

# THE NATIONAL CONGRESSES OF VETERINARY MEDICINE - PROFESSIONAL MILESTONES OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF VETERINARY MEDICINE IN ROMANIA (II)

## CONGRESELE NAȚIONALE DE MEDICINĂ VETERINARĂ – REPERE PROFESIONALE ALE EVOLUȚIEI MEDICINII VETERINARE ÎN ROMÂNIA (II)

H. OLARU<sup>1)</sup>**ABSTRACT | REZUMAT**

Presentation in chronological order of the 11 national veterinary congresses - which took place over 135 years (1882-2017) is a genuine track record.

Each congress represents a historical moment of the veterinary medicine in our country, illustrating the main concerns of veterinarians and the actions that were put in place to prevent and combat animal diseases and to protect public health, the development of the veterinary services and institutions, a gratitude to our illustrious predecessors and an active participation in international professional actions and events.

A further note is that the Romanian authorities have given special consideration to these events, even participating in them, in appreciation of the work of veterinarians. The themes and issues which were raised and discussed, reflect the awareness and the training level for those periods and a constant desire to improve and to progress. In the following, I briefly present the 11 national congresses that have taken place from 1892 to the present and the main themes of the 12th Congress of Veterinary Medicine Program, to be held on September 20-23, 2017 in Cluj-Napoca.

**Keywords:** National Veterinary Congress

Prezentarea în ordine cronologică a celor 11 congrese naționale de medicină veterinară - care au avut loc de-a lungul a 135 de ani (1882-2017) constituie un autentic istoric profesional. Fiecare congres reprezintă un moment istoric al medicinei veterinare din țara noastră, ilustrând principalele preocupări ale medicilor veterinari și acțiunile care se instituiau pentru prevenirea și combaterea bolilor la animale și pentru apărarea sănătății publice, gradul de dezvoltare al serviciilor și instituțiilor sanitare veterinare, recunoștința față de iluștrii înaintași și participarea activă la acțiunile și evenimentele profesionale internaționale. O notă în plus o reprezintă modul în care autoritățile române au acordat importanța cuvenită acestor manifestări deosebite, participând chiar la desfășurarea lor, în semn de apreciere a activității medicilor veterinari. Temele și problemele care s-au abordat și discutat, reflectă gradul de cunoaștere și nivelul pregătirii profesionale din acele perioade, precum și dorința permanentă de perfecționare și progres. În cele ce urmează, prezint pe scurt cele 11 congrese naționale care au avut loc din 1892 până în prezent, precum și temele principale din Programul celui de al 12-lea Congres Național de Medicină Veterinară (Cluj-Napoca, 20-23 septembrie 2017).

**Cuvinte cheie:** Congres Național Veterinar

### ➤ The X<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CONGRESS OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

**Poiana Brașov, September 18-21, 2007**

Scheduled 4 years after the 2003 Congress in Iași, taking into account the date of Romania's Accession to the European Union, this X<sup>th</sup> Congress was great, impressive and sober, representing an exceptional professional manifestation.

**Participants:** nearly 1,100, most of the freelance veterinarians and public services, teachers from all university centres, researchers and laboratory specialists, known personalities of contemporary Romanian veterinary medicine.

The hotels: Piatra Mare, Alpin, Eurohotel, Condor and Alexandra in Poiana Brașov - which hosted exclusively the participants at the Congress - offered the best conditions, thus "raising the bar" for carrying out the activities stipulated in the program.

**The opening ceremony** began with the intonation of the National Anthem and the Anthem of Europe ("The Ode of Joy" in the ninth Symphony by Beethoven), which produced a special emotional load and, at the same time, a pride in everything that was accomplished in the professional field.

Conducting the plenary of the Congress - which took place in the impressive "NATO Hall" of the „Piatra Mare” Hotel, we presented firstly the guests from Romania and abroad, mentioning in particular: the leadership of the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe

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(FVE): Dr. **Walter Winding** - President, Dr. **Jan Vaarten** and Dr. **Nancy de Briyne** - executive directors; colleagues from the USA: Prof. Dr. **Emil Oneț** and Prof. Dr. **George Stoica**; from Israel: Prof. Dr. **Ervin Elias**; from Germany: Dr. **Andrei Gârceag**; and Republic of Moldova: Prof. Dr. **Dumitru Holban**; Prof. Dr. **Gheorghe Donica** - Dean of Chișinău FVM and Prof. Dr. **Valeriu Enciu** - President of the Veterinary Association in Republic of Moldova.

Then there was a moment of silence in memory of those who died from the previous National Congress.

From the soapbox of the congress, seeing the large number of participants, I noticed that we are a force capable of organizing and conducting itself and that we will never have to take into account the affiliation or subordination of our profession.

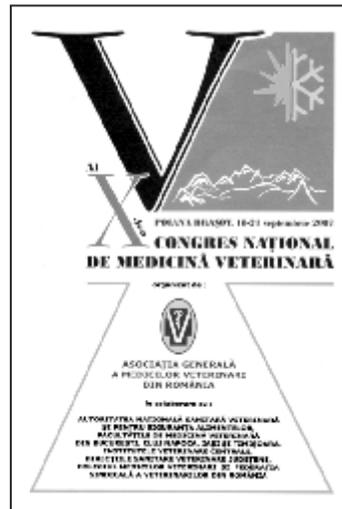
I have also said that public veterinary sanitary services need to demonstrate their competence, apply the programs developed and enforce the community law; for the self-employed, to give more importance to the way in which the medical act is performed and how it is ensured veterinary care in rural localities regarding farm animals; hygiene and public health, veterinary laboratories and services to monitor any violation of sanitary veterinary requirements in the field of food safety, both in the food industry units and, especially in commerce.



I've read two important messages received from the Prime Minister - Călin Popescu Tăriceanu and Acad. **Ionel Haiduc** - the President of the Romanian Academy.

In addition, they presented greetings and messages: Dr. **Radu Roatiș Chețan**, Dr. **Walter Winding**, Dr. **Atila Kelemen**, **Andras Szakai**, Dr. **Dorin V. Enache**, Prof. Dr. **Alexandru T. Bogdan**, Prof. Dr. **Victor Crivineanu**, Prof. Dr. **Nicolae Constantin**, Dr. **Liviu Harbuz**, Assist. Prof. Dr. **Ștefan Nicolae**, Prof. Dr. **Valeriu Enciu**, Prof. Dr. **Ervin Elias**, Prof. Dr. **Emil Oneț**, Prof. Dr. **Alexandru Șonea**, Dr. **Ioan Coman** and Dr. **Romeo Manea**.

### Professional Discussions and Scientific Works:



The congress took place on **five sections**, each of which had been established through the program, with some reference topics, previously communicated to the GARV subsidiaries to be known by all colleagues.

As a result, the Scientific Committee peer-reviewed **211 scientific works** - of which **80** in the form of **posters**.

Section I: **Professional training** - had 2 themes: the University Educational System, orientations in the European Context and Continuing Vocational Training (NSLE), priority areas and organizational modalities.

Section II: **Animal Health** - with 4 themes: Prevention and control of epizootic diseases; Laboratory diagnostics; Epidemiological surveillance and Biosecurity measures; Use of biological products.

Section III: **Food Safety and Public Health** - with 4 themes: Food Safety Management; Hygiene requirements and official control of animal products and feed, Authorization of the functioning of the food industry units; Food safety systems.

Section IV: **Veterinary medical practice** - with 4 themes: Current assistance and interventions in medical and surgical diseases; pet and leisure animals' pathology; Modern Methods of Investigation and Therapeutics, Veterinary Medicines.

Section V: **Rearing and welfare of farm animals** - with 4 themes: Reproduction and pathology of reproduction; Biotechnologies in animal husbandry; Zoo-hygiene and nutrition; Animal welfare and protection.

"**Expovet 2007**" - Organized at the Alpin Hotel, in the great 350-square-meter „Carpathian Hall”, the Commercial Exhibition of Veterinary Products, Instruments and Medical Devices - opened during Congress days - brought together 20 companies and representatives of well-known international companies: Nova Group, Mars, Dopharma Vet, Dolsat, Alltech, Veterin, Maravet, E-Intermed, Biovet, Intervet, Romvac, Avena Medica, Omnivet, Veteco, Pfizer, European Veterinary Center, Dexter, Farmavet, Pourquier Institute, Temco and Medical Partner's.

**The Bookstand** - organized by GARV, comprised 87 titles, representing the publishing products from 2003-2007 of different papers, publications, courses and specialized treatises. Here also, Coral Sanivet Bucharest offered its latest novelty books in the field.

**The Naive Painting Exhibition** - by colleague Dr. **Mihai Vintilă** from Reșița - included 20 paintings exhibited in the central lobby at the entrance to the Piatra Mare Hotel, the artistic works being highly appreciated by all.

**Celebration Dinner** - from the evening of Thursday, September 20, 2007 - it was a beautiful party between colleagues, attended by 675 people.

The culinary services provided by the Restaurant in the „Piatra Mare” Hotel, the music: the **Euromax** orchestra from Galați, to which were added some special talents from our profession: Dr. **Gheorghe Radu** - at the taragoto, accompanied by a colleague, a dentist from Tg. Mureș, Dr. **Irina Zoican** from Drobeta Tr. Severin, Dr. **Corneliu Maier** from Oradea, Dr. **Sebastian Vasilescu** from Cluj-Napoca, Dr. **Martin Marian** from Drăgănești - Olt, and Dr. **Vasile Boeangiu** - Poetry, from Alunu, Vâlcea County.

#### **Awarding of GARV Distinctions and Prizes:**

First, a special professional moment took place: Dr. **Traian Enache** - GARV Bucharest Branch - donated to the General Association of Romanian Veterinarians the Veterinary Sanitary Law no. 60/1974 - a volume with a green cover with golden writing, with the following dedication:

*"For the Golden Library of GARV to be part of the remarkable value heritage of the profession as one of the most complete, functional and valuable laws of veterinary medicine internationally. As a matter of respect, you must not forget the great professionals who elaborately developed, with talent, skill, exigence and high modesty, this unrivalled work for which the laurel wreath and the Premium of Excellence are entitled.*

And, in addition, to be known for the present audience, especially young generations, the names of those who contributed to the drafting of this law, valid for more than 30 years, were read: **Dr. Alfred Dumitrescu, Dr. Mircea Movanu, Dr. Marin Stănescu, Dr. Mircea Popescu Baran, Dr. Emil Sârbu, Dr. Eugen Miclea, Dr. Gheorghe Niculescu, Dr. Ovidiu Mihăescu, Dr. Constantin Mihăilescu, Dr. Cezar Crețeanu, Dr. Cornel Popescu, Dr. Traian Negruțiu, Dr. Ioan Groza, Dr. Adrian Elefterescu, Dr. Ion Trandafir, and Dr. Horațiu Olaru.**

Then followed the awarding of the GARV Distinctions and Prizes: **Diploma of Excellence, Title of**

**GARV Honorary Member, "For Veterinary Medicine Progress" Medal, "Alexandru Locusteanu" Prize, "Ioan Athanasiu" Prize, "Gheorghe Ionescu Brăila" Award, "Ion Adameșteanu" Award.**



#### **Congress Closing Session:**

In the presence of more than 500 participants, the conclusions from the debates of the 5 sections were presented by their moderators - coordinators: Prof. Dr. Nicolae Constantin, Assist. Prof. Dr. Ștefan Nicolae, Dr. Neculai Popârlan, Dr. Viorel Andronie, and Prof. Dr. Horia Cernescu - and they were adopted.

Based on them, **21 resolutions** were drafted and disseminated, - which I present in the synthesis:

1. In veterinary education, further actions are needed to optimize management. GARV become an active partner in the bachelor's degree examination boards.
2. Within NSLE, it is necessary to diversify the forms of postgraduate education for the inclusion of more veterinarians.
3. It is imperative to develop a national strategy on priorities in the field of veterinary medical scientific research.
4. It is necessary to further develop collaborative relations within European scientific projects.
5. The obligation to implement approved strategic programs.
6. Elaborate new strategic programs to eradicate diseases by using risk analysis.
7. Prepare disease control programs respecting animal protection and alternative strategies.
8. Addressing animal health and public health issues by adopting legislation on the identification and control of the canine population, including the prevention of transmission of dog-to-human disease.
9. Food safety activities supported by a permanent management and better information for processors and consumers.
10. Improvement of the logistics base of the sani-

tary veterinary laboratories, in order to meet the current requirements.

11. Proper implementation of food safety systems in all food and commercial establishments.

12. Coherent and pragmatic legislation on the circulation and use of veterinary medicinal products.

13. More use of kits for quick diagnosis.

14. In the faculties' clinics, the use of guided casuistry in private clinics should be extended to better train future veterinarians.

15. Transfer of property regarding veterinary dispensaries to veterinary physicians.

16. Implementing developments in breeding biotechnology.

17. Development of training of veterinary students in the field of animal husbandry.

18. Establish a general prevention strategy adapted to the specific animal breeding conditions in Romania.

19. Organizing a National Conference on "Nutrition, Health, Breeding and Productivity of Milk Cows".

20. GARV - with the constant support of its subsidiaries, to intensify interventions and actions to effectively protect the image of the profession in the consciousness of society, identifying the optimal ways to popularize the successes, the role and importance of our profession, the progress of economics and biomedical sciences.

21. The Congress reaffirms the GARV's ownership of the "Palace" in 33 Elisabeta Boulevard, sector 5, Bucharest, approves the steps taken and the continuation of the claiming process.

➤ **The XI<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CONGRESS OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**  
**Bucharest, May 8-11, 2011**

The opening of the Congress took place on Monday, May 9th, 11 a.m., at the **National Opera Hall in Bucharest** - a beautiful, grand and imposing setting that made us feel proud of our profession.

After the singing of the National Anthem and the Anthem of Europe, we welcomed the nearly **1000 participants** from up and down the country, after which we welcomed and presented foreign guests - outstanding personalities of the profession: Dr. **Tjeerd Jona** - President of the World Veterinary Association (WVA), Dr. **Faouzi Kechrid** - WVA Vice-President, President of the Euro-Arab Veterinary Association and the OIE Regional Commission for Africa, Dr. **Nikola Belev** - Chairman of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe and the Eastern Europe Representation, Dr. **Jan Vaar-**



**ten** - Executive Director of the Federation of Veterinarians in Europe (FVE), Dr. **Zsolt Pinter** - President of the European Union of Veterinary Practitioners (EUVP) Dr. **Nicolaos Kostomitsopoulos** - President of Balkan and Black Sea Veterinary Association (BaBSeVA), together with Prof. **Apostolos Rantsios** and Dr. **Katerina Loukaki** - from Greece, Dr. **Bernard Lobietti** - President of the Veterinary Cooperation and Exchanges between the West and East (CEVEO), Prof. Dr. **Ervin Elias** - from Israel, Dr. Emil Oneț - USA, as well as guests from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Bucharest: Prof. Dr. **Alexsandar Pavlov** and Prof. **Lubomir Lashev** - from Bulgaria, Prof. **Leonardo Leonardi**, Prof. **Stefano Degli Innocenti** and Dott. **Gabrielle Brecchia** - from Italy.

Regarding the national attendance there were: guests from various institutions and professional organizations with whom we collaborate, the governing bodies of the Veterinary Medicine Faculties, the National Sanitary Veterinary Authority, the General Association of Veterinarians of Romania and its subsidiaries, the Veterinary Medicine College, teachers, veterinarians

from public services, central and laboratory institutes, self-employed veterinary practitioners, police, gendarmerie and army, retired veterinarians, and 120 students from the veterinary medicine faculties.

In order to honor the memory of the deceased from the previous Congress, a moment of silence was preserved.



Organized in 2011, "**World Veterinary Year**", when the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our profession was celebrated, Congress marked two major national professional events: "**150-th Anniversary of the Establishment of the First Veterinary School in our Country (15 May 1861)**" and "**140 years since the establishment of the Veterinary Medicine Society (May 15, 1871)**" - mentor of the General Association of Romanian Veterinarians. About the significance of these memorable achievements, Prof. Dr. **Gabriel Predoi** - Dean of the Bucharest Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and the **Undersigned** - as President of the General Association of Romanian Veterinarians - spoke.

Regarding the history and the current situation of the Faculty of Bucharest, a short film was prepared and showed, including the establishment of the School, then its transformation into Superior School, and then Faculty, showing the main periods lived, as well as present and future development.

The speech about the Veterinary Medicine Society, accompanied by projected images, was a brief history pinpointed in time, the Society of Veterinary Medicine, and then the General Association of Veterinarians, together with superior veterinary medical education, being the central forum around which was gathered the turmoil of the profession and, in times of crossroads, was the place of development and the one that gave direction on what has to be done.

In addition, there were speeches, interventions, and greetings from the guests: Dr. **Radu Roatiș Chețan** - President of the State Secretary NSVA, Dr. **Tjeerd Jorna** - WVA President, Dr. **Atilla Kelemen** - Chamber of Deputies, Dr. **Nikola Belev** - OIE, Dr. **Faouzi Kechrid** - WVA, who handed me the Veterinary Medal of the World Veterinary Association, Ing. **Constantin Chiurciu** - Romvac Comp., Prof. Dr. **Ervin Elias** - Israel, Dr. **Viorel Andronie** - CRV, Dr. **Nicolaos Kostomitsopoulos** - BaB SeVA, Prof. Dr. **Radu Iftimovici**, Prof. Dr. **Alexandru Șonea** - UASVM Bucharest, Prof. Dr. **Alexandru T. Bogdan** - Romanian Academy and Counselor **Ilie Cornel** - who represented HH Daniel - Patriarch of the Romanian Orthodox Church.

During the lunch break (13-15 o'clock), the Exhibition of Biological Products and Veterinary Medicine, Instruments and Medical Equipment "**Expovet 2011**" was inaugurated and visited - organized in the courtyard of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Bucharest.

After the meal, Congress proceedings were resumed in the National Opera Hall, with the "**Celebration of 150 years of veterinary education in Romania**".



The film about the History of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Bucharest was showed - with the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Dr. **Gabriel Predoi**, as moderator -, and was followed by welcome speeches, congratulations and messages sent by the faculty representatives from the country and abroad, messages from some central institutions. Also, presentations regarding the beautiful and long tradition of the Romanian School of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine were held. They spoke: **Letitia Purdoiu** - Head of the FVM Library Bucharest, Prof. Dr. **Dumitru Curcă** - FVM Bucharest, Prof. Dr. **Ioan Șt. Groza** - FVM Cluj-Napoca, Prof. Dr. **Viorel Herman** - FVM Timișoara, Prof. Dr. **Gheorghe Solcan** - FVM Iași, Dr. **Florica Bărbuceanu** - IDAH, Prof. Dr. **Alexandru Șonea** - Ministry of Education, Prof. Dr. **Dumitru Militaru** - AAFS, Prof. Dr. **A.T. Bogdan** - Romanian Academy, and **Vasile Nedelcu** - Senate of Romania.

#### **Congress Sections:**

In the following days, 10 and 11 May 2011, the Congress was held in the rooms and amphitheatres of the Bucharest Veterinary Medicine Faculty, within **6 sections** of debates, each of them having established through Program: moderators and 4-5 reference topics.

#### **Section I - Sanitary Veterinary Laboratory.**

Moderators: Dr. **Florica Bărbuceanu**, Dr. **Gheorghe Bărboi** and Dr. **Gheorghe Puchianu**.

#### **Themes:**

- The role and place of the Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Laboratory in the public and private health services system.
- The Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Laboratory in the disease control and notification system, in the management of epizootic and food risks.
- The Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Laboratory - and scientific research.

#### **Section II - Veterinary practice.**

Moderators: Assoc. Prof. Dr. **Mario Codreanu**, Assoc.

Prof. Dr. **Viorel Andronie**, and Prof. Dr. **Ioan Marcus**.

**Themes:**

- Continuous professional training.
- Current assistance and interventions in medical and surgical diseases.

➤ Pathology of pets.

➤ Modern methods of investigation and therapy.

**Section III - Animal rearing and welfare.**

Moderators: Prof. Dr. **Al. T. Bogdan**, Prof. Dr. **Horia Cernescu**, Prof. Dr. **Ioan Șt. Groza**, and Dr. **Marcel Paraschivescu**.

**Themes:**

➤ Identification and registration of farm animals.

➤ Reproduction and pathology of reproduction.

➤ Biotechnologies in animal husbandry.

➤ Zoo-hygiene and nutrition.

➤ Welfare and protection of animals.

**Section IV - Animal Health.**

Moderators: Prof. Dr. **Doina Daneș**, Dr. **Nicolae Lazăr**, Prof. Dr. **Gh. Răpunțean**, and Prof. Dr. **Nicolae Catan**.

**Themes:**

➤ Anti-epizootic strategies and biosecurity measures; prophylaxis and control of major epizootic diseases; prevention, control, eradication of chronic diseases.

➤ Trade with EU member states and third countries with live animals and sanitary-veterinary products.

**Section V - Food safety and public health.**

Moderators: Prof. Dr. **C-tin Savu**, Dr. **Nicolae Mocuța**.

**Themes:**

➤ Food safety management.

➤ Hygiene and official control requirements for products of animal origin and feed.

➤ Veterinary Sanitary Authorization of establishments in the food, commercial, catering industry.

➤ Integrated food quality/ safety management.

**Section VI - Veterinary Management and Legislation.**

Moderators: Prof. Dr. **Cornel Cătoi**, Dr. **Liviu Harbuz**, and Dr. **Dorin V. Enache**.

**Themes:**

➤ Management of sanitary-veterinary public services and veterinary practice units.

➤ Jurisdiction and forensic veterinary medicine.

➤ Veterinary health legislation and veterinary physicians in the EU.

**Scientific Works.**

It was the first scientific manifestation of such extent, to which scientific papers were presented exclusively as posters. Depending on the specifics of the

themes approached, the 133 posters were organized and exhibited according to the six sections of the Congress: I =37; II =24; III =26; IV =29; V =14; VI =3.

The viewing of the posters by the Congress participants took place during the two stages corresponding to the morning and afternoon breaks of the Congressional sections, when the posters' authors were present near their work and answered the questions.

**Expovet 2011.** The commercial exhibition of bio-products and veterinary medicines, instruments, veterinary machinery and equipment - for laboratories, dispensaries, cabinets or veterinary clinics - was organized in a 500 sqm specialized tent, located next to the central building of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Bucharest, attended by Congress participants from 9-11 May 2011. There was also a **Bookstand** - arranged in collaboration with FVM Library.

**Cocktail - Concert - Festive Dining.**

The General Association of Romanian Veterinarians offered to the participants in the evening of the first day a Cocktail - in the footers of the National Opera; after which, in the Great Hall, a Concert performed by soloists and a string quartet from the Bucharest National Opera, covering the works of G. Rossini, F. Lehar, P. Puccini and musical scores by T. Brediceanu, A. Stoica, A. Laura, J. Haydn and W.A. Mozart.

The second evening: festive dining - with 300 participants, at the "Caredy Luxury Ballroom" Restaurant in 46-48 Calea Plevnei, Bucharest, in the vicinity of the National Opera House.

**Congress Resolutions.**

The moderators of the 6 sections presented the conclusions of the debates that took place on the basis of which the following resolutions were adopted:

1. Development and adoption of a (long-term and medium-term) strategy for the development of sanitary veterinary laboratories following the European vision regarding the surveillance and diagnosis of animal diseases and food safety.

2. Attestation, respectively accreditation of the laboratories of the county sanitary veterinary directorates, as research units, according to the provisions of Law 324/2003 on scientific research and technological development and the application methodology, established by GD no. 551/2007.

3. Continuing and diversifying the ways of lifelong professional education - within the NSLE framework in line with the European standard.

4. Analysis of the possibilities of adopting a national specialization system - through internship and re-

sidency linked to the European system of specializations in veterinary medicine.

5. Optimization of the veterinary act and strict observance of the principles of professional ethics and deontology.

6. Pay special attention to harnessing the genetic potential of dairy cows, including by guiding farmers and keepers of animals in households, in the field of differential feed management based on physiological conditions and consistent with milk production.

7. Development of a strategic Program of surveillance, control and extinct of animal diseases, transmittable to humans, animal and environment protection - each year, until the end of September, and including it in Budget Plans.

8. Better collection of field data from constituencies, departments, laboratories, clinics, etc. concerning the epidemiology of animal diseases, the correlation of the national legislative system, including the Strategic Program, with the reality.

9. Presentation by all media of the special danger posed by stray dogs to the health of people and the need to take the necessary measures.

10. Study of staphylococcal enterotoxins ingested for long periods in subtoxic doses, including their cytotoxic effects also on DNA.

11. Increase the participation of veterinary physicians in the definition of critical food safety infrastructures and the prevention of bioterrorism.

12. Continue to claim the building in Bucharest known as the "Palace of the General Association of Ro-



manian Veterinarians" - its property - by other means than courts: Presidency, Parliament, Government, local administration, press, television, radio, European institutions and organizations; until we'll find justice.

13. Organize conferences or symposiums with unique themes during the congress of veterinary medicine so as to have the time needed for debates and for the participation of more colleagues.

### **Congressional closing session**

#### **Awarding of GARV Distinctions and Prizes**

According to the provisions of Regulation no.332 / 2007 of GARV, the Official Jury - made up of members of the Executive Bureau and presidents of the Association's affiliates, awarded the following distinctions and awards: **Diploma of Excellence, Title of GARV Honorary Member, "For Veterinary Medicine Progress"** Medal, "**Alexandru Locusteanu**" Prize, "**Ioan Athanasiu**" Prize, "**Gheorghe Ionescu Brăila**" Award and "**Ion Adameşteanu**" Award.

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