

# Ethical Review Committee

## Who are we?

We are comprised of a core group of AVA members who are passionate about getting an AVA Ethical Review Process up and running, with the aim of establishing a mechanism by which AVA members can achieve ethical approval for clinical research studies. The core members of the group, with a brief CV are listed below. We also have a number of co-opted representatives from different countries in Europe who can be called upon to appraise applications in light of local country legislation. The ethical review core committee was established in Spring 2014 and will change over time, with an anticipated total length of time on the committee ranging from 1-2 years.

### **Jo Murrell (Chairperson)**

Jo graduated from Bristol University in 1994 and completed a clinical fellowship in anaesthesia at Bristol before undertaking a PhD investigating neurophysiological correlates of pain in horses, also at Bristol, which she was awarded in 2001.

In 2001 she moved to University Utrecht as head of small animal anaesthesia and was awarded her European Diploma in Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia in 2002. After a brief two year period in New Zealand as a Post Doctoral Research Fellow between 2005-2007. Jo returned to the University of Bristol as a Reader in Veterinary Anaesthesia where she divides her time between clinics and leading the Anaesthesia and Analgesia Research Group.

Jo is passionate about clinical pain management and pain research with the aim of promoting best practice in analgesia provision in patients.

### **Louise Clark (Chairperson)**

Louise is an ECVAA Diplomate with a further qualification (MSc) in Clinical Pain Management. She is past Treasurer of AVA and a previous AVA Abstracts Editor. She currently works in private practice and has a good understanding of the difficulties associated with conducting research in, and publishing from, a non-academic environment.

### **Kenneth Joubert**

Kenneth graduated with a BVSc from The University of Pretoria in 1995. After graduating he joined small animal practice in Johannesburg for 2 years before returning to the University of Pretoria. In 2000 he obtained a MMedVet (Anaes) and held the position of senior lecturer in anaesthesiology at the university. In 2004 he left the university to re-join private practice before starting his own referral practice in anaesthesiology, pain management and critical care. Kenneth has published 36 scientific publications, delivered 73 scientific presentations, delivered over 137 continuing education talks, done 13 multimedia presentations, published 39 non-scientific articles, presented 6 courses, written one book chapter and attended 63 congresses of

continuing education. Kenneth currently holds an extra-ordinary lecturing post in Pharmacology in the department of Paraclinical Sciences at the University of Pretoria and runs a private practice dedicated to anaesthesia, analgesia and critical care. He has regularly examined students in pharmacology, anaesthesiology and clinical studies. Kenneth has and is currently involved in the supervision of 4 students.

Kenneth has a keen interest in total intravenous anaesthesia, intensive care, ventilation and cardiology. His research interests included non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents, anaesthetic depth monitoring and total intra-venous anaesthesia.

Kenneth chaired the Faculty Ethics Committee (Animal Use and Care Committee) until it was dissolved to form a University based Animal Use and Care Committee. I was then a member of the Senate committee for Research Ethics and Integrity and the Animal Use and Care Committee of the University of Pretoria. Kenneth currently serves on the AUCC (RECA) Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University.

### **Kathy Murphy**

Kathy works at the University of Oxford as a Laboratory Animal

Anaesthetist. Her position involves contribution to project planning and ethical review, as well as management of a team of support staff who conduct and refine the anaesthesia, analgesia and peri-operative care for research animals. Kathy's primary research interest is the long-term effects of anaesthesia on learning and memory, and the neuronal basis of those effects.

### **Sabine Kästner**

Sabine is the Professor of Veterinary Anaesthesia, Intensive Care and Pain Therapy at University of Veterinary Medicine, Hannover. She is an ECVAA Diplomate and has published widely in veterinary anaesthesia and analgesia.

### **Mike Dixon**

Michael Dixon has degrees in mechanical engineering and metrology. He has worked for ink jet start-ups, in consultancy and, as a research interest, in thermal and mechanical nociceptive threshold testing. He currently works for Topcat Metrology Ltd.

### **Gwen Touzot-Jourde**

Gwen graduated with a veterinary degree from the French veterinary school of Alfort (ENVA) and then completed a Residency in Veterinary Anesthesiology at the University of Georgia, USA. She is presently a lecturer in Veterinary Anesthesia, Intensive Care and Pain Management at Oniris, Veterinary School of Nantes, France

Her teaching and research interests comprise chronic pain in sports horses, physiotherapy and rehabilitation, welfare and pain management in large research animals (ruminants and swine) and development of alternative teaching tools and self learning platforms.

### **Dr. Louisa Slingsby**

Louisa graduated from Bristol Vet School in 1994. After a year in first opinion practice she returned to Bristol and completed a PhD on aspects of peri-operative analgesia in small animals in 1998. Since then she has worked in the field of clinical analgesia research working closely with pharma companies to bring analgesics to the veterinary market.

### **Chiara Adami**

Chiara graduated cum laudae at the University of Perugia, Italy, where she also completed her PhD. She then moved to Switzerland to begin, at the Vetsuisse Faculty of the University of Berne, the training program to become a specialist. In 2013 she achieved the title of Diplomate of both the European and the American Colleges of Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia. She was an employee of the University of Berne for eight years, first as a resident, then as a staff clinician, and eventually as a lecturer. Chiara moved to London in 2015. Since then she works at the Royal Veterinary College of the University of London as Senior Lecturer in Veterinary Anaesthesia. She authored more than 50 peer reviewed international publications, mainly focusing on recognition and treatment of pain in companion animals, and anaesthesia and analgesia of exotic animal species