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WVA President's message – WVA Priorities 2015-2017

Hello WVA Members!

During WVA Council meeting, the Council defined the WVA strategy for the next 1-2 years. Understanding there are almost unlimited issues of importance, and taking in consideration the input received from Constituent Members and Councillors in the pre-meeting survey, we narrowed that focus down to Four Priority Issues (plus one). All of these **Four Priority Issues** met our five criteria for their selection:

- **Animal Welfare.**
- **Education of global veterinarians** to a continually improving competency level.
- **Pharmaceutical Stewardship** (to include judicious use of medicines and availability of good quality medicines).
- **Zoonotic Diseases** (with initial emphasis on Rabies Prevention and Control).

plus

- **Organizational Stability and International Partnerships**

Click [HERE](#) for the WVA official **Talking Points** to share this information with your individual members so that the message can remain as consistent as possible.

We believe each priority issue has real value to Members, potential Members, International Partners, and to the global public good for Society.

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| *Zoonotic disease | 10 |
| *Pharma stewardship | 7 |
| *Animal welfare | 8 |
| *Educ. of vets around the world | 10 |
| Org./Financial WVA stability (incl. Intl. Partnerships) | ✓ |
| Wellness/mental health of veterinarians | 4 |
| Food safety = Security | 2 |
| Veterinary statutory bodies | 1 |

WVA Priorities 2015-2017 - Working Groups

Five Working Groups have been assigned to these priorities to lead the development of an Action Plan for 2015 to move these priorities forward. Those Working Groups consist WVA Officers and Councillors (click on the Councillor name for further details):

- **Animal Welfare** – [Abdul Rahman](#), [Pat Turner](#),



[María Nelly](#) and [Johnson Chiang](#)

- **Zoonotic Diseases** – [Khaled El Hicheri](#), [Maria Baptista](#), [Zoran Katrina](#) and [Faouzi Kechrid](#).
- **Education** – [Lyle Vogel](#), [Achariya Sailasuta](#), [Rafael Laguens](#), [John Drake](#) and [Farouk El Dessouky](#).
- **Pharmaceutical Stewardship** – [René Carlson](#) , [Oumar Tounkara](#), [Juhyung Hur](#) and [Guilherme Costa](#)
- **Organizational Stability & International Partnerships** – [John Drake](#), [Johnson Chiang](#), [Oumar Tounkara](#), and [René Carlson](#).

WVA Communications Working Group



The Communications Working Group Chair has been named to be Dr Dusan Palic of the WAVMA. He was included in reviewing the other candidates submitted by Members. We received good candidates from all regions. The members of the working group have been finalized to include:

- Dr Dusan Palic, Chair (WAVMA)
- Dr Shoukry Guirguis (Middle East and North Africa)
- Dr W. Sasindran Dass (Asia & Oceania)
- Dr Bernhard Paul Pukay (North America)
- Fuentes Sergio (Europe)
- Dr Adyl Bechir (Africa)
- Daniela Ocampo Cifuentes (Latin America)

You will note two of the members are not veterinarians but are very experienced in the area of Communications. This working group will begin their work immediately.

WVA Conferences 2015



Thank you for your great interest.

Early registration deadline is now extended
to **17 April 2015**, Friday !

Finally, please remember the WVA has two very important meetings in the near future. In May, the [WVA/WMA Global Conference on One Health](#) will be held in Madrid from May 21-22, 2015. The program is finalized and is excellent. Be sure to register soon for this meeting. The deadline for the early registration rate is 15th April 2015.

The [32nd World Veterinary Congress](#) will be held in Istanbul, Turkey from September 13-17, 2015. The scientific program will be finalized very soon, with the deadline for registration fast approaching. This is an excellent opportunity to see beautiful Istanbul, engage in excellent scientific meetings, network with colleagues from all over the world, and have fun with your family in this unique and beautiful city.

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!

Please forward this info-news to your individual members



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