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WVA Councillors Attended the first PanAfrican Rabies Control Network meeting



In alignment with WVA's priority of Zoonotic Diseases (with initial attention to Rabies), Immediate Past President, Dr Faouzi Kechrid and WVA Councillor for Africa, Dr Maria Baptista attended the first meeting of the PanAfrican Rabies Control Network ([PARACON](#)) that was held on 9-11th June 2015 in Gauteng, South Africa. PARACON is a new venture to support rabies control efforts across the entire African continent and is supported by the Global Alliance for Rabies Control ([GARC](#)). A short report of the meeting by Dr Baptista can be found [HERE](#). Dr. Kechrid emphasised that an increased collaboration of the national medical and veterinary professions would be highly valued in this effort as has been developed by the World Medical Association ([WMA](#)) and WVA. In addition, The WVA has committed recently to the concept of developing a pilot project in rabies control and prevention in Luanda, Angola that would work through the National Veterinary Association and involve other partners, including the human medical profession. More information regarding this project will follow soon.

WVA Councillors Attended the 4th Global Animal Health Conference



In alignment with the WVA's priority of Pharmaceutical Stewardship and the efforts to assure good quality medicines to veterinarians in all parts of the world, WVA Immediate Past President, Dr Faouzi Kechrid and WVA Councillor for Africa, Dr Oumar Tounkara attended the 4th *Global Animal Health Conference: regulatory convergence* that was held on 24-25th June 2015 in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. This meeting was hosted by [HealthforAnimals](#) (formally the International Federation of Animal Health) and funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Click [HERE](#) for the conference summary and presentation.

An Update on the WVA Global Online Education Portal



In alignment with the WVA's priority issue of Veterinary Education, WVA has been working closely with the [World Continuing Education Alliance](#) on the development of what will be the most comprehensive global online resource for continuing education for veterinarians. By now, more 250 pieces of e-learning were uploaded on the [WVA Education Portal](#) and more than 10 Universities signed up to upload their veterinary e-learning pieces to the WVA portal. In addition, 20 Veterinary Associations (reflecting over 200,000 vets) around the world already signed-up to the portal. The next steps are the launch of the WVA portal in

September/October 2015 and another set of on-line seminars to inform Veterinary Associations about the content available on the portal.

Assistance needed for Nepal Veterinary Association

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WVA has continued to remain in contact with the Nepal Veterinary Association ([NVA](#)) as they work diligently to manage the aftermath of the devastating earthquake and aftershocks of April and May. According to the General Secretary of the Nepal Veterinary Association, Dr Umesh Dahal, NVA have treated more than 50,000 injured animals after the earthquakes. Most Nepalese farmers are dependent on livestock species for their livelihood, so the death of their livestock has caused a great loss. As of 17th June, the number of deaths is more than 17,005 large animals (cattle, buffalo, yak); 39,833 small animals (sheep, goat and pigs) and nearly 0.5 million poultry birds causing direct loss of about 1.5 billion NRs (1 US \$= 101 NRs). Dr Dahal has accepted an invitation to update the WVA General Assembly in its meeting of 14th September with the NVA's

experiences with this massive disaster and areas where the WVA Members can be of the most assistance to them in their recovery in the months and years to come. The NVA is a long-time member of the WVA.



Thank you for your membership. We need your expertise and participation for the world to hear our message about our role as veterinarians for the global public good. We need your input as Constituent Members or Observers for our discussions. Don't be left out of the process!

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