

Departure of Peter de Leeuw as Chairman of DCA

In December 2017, DCA's Chairman, Peter de Leeuw, departed after long years of commitment to our organisation. Peter was chairman of DCA since 2003 already. During this vast period of administrative dedication to DCA, he has guided the organisation from a small veterinary aid foundation with a few staff and a small budget towards a renowned livestock organisation with a turnover of around 6 million USD, and 200 staff members.



As (former) Chief Veterinary Officer of the Netherlands, Peter was a chairman of stature, and in the previous years, DCA benefited a lot from his broad experience and helicopter view on veterinary services. As a chairman Peter was a master in giving the Board members ample opportunity for broad discussions and finally distilling a clear conclusion out of all viewpoints presented.

The members of the DCA Board will surely miss Peter's knowledge, experience and amiability. We thank him for his long and fruitful commitment to DCA and wish him a pleasant and joyful retirement.



The Board of DCA Livestock Programs already is in contact with a capable new chairman, but he will not be available before September 2018. In the meantime, from January 2018, **Gert-Jan Duives** replaces Peter as Chairman ad interim. Other members of the Board of DCA are: Bram Schreuder, Delegated Board member, Romke Steensma, Treasurer, Ruairaidh Petre, Board member, and Kees van Maanen, Board member.