

FROM SCIENCE TO PRACTICE:

Snippet of Moments from PCVC8 & CbVMA34 – Jamaica 2026

A Convergence of Minds, Science, and Purpose

Set against the vibrant backdrop of Jamaica, the **8th Pan-Commonwealth Veterinary Conference (PCVC8)** and the **34th Caribbean Veterinary Medical Association (CbVMA) Congress** brought together leading veterinary minds from across the globe.

This landmark gathering was more than a conference; it was a dynamic exchange of science, innovation, and real-world solutions, reinforcing the role of veterinary professionals as guardians of animal health, public health, and global food systems.

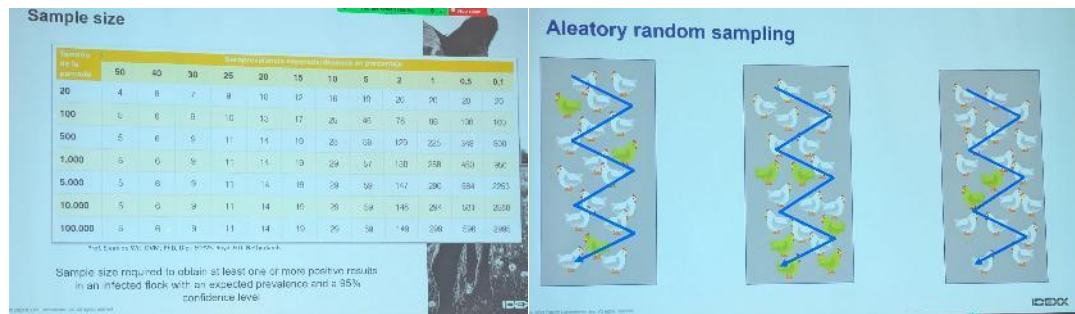
Leadership & Governance: Steering the Future



Commonwealth Veterinary Association and Caribbean CVA leadership representation

At the heart of the conference was strong representation from the Commonwealth Veterinary Association (CVA) and Caribbean leadership, highlighting a shared commitment to collaborative governance, regional integration, and strategic direction for the profession.

Diagnostics & Surveillance: Precision for Impact



A key technical pillar focused on strengthening diagnostic accuracy and surveillance systems.

Experts emphasised:

- Robust sampling design frameworks
- Scientifically sound sample size determination
- Maintaining sample integrity across species

Dr. Eduardo Galindo Medina delivered a highly practical session, translating complex epidemiological principles into field-ready approaches for practitioners.

Small Ruminant Health: Protecting Productivity



Small ruminants—critical to livelihoods across many regions—were given focused attention.

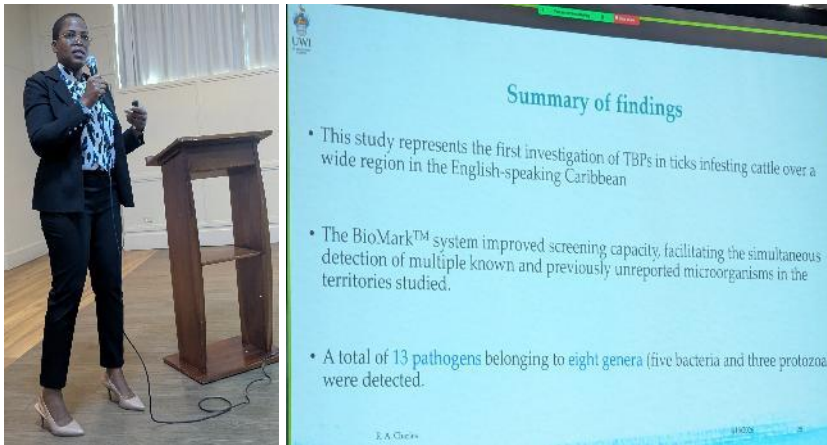
Dr. Gabrielle Young among other aspects, expertly explored:

- Pregnancy toxemia management

- Neonatal survival strategies
- Clostridial disease control

Her session bridged clinical science and practical application, equipping veterinarians with actionable interventions for herd-level impact.

Emerging Research



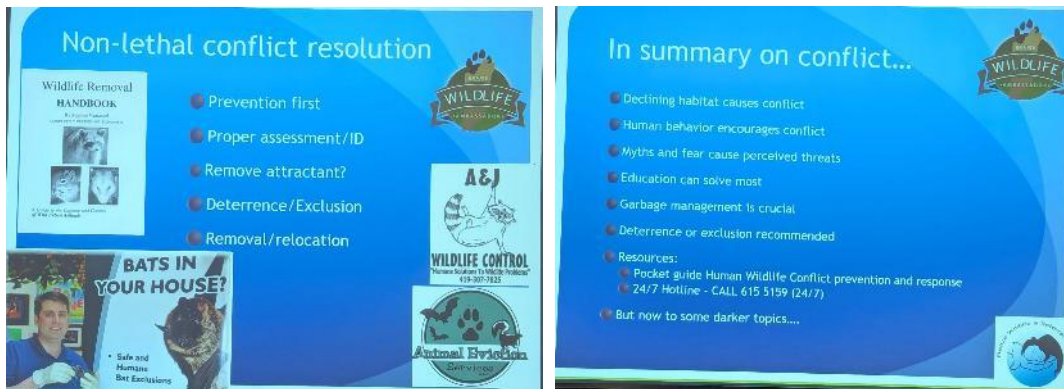
Innovation took centre stage through cutting-edge research presentations.

A standout contribution by Dr. Roxanne Charles revealed:

- Detection of 13 pathogens across 8 genera of ticks
- Application of advanced diagnostic platforms
- Insights into multi-pathogen surveillance in vector systems

This work underscores the growing complexity and capability of modern veterinary diagnostics.

Human-Wildlife Interface: Balancing Ecosystems



The conference tackled the increasingly important challenge of **human-wildlife conflict**.

Key strategies emphasised:

- Prevention-first approaches
- Evidence-based deterrence systems
- Community-centred education initiatives

Dr Isabelle Paquet-Durand highlighted how sustainable solutions must integrate ecology, human behaviour, and policy frameworks.

Industry & Innovation: The Future is Now



Veterinary medicine is rapidly evolving—and industry partners showcased what lies ahead. Leading companies such as Zoetis and IDEXX presented:

- Next-generation diagnostic technologies
- The growing role of Artificial Intelligence in laboratory analysis
- Innovations designed to enhance speed, accuracy, and decision-making

What if AI could interpret your samples and run your diagnostics?

Expert Voices: Knowledge Without Borders



The conference platform amplified diverse expert perspectives from across regions.

Highlights included:

- Nutritional insights by **Dr. Siobhan Bridglalsingh**
- Animal welfare leadership by **Prof. Catherine Dwyer**
- Strategic emergency preparedness reflections by **Emeritus Prof. Peter Thornber** (Former CVA President)

Special recognition goes to **Dr. Kathy-Ann Leon (JVMA Host)** for curating an exceptional scientific programme that fostered **deep learning and cross-disciplinary engagement**.

The event captured the richness knowledge exchanges across multiple sessions.

Networking & Community: The Human Connection





Beyond the science, PCVC8 and CbVMA 34 delivered something equally powerful, **connection**.

From formal engagements to relaxed Caribbean evenings, the conference created space for:

- Building **professional networks**
- Strengthening **collaborative partnerships**
- Sharing experiences across cultures and continents

The vibrant scenes reflect the spirit of camaraderie and global unity that defined the event.

Closing Reflections: From Knowledge to Action

PCVC8 and CbVMA34 reaffirmed a fundamental truth:

Veterinary science achieves its highest value when translated into practice.

As we move forward:

- Let us **apply knowledge with purpose**
- Strengthen **systems that sustain animal and human health**
- And deepen **collaboration across borders**

With gratitude to the **CbVMA, Jamaica, partners, and sponsors**, this conference stands as a powerful reminder that the future of veterinary medicine is **innovative, interconnected, and impactful**.