



Animal Welfare a major focus as the World's veterinarians meet in Korea



PRESS RELEASE

The World Veterinary Association (WVA) with Ceva Santé Animale (Ceva) recognize 6 outstanding veterinarians for their commitment to promoting the welfare of Animals

On 29th August 2017, during the 33rd World Veterinary Congress in Incheon, Korea, the 1st WVA Global Animal Welfare Awards co-founded and supported by Ceva Santé Animale was given to six veterinarians representing each of the six WVA world regions.

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The WVA Animal Welfare Awards recognize and reward veterinarians who have provided outstanding and exemplary welfare-related services to animal owners, hostels, fellow veterinarians, and the public.

The 6 winners of the WVA AW 2017 Award are:

Dr Joseph Othieno from Kenya

Dr Othieno has raised awareness of animal health issues in Kenya and on a wider scale through his journalism. As well as being a respected veterinarian, he regularly writes articles on a series of veterinary issues in the mass media including appearances on television. A short video on Dr Othieno activities can be found [here](#).

Dr Sean Wensley from the UK

Dr Wensley has concentrated much of his professional life on the issue of animal welfare. He worked on various international welfare projects as a young volunteer veterinarian. He is currently Senior Vice President of the British Veterinary Association and has been active in promoting that organisation's strategy on animal welfare and promoting the five key factors in the UK's Animal Welfare regulations. A short video on Dr Wensley activities can be found [here](#).

Dr Marlyn Romero from Colombia

Dr Romero was nominated for the Awards following her work in Colombia and Latin America on the research into animal welfare issues particularly in slaughterhouses. She has authored numerous publications on the subject and is leading a research group looking at animal welfare on the theme of 'One Health'. A short video on Dr Romero activities can be found [here](#).

Dr Daniel Ventura from the Philippines

Dr Ventura is cited for his work in promoting animal health in his home country, particularly in the field of veterinary education and spearheading a steering committee that has promoted the adoption of a syllabus entitled 'Advanced Concepts in Animal Welfare'. He has also led a campaign called 'Better Lives for Dogs' and recently organised a mass rabies vaccination day for dogs and their owners in Cebu City, Philippines. A short video on Dr Ventura activities can be found [here](#).

Professor Johann (Hans) Coetzee from USA

Prof Coetzee has been active in the animal welfare area for many years particularly in the area of cattle where he has led research looking at ways of advancing methods to treat livestock better. Key examples of his work include co-founding the biannual International Symposium on Beef Cattle Welfare. He has also been involved in work looking at the subject of pain management issues in the production of farm animals and has been a regular commentator in the media on these subjects. A short video on Dr Coetzee activities can be found [here](#).

Dr Shehab Osman from Egypt

Dr Osman was nominated for his work as Chairman of the Cairo Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) and for promoting a variety of animal welfare issues in his country and on the international scene. He also advises Egyptian government departments and the health authorities on a number of areas including the management of stray dogs which is a huge problem in Egypt. He also acted as Chairman of the Egyptian Federation for Animal Welfare for four years. A short video on Dr Osman activities can be found [here](#).

Presiding over the Awards ceremony were Dr. René Carlson, Immediate Past President of WVA and Dr. Marc Prikazsky, Chairman & CEO of Ceva said;

René Carlson: I am delighted and honored to present here today the 2017 WVA Animal Welfare Awards to 6 remarkable veterinarians from across the world, who are contributing in their daily lives to the protection and welfare of various species of animals. In addition, these individuals provide information to the public about animal welfare best practices.

Marc Prikazsky: The Welfare of Animals is today a primary concern for many people across the world. As our approach to the wellbeing of animals continues to evolve, so too must the education and the role of the veterinary community change, to reflect its commitment to animal welfare and to become a true advocate and leader in this field. As a veterinarian, I am very proud that Ceva has been able to support the WVA in establishing these awards and would like to congratulate each of the individual winners on their immense contribution to improving the welfare of animals.



Based on the successful outcomes of the WVA Animal Welfare Award 2017, Ceva Sante Animale agreed to continue the good collaborations with WVA and to support the WVA Animal Welfare Award 2018 that will be presented during the World Veterinary Association Congress 2018 in Barcelona, Spain.

