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The International Elbow Working Group, in cooperation with The Brazilian Orthopedic Society and Hills' Pet Nutrition invites veterinarians to participate in the **IEWG annual meeting during the pregress day of the ANCLIVEPA BRASIL WSAVA 2009 congress, on July 20th 2009**. . www.wsava2009.com; www.iewg-vet.org,

The meeting will be from 9:00 - 16:00 hrs at the Transamerica Hotel in Sao Paulo, Brasil. The **entrance fee is 50 US \$** and a certificate of participation and the text of the proceedings will be made available after the meeting. **Registration** Dr. K. How IEWG secretary: how@planet.nl

Programme: Elbow diseases in the dog.

9.00 hrs **Welcome Dr. Marianna Lamberts - Dr. Helia Zamprogno**

Etiology and diagnosis of elbow dysplasias - Dr. Richard C. Nap, DVM, PhD, dipl. ECVS. Elbow dysplasias include clinical and radiological diagnosis of ununited anconeal process, osteochondritis dissecans, fragmented coronoid process and incongruity of elbow joints in dogs. These entities have all lameness in common but all differ in their presentation.

Pathofysiology of elbow incongruency - Dr. Gabriel Ramirez DVM. Some breeds have it. Some breeds don't. What is the background and the presentation of this serious clinical condition?

The clinical relevance of elbow denervation in pain management - Dr. Helia Zamprogno, DVM, PhD.

Arthrotomy and arthroscopy of the canine elbow joint - Dr. Ross H. Palmer, DVM, MS, dipl. ACVS. The lateral approach for the UAP, the medial approach for FCP and OCD will be demonstrated as well as the minimal approaches for the use of arthroscopy. In addition, surgical techniques will be discussed.

Screening for elbow dysplasia - Dr. Richard C. Nap, DVM, PhD, dipl. ECVS. Examples are given of a fruitful screening program with the aim to reduce the incidence of elbow dysplasia in dog populations. The importance of a uniform and transparent system will be emphasized.

12.30 – 14.00 hrs **Luncheon** (not included in the fee)

14.00 – 15.30 hrs **Film reading session**

Examples of radiographs will be discussed and graded according to the system of the International Elbow Working Group. Participants will be able to use the system at the end of the meeting. Both for applying the knowledge in the daily practice as for understanding the importance of views in different directions, the film reading session is a valuable of this congress. Participants are invited to bring their own cases of elbow dysplasia for plenary discussion.

15.30 hrs **General discussion** - Drs Lamberts, Nap, Ross and Zamprogno

16.00 hrs **Closing remarks** by Dr. Lamberts and Dr. Zamprogno

The program will be presented in English, with translation support by Dr. Helia Zamprogno (Portuguese) and Dr. Gabriel Ramirez (Spanish).