROGRAM (HOTEL VENUE)**

**LOCAL ORGANISER: Dr Svein Bakke: email: Svein H Bakke <sbakke@online.no>**

**FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JULY**

**COPENHAGEN (FULL CE PROGRAM PLUS) (FACULTY VENUE)**

**LOCAL ORGANISER: Prof Dr Gaby von Galen: email: Gaby van Galen <gaby@equinespecialists.eu>**

**SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JULY**

**HOME!!!**

# *Additional local sponsors*



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**VETs with HORSEPOWER**  
*North-European Ride 2014*



are supporting the

# Gambia Horse and Donkey Trust

Reg. Charity No. 1096814

**Improving the lives of working equines and their owners through providing the Gambian people with the knowledge and skills to solve their own problems**



We train farmers, harness makers, paravets, and cart builders to enable Gambians to provide essential skilled services.

We educate farmers and work closely with children through our School Education Programme and local Donkey Club to ensure that the next generation grow up with a greater understanding of and empathy towards working animals.

**Now we need your support to enable us to build a second centre, to help the urban animals and their owners**



Situated close to Gambia College, The University of The Gambia and the Veterinary and Agricultural Departments the new centre will provide many students with the opportunity to experience how to correctly manage and treat working equines.

The new centre will provide a sustainable, more cost effective way for us to provide veterinary training and support for future Gambian extension officers, whilst supporting urban working equines and beach horses at the same time.



**Please support**



**to help us to raise enough funds to build our new educational veterinary and training centre in The Gambia**



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Smile Train's mission is to help the millions of children living in developing countries who are suffering from cleft lips and palates by providing 100% free repair surgeries, giving them bright smiles and bright futures

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Meet baby Robson, from Malawi, pictured above with his mother Maclina before his cleft surgery. Pictured below, Robson's has had his cleft fully repaired 100% free and in just 45 minutes.

For 15 years Smile Train has focussed on one solvable problem – providing the millions of children around the world born with clefts the same opportunities as a child born without a cleft.

Cleft repair is a simple surgery and the transformation is immediate. Children living with unrepaired clefts not only live in shame and isolation, but, more importantly, face physical difficulties with breathing, eating and speaking.

Using the 'teach a man to fish' model, we focus on training local surgeons to perform cleft repairs in their communities. Those surgeons then go on to train other surgeons creating a long-term, sustainable system.

As a result of our efficiency and with the support of our donors and partners around the world, Smile Train has transformed the lives of more than one million children by giving them the power of a smile - that's roughly 340 surgeries a day and 127,000 every year.

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Most cleft repairs are simple surgeries and the transformations are immediate. Surgeries cost as little as £150 and can be completed in just 45 minutes.

By supporting Vets with Horsepower on their inspiring tour, you could help Smile Train to ensure that the millions of children still living with unrepaired clefts have bright smiles and even brighter futures!



**Objectives:** 1. we want to raise at least £100,000 for our two charitable causes! 2. We want to deliver high quality CPD to as many vets as we can. 3. We want to share some great times and see some nice places! 4. We want to get home safely having completed the 2700 mile journey!

### ***So what are we going to do?***

We depart from the UK on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014 and gather in Utrecht. Then we travel by motorbike to St Petersburg in Russia stopping at Hannover, Berlin, Warsaw, Tartu and St Petersburg to deliver a 5 - 6 hour CPD educational program to practising and academic veterinarians at each stop. We will take a 2-day break in St Petersburg and then we will return via Helsinki, Skovde, Larvik and Copenhagen. We will travel over 2700 miles in 16 days and we will deliver a total of 80 hours of CPD to up to 600 vets at 8 venues – that’s 48,000 CPD hours – sounds like a lot of benefit!

### ***SPEAKERS/ BIKERS:***

1. Professor Josh Slater (RVC) (Kawasaki ZZR 1400)
2. Dr Jessica Kidd (Private referral practice) (Honda CRB600RR)
3. Dr Caroline Hahn (Edinburgh) (BMW1200GS Adventure)
4. Dr John Burford (Nottingham) (KTM 400EXC)
5. Dr Edmund Hainisch (Vienna) (Suzuki V-Strom)
6. Mr Andy Crawford (Private Referral Practice) (Suzuki 600 Rizla)
7. Professor Roger Smith (London) (BMW F800 RT)
8. Mr David Bardell (Liverpool) (Kawasaki GT550)
9. Ms Jenny Croft (Private practice) (BMW 600 GS)
10. Professor Derek Knottenbelt (Glasgow / Liverpool) (BMW R1200RT)

**Support team:** Cerian Adams-Stevens, Trevor Croft, Ed Whittle, Richard Neville-Towle

## **THE TEAM and the EVENTS**

### **Prof Josh SLATER (RVC, LONDON)**

*'The role of vaccines in the control of infectious respiratory disease in horses'*

### **Dr Jessica KIDD (Private referral practice, OXFORD)**

*"Understanding and managing neck and back conditions in horses"*

*"The care of the foaling mare and foaling emergencies"*

### **Dr Caroline HAHN (Dick Vet, EDINBURGH)**

*"Equine laryngeal neuropathy: roaring horses and galloping giraffes"*

### **Prof Roger SMITH (RVC, LONDON)**

*"Optimising diagnosis and management for tendon overstrain injuries in the horse."*

### **Mr Andy CRAWFORD (Private Practice, ARUNDEL)**

*Modern imaging techniques – gimmick or real progress in diagnostic capability*

### **Dr David BARDELL (UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL)**

*'Gaining the upper hand – sedation and analgesia of the difficult case'*

### **Dr Edmund HAINISCH (UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA)**

*"Papillomavirus Diseases in the Horse; the science behind the virus"*

### **Ms Jenny CROFT (Private Practice, KINROSS, SCOTLAND)**

*'How to' session: Three basic procedures for the less experienced practitioner'*

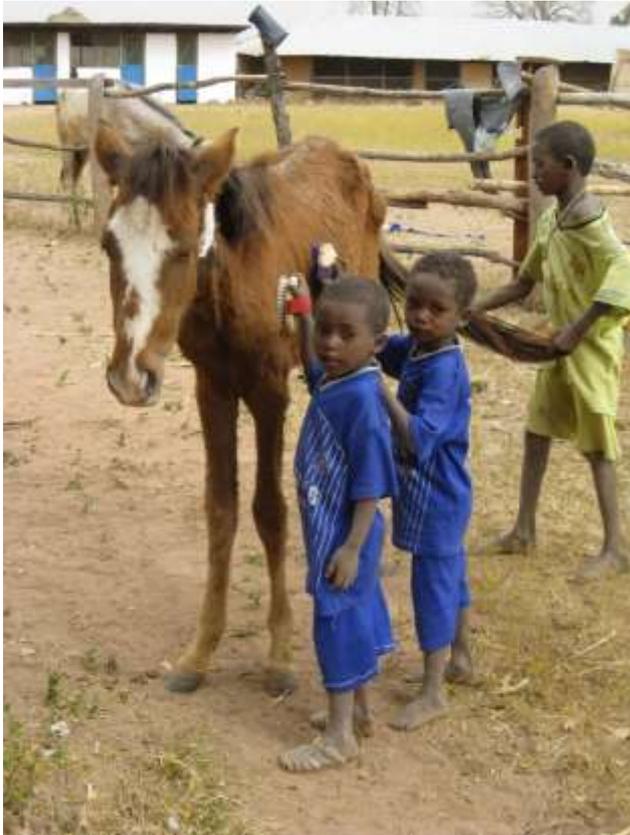
### **Dr John BURFORD (UNIVERSITY of NOTTINGHAM)**

*"Colic - when to cut and when to kill"*

### **Prof Derek KNOTTENBELT (UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL / GLASGOW)**

*"Unusual and interesting intestinal disorders of the horse"*

*"Intestinal neoplasia of the horse"*



*Help us make a difference*