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A MESSAGE FROM THE WVA PRESIDENT: DR. PATRICIA TURNER



Adapting to the New World and Way of Working

Dear WVA Members,

I hope that you have had a moment to catch your breath over the past month and take stock of all the changes that have occurred around the world impacting the practice of veterinary medicine as well as education and training of veterinary students. For many educational institutions, September will see continued use of hybrid delivery of course material to new and returning classes of veterinary students. This is necessary to safeguard community health against Covid-19 infections, but it brings with it special challenges of feelings of isolation for students and faculty as well as a need to continue to emphasize high standards for student clinical competency. Will the veterinary community rise to this challenge to support each other and our future colleagues? There is no question of this in my mind. One of the greatest professional strengths of veterinarians has been their ability to shift and flexibly adapt practice focus and methods over the decades, as species emphasis and public expectations have changed, their professional interests have changed, and technological advancements have progressed. We are seeing many veterinary associations adapt their communication techniques and begin to offer more informal member webinars, member chat sessions, and high-quality virtual continuing education opportunities to support information sharing, practice adaptation, and lifelong learning. While it is difficult not to be able to greet our colleagues in person at meetings this year, these increased virtual opportunities for interactions between veterinary professionals have gone a long way towards creating a feeling of community, rekindling old friendships, and providing an occasion for new friendships to form and flourish.

Veterinary medicine is adapting to this new world and way of working, in addition to trying to build resiliency to withstand future global pandemics or disasters. Veterinarians are at the forefront of research to develop human vaccines and treatments for infected by SARS CoV-2 as well as studying the epidemiology of viral transmission from humans to different animal species and differential susceptibilities of animal species to infection. Veterinary professionals around the world should feel proud of their ability to adapt and move forward to protect and care for animals and people despite the challenging times.

**With sincere regards,
Dr. Patricia Turner
World Veterinary Association, President**

The WVA needs your expertise and opinion in preparing a cohesive global message on our role as veterinarians for the global public good. As Constituent & Observer Members of the WVA, we welcome your input in our discussions! Don't be left out of the process!

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