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PRESS RELEASE

The 2014 Annual General Meeting of the Jamaica Veterinary Medical Association (JVMA) was held on Sunday, July 6, 2014 at the Tree House meeting room at the Hope Zoo. The meeting saw the election of a new Executive Committee to conduct the Association's business over the next twelve months.

The newly elected President is **Dr. Kevin Walker**, a 2008 graduate of the University of the West Indies School of Veterinary Medicine, St. Augustine, Trinidad. It is a historic moment for the JVMA as Dr. Walker is the first graduate from UWI-SVM – the first from any Caribbean veterinary school for that matter – to lead the Association. He works with the Jamaica Broilers Group.

Dr. Walker replaces **Dr. Robert Thomas** who, having led the JVMA for the past three years, had completed his term limit. Dr. Thomas automatically remains on the Executive for the coming year as Immediate Past President.

Returning to another term as Vice-President is **Dr. John Josephs** while **Dr. Sarah Wilkinson-Eytle** is once again in the post of Secretary, having held that position in the past. Assistant Secretary went to **Dr. Julie-Ann Small** and veteran member **Dr. Graham Brown** took over the post of Treasurer from the long-serving **Dr. Natalie Burnett**.

Executive sub-committee chairpersons were elected as follows: Nominations & Membership - **Dr Natalie Burnett**, Rights & Welfare – **Dr. Rayon Gregory**, Judicial & Parliamentary – **Dr. Kareen Robinson**, Education & Research – **Dr. Roxanne Bennett**, Public Relations – **Dr. Paul Cadogan**. **Dr. Wintorph Marsden** remains as Commonwealth Veterinary Association representative.

The position of Ethics & Discipline Chairperson is vacant as the elected member subsequently indicated inability to accept the position due to personal circumstances.

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