



WVA Communication

The WVA Website (www.worldvet.org), Newsletters and Info-news mails together with World Veterinary Congress are the most important communication tools. In addition, WVA aims to actively participate in all relevant international veterinary conferences and events.



Partnership

WVA believes in working in partnership. WVA signed a Memorandum of Understanding and effectively collaborates with relevant global partners such as World Organization for Animal Health, World Health Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, World Medical Association, World Society for the Protection of Animals and other organizations on various veterinary issues related to Animal Health and Welfare, Public Health and Food Safety



WVA Governing Bodies

Members

The WVA unites and represents 78 National Veterinary Associations and 12 International Associations of veterinarians around the world.

WVA Presidents Assembly

The Presidents Assembly (PA) is the Association's most important platform for discussion and policy making. It is attended by all Presidents of WVA Member Associations.

WVA Council

The Council comprises the President, two Vice-Presidents, Immediate Past President and 13 elected representatives from different world regions and associate members.

World Veterinary Congress

Every 2 years WVA holds a World Veterinary Congress (WVC). In September 2013, WVA will celebrate its 150th anniversary during the WVC in Prague, Czech Republic. In 2015, the WVC will take place in Istanbul, Turkey.

WVA Secretariat

The WVA secretariat is based in Brussels, Belgium. The secretariat is responsible for daily management of the Association, communication, maintenance and development of Membership.



WVA 150th Anniversary 1863 - 2013



WORLD VETERINARY ASSOCIATION



World Veterinary Association History

In 1863, Dr J. Gamgee convened a first International Veterinary Congress. This initiative grew into the World Veterinary Association (WVA) today.

The WVA follows the ambition of Dr Gamgee to bring veterinarians from all over the world together, to share experiences, to exchange ideas and to join forces for the promotion and development of veterinary medicine.

WVA Mission

"WVA promotes the interest of the health and welfare of animals and people as well as the interest of its member organizations and their members. This is done through developing and advancing veterinary medicine and veterinary profession".



Vision for the future

To be the voice of the global veterinary profession. All countries in the world shall have well-functioning veterinary services that meet the needs of society and that are valued by society. There shall exist a strong united global veterinary community which is properly educated and licensed by the legal authority to practice veterinary medicine.



WVA Policies & Actions

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The WVA develops policies and positions on veterinary issues of global importance. These policies and positions are conveyed within the veterinary profession as well as towards major decision making institutions and authorities.



Veterinary Education

WVA is committed to the quality of both undergraduate and postgraduate education. All veterinarians should have the Day-One Competencies needed to deliver their responsibilities to society.



World Veterinary Day

An important annual activity of the WVA is the World Veterinary Day (WVD), which is celebrated on the last Saturday of April. The WVD objective is to bring the importance of the Veterinary Profession to the society by underlining the vital role of veterinarians to ensure animal health and welfare, food safety, food security, safe world trade in animals and animal products as well as protecting public health.

WVA Council

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