



Westpoint Vet wins BIAC Young Consultant of the Year 2010

Alex Walters BVSc MRCVS from Westpoint Veterinary Group has won The British Institute of Agricultural Consultants (BIAC) YOUNG CONSULTANT OF THE YEAR 2010

The competition was open to self employed or company employees that work for or within general agribusinesses, farming, rurally based food manufacturing and retail, rurally based processing of non food crops, environmental or land based activities and all other rural based projects.

The aim of the competition is to acknowledge excellent consultative work carried out by young consultants working across the industry.

The entry process involved submission of an initial synopsis of up to three client cases that demonstrated an individual's consultative skills. If shortlisted (15 maximum entrants) this was then followed up by an executive summary of up to 2,000 words on their chosen case study from those submitted. Five entrants were then invited to attend an Interview of about 30 minutes during which they were asked to make a short presentation of the case study they submitted and answer questions that the panel may wish to put to them.

Alex will receive a cash prize, a trophy and 12 months membership of the BIAC. In addition he will also be offered opportunities by BIAC and Lloyds TSB Agriculture to participate in a range of conferences, workshops and seminars during 2011.

About Alex

Alex has been involved with Westpoint Veterinary Group firstly as a student "seeing practice" in 2004, and immediately joined as an intern after graduating in 2006 from the University of Bristol.

Initially based for his first year at the Warnham practice, where he fuelled his interests in production animal medicine and developed his knowledge of current farming economics before joining the Ashford practice in 2007.

Alex is part of the team of three vets covering East Kent and East Sussex, looking after 7,000 dairy cows, 20,000 beef cows and a significant sheep population. Alex is determined to ensure that his clients are provided with a friendly and committed veterinary service.

Further information is available from Jason Davies - Marketing Manager Westpoint Veterinary Group