

## **IVU Online News – November 2010**

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### **5000 Take Part in IVU World Veg Congress**

Congratulations to the Indonesia Vegetarian Society for hosting a hugely successful IVU World Vegetarian Congress in Jakarta, 1-6 Oct. About 5000 people attended from all over Indonesia and about 20 other countries, including Afghanistan and Iran.



Highlights included science contests for secondary school and university students, art and dancing sessions for younger children, a wonderful variety of Indonesia dishes including an amazing assortment of tempeh creations, appearances by representatives of Indonesia's ministries of tourism, environment and health, great national media coverage, an insightful and inspiring collection of presentations, opportunities to learn from and socialize with activists from around the world, and, last but not least, fabulous Indonesian hospitality.

Read more and view photos at: [www.vegsource.com/john-davis/jakarta-jamboree.html](http://www.vegsource.com/john-davis/jakarta-jamboree.html)

More photos plus videos from the Congress are (or will soon be) at [www.wvc2010.org](http://www.wvc2010.org)

Watch TV coverage of the Congress (with narration in Indonesian) at [www.metrotvnews.com/metromain/newsprograms/2010/10/22/7269/14/39th-IVU-World-Vegetarian-Congress-Part-2-](http://www.metrotvnews.com/metromain/newsprograms/2010/10/22/7269/14/39th-IVU-World-Vegetarian-Congress-Part-2-)



### **Repression Continues to Haunt Austria**

Learn more about the ongoing unfortunate efforts by some in the Austrian government to curtail the valiant and successful campaigns of our Austrian colleagues.

[www.shameonaustria.org/en/index.php](http://www.shameonaustria.org/en/index.php)

[www.shameonaustria.org/en/protest.php](http://www.shameonaustria.org/en/protest.php)

The photo shows one of the accused, Martin Balluch, speaking to a class of students. Once you know, you'll certainly want to help by writing letters, etc. Thanks.

On 30 Sep and 7 Oct 2010, activists from 4 Austria-neighbouring countries - Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia and Slovenia - performed a joint action on the Austrian border.

### **New Members on IVU International Council**

Two new members have been elected to the IVU International Council: Erick Mokafo-Brhom Yeleneke, President of Vegan Students Association and President of the Vegetarian Society of Togo, as well as Coordinator of the African League for the Rights of Human and Non-human Living Beings, University of Lome, Togo: [www.ivu.org/africa/togo/index](http://www.ivu.org/africa/togo/index) - and Manuel Alfredo Marti, founder and president of the Argentina Vegetarian Union:

[www.ivu.org/news/online/interviews/manuel.html](http://www.ivu.org/news/online/interviews/manuel.html)

And, a heartfelt 'Thank you' to those who are stepping down from the International Council: Miguel Facal, Tina Fox and PK Jain.



### **Dubai Celebrates Vegetarian Awareness Month**

Vegetarian Awareness Month in Dubai broke new ground, with VAM (Vegetarian Awareness Month) cards on display in restaurants, film screenings and free Veg Kits emailed across the region. To top it all, IVU IC member, Vanessa Clarke (photo), came to Dubai and gave a talk on vegan nutrition. More at [gulfnews.com/life-style/food/healthy-choice-go-vegan-1.689337](http://gulfnews.com/life-style/food/healthy-choice-go-vegan-1.689337)



More from Dubai at [www.facebook.com/meveg](http://www.facebook.com/meveg)

### **Vegetarian Week Activities Expand**

Vegetarian Week 2010 was even better than the Vegetarian Week 2009 - [events in more countries](#) (at least 18, while there were [12 in 2009](#)), and more organisations involved. Not coincidentally, the week coincided with the IVU World Vegetarian Congress in Indonesia.



## Stats on Animals Slaughtered

Jewish Vegetarians of North America's vice president, Noam Mohr, compiles statistics on the number of animals slaughtered to be fed to people in the U.S. He uses this to provide numbers on how many animals could be saved by going vegetarian:

[AnimalDeathCount.blogspot.com](http://AnimalDeathCount.blogspot.com) He also discusses the methodology used.



Here are some of the numbers, with commentary by Noam. In 2009, the average American meat eater was responsible for about 198 deaths:  
1/7 of a cow : 2/5 of a pig : 1 turkey : 1½ chickens for eggs : 25 chickens for meat : 40 fish : 130 shellfish.

In all, 8.25 billion land animals and 51 billion sea animals died to feed Americans. Over a lifetime, this amounts to 15,000 animals per meat eater. Compared to the previous year, the average American killed 1.3 fewer land animals and 2 fewer fish, but ate 5 more shellfish.

Looking over the past four years, the drop is more dramatic: 3 fewer land animals, 10 fewer fish, and 12 fewer shellfish than in 2006. That's a drop of 10%, 19%, and 8% respectively, and translates to 600 million fewer land animals, 2.4 billion fewer fish, and 5 billion fewer shellfish.

While the study did not look into reasons for the decrease, another study released last month by Kansas State University found that demand for meat was significantly affected by media attention to farm animal welfare issues.

A site for numbers just for fish is [www.fishcount.org.uk](http://www.fishcount.org.uk)



The best way to predict the future is to invent it  
Alan Kay

## Meat-Env Predictions 2000-2050

The following paper forecast global environmental costs of livestock production 2000–2050: potential global environmental costs of livestock production 2000–2050: [tinyurl.com/26lzxll](http://tinyurl.com/26lzxll) The authors, Nathan Pelletier and Peter Tyedmers are from Dalhousie University and Stanford University, respectively. Here is the abstract:

Food systems—in particular, livestock production—are key drivers of environmental change. Here, we compare the contributions of the global livestock sector in 2000 with estimated contributions of this sector in 2050 to three important environmental concerns: climate change, reactive nitrogen mobilization, and appropriation of plant biomass at planetary scales. Because environmental sustainability ultimately requires that human activities as a whole respect critical thresholds in each of these domains, we quantify the extent to which current and future livestock production contributes to published estimates of sustainability thresholds at projected production levels and under several alternative endpoint scenarios intended to illustrate the potential range of impacts associated with dietary choice. We suggest that, by 2050, the livestock sector alone may either occupy the majority of, or significantly overshoot, recently published estimates of humanity's "safe operating space" in each of these domains. In light of the magnitude of estimated impacts relative to these proposed (albeit uncertain) sustainability boundary conditions, we suggest that reining in growth of this sector should be prioritized in environmental governance.

## Put Meat on Climate Change Meeting Table

At the upcoming United Nations Conferences of the Parties (COP16) meeting in Cancún, Mexico, being held November 29 to December 10, 2010, delegates and world leaders from around the world will once again be meeting to discuss the current climate change issues our planet faces.



Recently, a new report from the UN, Assessing the Environmental Impacts of Production and Consumption: Priority Products and Materials from the United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP), found that consuming a diet free of meat and dairy will be the best approach to dealing with climate change and its consequences.

But despite all the science pointing to animal agriculture being the largest contributor to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, inter-governmental talks do not even include on their agenda the discussion of the meat and livestock industries. The facts clearly demonstrate animal products are unsustainable and truly detrimental.

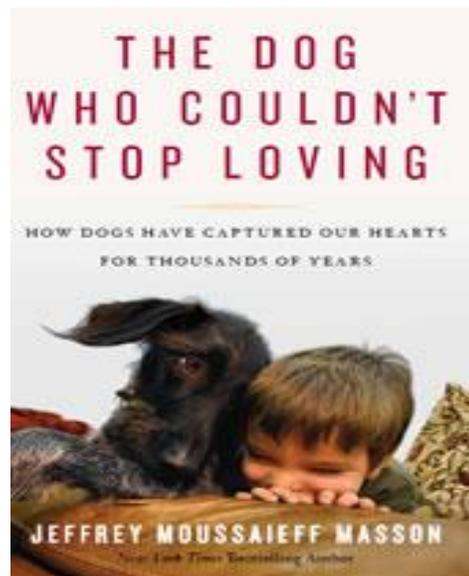
Please send a message to COP16 delegates on how their actions should reflect the findings of various official reports on how livestock and animal products are detrimental to the planet and how by switching to a vegan diet would be the first sustainable approach for a solution to climate change. To do so, sign this easy form: [meatfreecop16.org/send-letter](http://meatfreecop16.org/send-letter)

## New Book by Jeff Masson

Well-known vegan author has a new book, 'The Dog Who Couldn't Stop Loving'. Jeff looks back over the past 40,000 years of dog-human companionship. He explores the idea that humans have developed our capacity for love, sympathy, empathy and compassion -- because of our long association with dogs. Read an interview with Jeff at [bit.ly/ayPXox](http://bit.ly/ayPXox)

Also, read what Jeff has to say about 'freedom food', also known as free range meat: [www.rspca.org.uk/freedomfood](http://www.rspca.org.uk/freedomfood) Here's an excerpt:

"I have spoken out against the concept of freedom foods, or animals, of animals raised in such a way that some body will slap the designation of "cruelty free" on them. I have seen this concept used in England and in America, and it seems to me plain wrong. No matter how you dress it up, an animal raised for food is going to be killed long before the natural end of death would arrive. These animals are exploited, no other word will do, and it is murder to raise them for food."



## Online Resource from Encyclopaedia Britannica

Encyclopaedia Britannica has a blog entitled Advocacy for Animals - [advocacy.britannica.com/blog/advocacy](http://advocacy.britannica.com/blog/advocacy) - which it describes thusly:



"Encyclopædia Britannica presents this site as a source of information, a call for action, and a stimulus to thought regarding humanity's relationship with the animals with whom we share our planet. We support worldwide efforts to ensure humane treatment of animals, develop our understanding of their nature, promote their survival, and protect and restore the environment."

Here's what they say about dairy farms:

[advocacy.britannica.com/blog/advocacy/2007/06/dairy-farming](http://advocacy.britannica.com/blog/advocacy/2007/06/dairy-farming)

Here's another webpage on the same general topic but in debate form:

[milk.procon.org](http://milk.procon.org)

Finally, speaking of debates, here's one on whether to be veg:

[eatocracy.cnn.com/2010/09/30/55-tv-host-jane-velez-mitchell/?hpt=C2](http://eatocracy.cnn.com/2010/09/30/55-tv-host-jane-velez-mitchell/?hpt=C2)



- ✓ **East Africa Vegetarian Congress** – 3-5 Dec, 2010, Nairobi, Kenya. Contact the IVU Regional Coordinator for Africa, Emmanuel Eyoh - [nigveganimal@yahoo.com](mailto:nigveganimal@yahoo.com)
- ✓ **Middle East Vegetarian Congress**, 6-7 Dec - Dubai, UAE. Contact IVU International Council member, Sandhya Prakash - [sandhya@meveg.info](mailto:sandhya@meveg.info) The Congress will take place during the 8<sup>th</sup> Middle East Natural & Organic Foods Expo 2010, 6-8 Dec - [www.naturalproductme.com](http://www.naturalproductme.com) – which will include 16 booths in a dedicated MEVEG Pavilion.
- ✓ **2<sup>nd</sup> Latin American Vegetarian Congress in Bolivia** – Jun, 2011 – exact place and date to be announced - [marly.winckler@gmail.com](mailto:marly.winckler@gmail.com)
- ✓ **13th International Vegan Festival** – 4-12 Jun, 2011 - Malaga, Spain [www.ivu.org/veganfest/2011](http://www.ivu.org/veganfest/2011)
- ✓ **5th Asian Vegetarian Congress** – Nov, 2011, Hangzhou, China

### Other Online Sources of Veg News

In addition to *IVU Online News*, there are many other places to go online for general veg-related news, rather than news mostly about one country or one organisation. Here are some.



1. Dawn Watch

[www.dawnwatch.com/alerts.htm](http://www.dawnwatch.com/alerts.htm)

2. European Vegetarian Union

[www.evana.org](http://www.evana.org)

3. Farmed Animal Net

[www.farmedanimal.net](http://www.farmedanimal.net)

4. Vegan Outreach

[www.veganoutreach.org/enewsletter](http://www.veganoutreach.org/enewsletter)

5. VegE-News

[www.vege-news.com](http://www.vege-news.com)

6. VegNews

[www.vegnews.com](http://www.vegnews.com)

7. VegSource

[www.vegsource.com/cgi-bin/dada/mail.cgi](http://www.vegsource.com/cgi-bin/dada/mail.cgi)

8. AnimalConcerns.org doesn't have a newsletter, but they post stories daily at

[www.animalconcerns.org/categories.html?do=shownews](http://www.animalconcerns.org/categories.html?do=shownews)

9. IVU-Veg-News E-Mail List

[www.ivu.org/news/veg-news](http://www.ivu.org/news/veg-news)

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| [Dear Veg Activist](#)

Please use this newsletter as a way to share your knowledge, ideas and experiences with fellow veg activists.

| [Thx.](#) --[george](#) jacobs – [george@vegetarian-society.org](mailto:george@vegetarian-society.org)

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