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## Greetings from the New WVA President



Dear members of WVA,

I am delighted to address you for the first time as the WVA President. It is a great honour for me to be the first person coming from Asia to lead the World Veterinary Association and the global veterinary community.

I'm graduated from the National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan in 1988 and I have worked as a specialist in renal diseases. Today, I'm involved in the work of two biotech companies developing new medicine for animals. I served as the President of Taipei Veterinary Association in 2000-2002, the Taiwan Veterinary Association in 2002- 2008 and as the President of the Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations in 2011-2014.

Following the WVA General Assembly 2017 that took place in Incheon, Korea on 28<sup>th</sup> August, I assumed my role as the President of the WVA for the next 2.5 years. First, I would like to thank the WVA Immediate Past President, Dr René Carlson and the 2014-2017 Council members, for their tremendous work done strengthening the WVA position as the global voice of the Veterinary Profession.

To take the WVA to the next level and to play a leading role tackling global veterinary challenges (such as Antimicrobial Resistance, Animal Welfare Food Safety and Zoonotic Diseases), I plan to focus the WVA's strategy 2017-2020 on what I call **C.I.C; Continuity** - to continue the work on the five priorities established by the previous Council. **Inclusiveness** - to focus above all on improving communication among the WVA members, strengthening both internal communication within the WVA Councillors as well as with the WVA members. **Collaboration** with global organizations and other health professions to expend societal influences and to play a greater role in safeguarding the health and welfare of animals and people around the globe; *Together we create synergy.*

I would like to take this special opportunity to congratulate the Korean Veterinary Medical Association for delivery an outstanding 33<sup>rd</sup> World Veterinary Congress in Incheon, Korea. The [WVC2017](#) was attended by more than 5000 colleagues and has been both inspirational and a great learning experience, providing the opportunity for veterinarians to exchange scientific knowledge and results, to facilitate the making of

new acquaintances, and to strengthen relationships among participants from different parts of the world. One of the main WVC2017 outcomes is the VET VISION 2050 Declaration to emphasize the societal role of veterinarians to overcome the current and future challenge.

Finally, I would like to welcome the new WVA Council members. I convinced that with their valuable effort and support, the WVA Council will continue its work to develop further and to promote the veterinary profession for the benefit of animals, people and the environment.

I am looking forward to collaborating closely with your association in the coming years and to hear from you about any concern, idea, request or feedback regarding the work of the WVA and any veterinary related issues.

With my best regards,  
S. M. Johnson CHIANG  
President of the WVA



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