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### What are the Benefits of WVA Membership? – Watch the New Membership Video!



The WVA's Vision is to be recognized and respected as the trusted and influential voice of global veterinary medicine. To achieve that vision, we must continue to grow and have a strong and diverse membership. The WVA currently represents over 500,000 veterinarians across six continents; however, we need to provide our Members valuable benefits. This short 3 minutes [video](#) explains 5 important benefits for Members. We are a

broad global veterinary community that offers advocacy, support, and education with a variety of partners for focused global veterinary issues. We need your expertise, input, and participation!

### What's Next in Innovation in Animal Health – What's your Opinion?

**HealthforAnimals**  
global animal medicines association



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As WVA Members, we influence global issues affecting animal health and welfare, veterinary education, zoonotic diseases, and the animal health industry for animal vaccines and medicines. What should be the priorities for innovation in the animal health sector that would allow us to best improve animal health and welfare, and public health?

[HealthforAnimals](#), in partnership with the [World Veterinary Association](#), invites you to take part in a survey on [Innovation in Animal Health](#) and to provide your opinion to the animal health sector and its future. The survey, which will be live until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015, can be accessed [HERE](#). It is intended for professionals working within the animal health sector in a variety of different capacities from a veterinary professional, to a manufacturer, to those involved in research. We need to be sure the veterinary medical perspective is heard, especially in these areas of food production, lifestyle diseases in pets, vaccine technology and zoonotic (including vector-borne) disease.

On behalf of HealthforAnimals and the World Veterinary Association, I encourage you to participate in the survey, and thank you in advance for filling-in this survey on Innovation in Animal Health.

**Bring Member Proposals to the WVA General Assembly in Istanbul**

## **WVA General Assembly 2015 Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September Istanbul, Turkey**

The WVA General Assembly (GA) meets once a year. This year, the WVA GA will be held on 14 September in Istanbul during the [32<sup>nd</sup> World Veterinary Congress in September 2015](#). Constituent Members have a voice and vote at the GA on agenda items. Observer Members are welcome to attend to listen and state their opinions on issues. This is the opportunity for WVA Constituent Members to make proposals to the WVA GA for discussion and a vote on items for consideration and/or action by the WVA Council. The draft agenda for the General Assembly can be found [HERE](#). The deadline for proposals is 13<sup>th</sup> August 2015 using the [recommended template](#). The WVA is your global voice. Be sure to bring your issues of importance to the General Assembly for discussion and a vote if indicated while visiting the beautiful city of Istanbul, Turkey!

### **WVA President Addresses both American and Canadian Veterinary Medical Associations meetings in North America**



WVA President, Dr Carlson addressed the American Veterinary Medical Associations House of Delegates in Boston, Massachusetts on 9-10 July. She emphasized the WVA's priority issues of Zoonoses, Pharmaceutical Stewardship, Animal Welfare, and Veterinary Education. She also gave specific benefits of AVMA's membership in the WVA such as the first ever joint Global Conference on One Health by the WVA and World Medical Association (WMA), joint comments made with the WMA to the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs (to not schedule ketamine internationally) and the Innovation survey in partnership with HealthforAnimals (mentioned above).

President Carlson also participated in the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association Leaders Summit on 16 July with the theme of "*Skills Taught, Skills Needed - The ABCs of Veterinary Credentials*". She emphasized the support of the OIE recommended competencies for national veterinary services and the suggested core curriculum. She also discussed the new WVA Global Online Continuing Education Portal as a resource for needed continuous education for all veterinarians in these importance entry level skills.

### **WVA meets with WSAVA at the AVMA Convention in Boston**



On 12 July, WVA President, Dr Ren  Carlson, WVA Councillor for Europe, Dr Rafael Laguens and WVA Councillor for North America, Dr Lyle Vogel met with WSAVA President, Dr Colin Burrows, WSAVA President-Elect, Dr Walt Ingwersen and WSAVA

Immediate Past President, Dr Jolle Kirpensteijn during the AVMA Convention in Boston. In alignment with WVA's emphasis on Zoonotic Diseases, especially for rabies, the WVA agreed to sign onto the WSAVA and OIE joint statement on the importance of working to eliminate dog-mediated human rabies in the world. The two associations discussed two other areas of common interest where WVA and WSAVA can work together for the benefit of companion animals and public health; 1) the importance of availability and access to good quality medicines by veterinarians in all parts of the world, including pain medication, and 2) the need to initiate surveillance and monitoring of the use of antimicrobials in companion animals to establish a database for such use as it would contribute to

improved responsible use of antimicrobials and decrease the development of antimicrobial resistance.



**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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