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Shanis Barnard

Animal Welfare Department, Istituto G. Caporale Teramo, Italy

Shanis Barnard has a degree in Biology with focus on ethology achieved at the University of Parma in 2007.

The same year she won a doctoral grant in behavioral biology and in 2011 she defended a thesis entitled "Ontogeny and phylogeny of social behaviour in the domestic dog (*Canis lupus familiaris*)". She collaborated with several research teams from different Italian and European Universities recognised world wide as maximum scientific referees on dog behaviour, evolution and cognition.

During her career she took part to different scientific studies aimed at investigating dog temperament and cognition and she spent some time working abroad at the Veterinary school of the University of Pennsylvania (USA). She is co-author in several scientific publications.

At present, she is working as an expert at the Istituto Caporale in Teramo, OIE Collaborating Centre on Veterinary Training, Epidemiology, Food safety and Animal Welfare, contributing at the development of research projects on dog population management and animal welfare in rescue shelters.

David Bowles

Director of Communications, The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA)

As the Director of Communications, David coordinates the RSPCA's external communications including press, new media, education, brand, publications to deliver its campaign and political messages. The organisation works in Westminster, the National Assembly Wales and Europe to ensure that animal welfare standards are improved and is now working on changing consumer behaviour patterns on pets. David has worked in over 30 countries worldwide on improving dog welfare working with a mixture of NGOs and government to get change and works with international organisations such as the OIE to achieve international standards. For the last five years the RSPCA has been collating objective data on trends in animal use, which are published annually.

Marc Buchet

Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE)

Marc Buchet is a veterinarian working as a practitioner in Brussels. He is former president of the Federation of European Companion Animal Veterinary Associations (FECAVA) and EuroPetNet (EPN). Mr. Buchet is also a former vice president of Union of European Veterinary Practitioners (UEVP).

Ana M^a Catalán Alcalá

Ministry of Environment, and Rural and Marine Affairs of Spain

Ana Ma Catalán Alcalá is a veterinary and has been working in animal identification and traceability systems for livestock since 2008 in the Ministry of Environment, and Rural and Marine Affairs of Spain.

She has experience in electronic identification, she has participated in ISO SC19 meeting about electronic identification and is a member of the mirror working group in Spain.

Also she has experience in databases, she attends meetings of WHIRDEC (World Horses Identification, Registration & Data Exchange Committee) and meetings about the BOVEX project. Both projects are involved in the exchange of data (between Member States in bovine and all the stakeholders in horses).

Paolo Dalla Villa

Head of Animal Welfare Department, Istituto G. Caporale Teramo, Italy

Paolo Dalla Villa is responsible for the Animal Welfare Laboratory of Istituto G. Caporale Teramo, Italy.

After graduating in Veterinary Medicine at the University of Pisa, he has been working as Veterinary Officer in the National Veterinary Service - Ministry of Health, carrying out considerable work at national and international level.

His practical knowledge and expertise on animal health and welfare were developed in particular on support and assistance to Regional and National Veterinary Services, extensive research on animal welfare and human-animal interaction, humane education and technical assistance on designing and delivering training seminars on implementation of EU veterinary legislation, AAA/TAA programs and stray dog population management.

His actual main responsibilities are concerned with the management of animal welfare activities carried out by Istituto G. Caporale also in its role of OIE Collaborating Centre for Veterinary Training, Epidemiology, Food safety and Animal Welfare.

Giandomenico di Vito

Ministry of Health, Italy.

Ministry of Health, Department for Veterinary Public Health, Nutrition and Food Safety,
Directorate General for Animal Health and Veterinary Medicine, Office VI, Animal Welfare

Veterinary Officer. His main activities are related to animal protection, public health and
stray animal management.

Les Eckford

Welsh Assembly Government.

Les Eckford qualified with a veterinary degree from the University of Edinburgh in 1973. After 5 ½ years in general practice, mostly farm animals, he joined the State Veterinary Service mostly dealing with bovine TB control and welfare. During the outbreaks of Classical Swine Fever (2000) and Foot and Mouth Disease (2001) in the UK he was part of the field epidemiology teams.

When the veterinary team was established in the Welsh Government in 2005, he took up a post as Veterinary Adviser providing advice to policy colleagues on exotic disease control, welfare and animal by-products.

The introduction of the Animal Welfare Act 2006 has given the opportunity to develop more proactive policies in companion animal welfare in Wales. Welfare codes for dogs, cats, horses and rabbits have been produced that he has contributed to and he is currently involved in the review of dog breeding legislation where microchipping is an important factor in attempts to improve dog welfare.

Torben Elmedal

President, Europetnet

Torben Elmedal was born in 1944 and has been the President of Europetnet (EPN) since 2008, after being an elected member of the Board since 2005. In 2000, Mr Elmedal signed for membership of EPN as one of the founding members on behalf of the Danish Dog Register.

In 1993, he was elected President of the Danish Dog Register, representing Dyrenes Beskyttelse (Danish Animal Welfare Society), and successively represented the Register - as a member of Danish Standard - in ISO/TC 23/SC 19/WG 3 - electronic identification of animals. From 1982 to 1994 Torben Elmedal was a member of the Board and Executive Committee of Dyrenes Beskyttelse i Danmark (Danish Animal Welfare Society) and from 1986 to 1994 he was appointed by the Society to the Executive Committee of the Eurogroup for Animal Welfare (now the Eurogroup for Animals).

In 1990 and 2010 Torben Elmedal was appointed by Dyrenes Beskyttelse as an expert for the Parliament on the "Dangerous Dog bill issue." Alongside these activities, he has been active within several dog organisations: Danmarks civile Hundeførerforening: management, dog handler, instructor and judge; Dansk Kennel Klub: management, breeding broholmers (Danish Mastiffs); Danish civilian service/IRO: rescue dog handler.

Sven Hüther

Planet ID, GmbH.

- Veterinary medicine course at Justus Liebig University until 1989
- Thesis about the International office of Epizootics and its influence in the disease eradication
- Market analysis for a French/American company on an RFID system for livestock (1990/1992)
- Project, product and business development for the world's No 1 ear tag producer (1993-1997)
- Marketing and Sales Director for a cannula manufacturer (Transponder cannulae) 1997/1998
- Foundation of Planet ID (1998) – represented in more than 16 countries with a very high level of application and technical knowledge
- Member of the General Assembly of Europetnet (European Database which actively helps to reunite lost pets)
- Chairman of the Creative Group Meeting and the executive committee (EPN)
- Member of several ISO project teams on electronic animal identification standardisation
- representative of Germany in the Working Group 3 (ISO)
- Active voting Expert in the ISO/TC23/SC 19
- Listed in the EU Expert database Cordis

Official consulting of:

- the Switzerland Ministry
 - the Malaysian Ministry
 - the Austrian Ministry
 - the Irish Ministry
 - different persons of the EC
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Rosalba Matassa

Ministry of health, Italy

Ministry of Health, Department for Veterinary Public Health, Nutrition and Food Safety,
Directorate General for Animal Health and Veterinary Medicine, Office VI

Veterinary Officer and animal welfare expert

Her main activities are related to animal protection, farm animals and wildlife, animal
reproduction and artificial insemination,

public health and stray animal management.

Since May 2010 she is been coordinating the Unit in charge of Animal welfare, stray animal
management, shelters in poor conditions and mistreatments.

Philip McCreight

Executive director of TASSO

Philip McCreight was born in Stockholm. He studied art education, biology and psychology at the Goethe University in Frankfurt. Since the founding year of Tasso in 1982 he accompanied and facilitated the development of the association. At the beginning he contributed as a senior IT manager, since 1992 as executive director of TASSO.

Ombretta Pediconi

Permanent staff member of Istituto “G. Caporale” (ICT), Terramo, Italy

Ombretta Pediconi’s work covers following areas:

- planning, implementation and evaluation of training research projects
- planning of on-line training courses
- pedagogical design and production of eLearning content
- planning, implementation and management and evaluation of Animal Assisted Activities and Therapies
- planning, implementation, management and evaluation of programs of Veterinary Public Health Education for primary school students

Ms. Pediconi is the focal point of the Environmental Education Center of the ICT for the Abruzzo Region.

Luigi Possenti

Head of Information Systems and National Data Base Unit, Istituto G. Caporale Teramo, Italy

He is Expert of Istituto G. Caporale in Teramo for activities regarding the management and maintenance program of the Animal Identification and Registration Data Base.

Involved in many national and international projects as:

- Analysis, design and implementation of the Italian National Animal Identification and Registration System;
 - Analysis, design and implementation of Dog Identification and Registration System for Molise and Sicily regions;
 - Member (based on a nomination from Italian Health Ministry) of European Commission Task Force on Interoperability of Bovine Database;
 - Analysis, design and implementation in the European Union project “Supply of Central computer System for Animal Identification and Registration in Serbia - Contract 03SER01/10/007”;
 - Support in Analysis and design of the Santa Catarina State (Brasil) Bovine Identification and Registration System;
 - The experimental project in the context of “monitoring animal welfare during long journeys” together with the EU Joint Research Center of Ispra (IT);
 - Expert and co-organiser of “Study Visit on identification and registration of animals in Romania” organised by TAIEX (European Commission, DG Enlargement) in Rome and Teramo;
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Mitja Sedlbauer

Ministry of Agriculture, Slovenia.

Mitja Sedlbauer works as Senior Adviser at the Veterinary Administration of the Republic of Slovenia, Animal Health and Animal Welfare Division for the implementation of animal welfare policies.

Ernst Stifter

Deputy director of the Veterinary Office of the Province of Bolzano

Ernst Stifter was born in a small alpine village in a German speaking area in the Province of Bolzano, Italy. After the University studies at the Veterinary Medicine University in Vienna (AT) he worked for almost five years as a field veterinarian in the territory of Val Badia managing alone a large animal practice. He then worked as an official vet at the Veterinary Office of the Province of Bolzano. During this time he spent almost 2 years as a national expert for the EU-Commission in SANCO E2, Animal health and welfare, zootechnics Unit. Currently he is the Deputy director of the Veterinary Office of the Province of Bolzano and is directly responsible for animal health, welfare and the various databases. He occasionally works for the EU. He was a member of ECDC- and EFSA working groups and for the last 9 years he is the chairman of the European Commission Task Force brucellosis subgroup.

Els Vanautryve

Ministry of Health, Belgium.

Els Vanautryve, veterinarian, has been working for over 10 years for the Department for Animal Welfare and CITES of the Federal Public Service (Belgian Ministry) for Public Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment. Her main fields of expertise are exotic animals and companion animals, identification and registration of dogs comprising a big part of the latter.

Marlene Wartenberg

Ass.Iur. Dr. rer. Soc., Director of the European Policy Office of VIER PFOTEN, Brussels

Marlene Wartenberg, German fully qualified lawyer, PhD in Political Science. She started in the German Parliament as scientific assistant, is active in the field of public affairs/lobbying for 20 years, was lecturer on the University of applied science in Düsseldorf, Secretary General for a German and European umbrella organization. In 2002 she started working on national and EU Animal Welfare Legislation, since 2007 she is Director of the European Policy Office of VIER PFOTEN, Brussels and is lecturer on the Free University of Barcelona on EU Animal Welfare Law (Master in Animals in Law and Society).

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