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Message from the WVA President



Dear Colleagues,

Terror has struck again, this time in the deadliest mass shooting in my own country's history in Florida killing 49 and injuring 53 other innocent civilians enjoying a night with friends. I am thankful for the many people who help in such emergencies, the security forces, the medical professionals, and those heroic bystanders who offer help in such a crisis. I am also thankful for the solidarity we show each other and for the many expressions of sympathy I have received from so many colleagues across the world. Yet I continue to have hope this kind of evil will not prevail in a world filled mostly with good people, which includes all of us, veterinarians and other professional colleagues, working to improve the lives of animals and people sharing a common environment.

New members joined the WVA Family

In the last months, WVA Council welcomed seven new members to the WVA family. Three Constituent members:

- Indian Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Research
- Pakistan Veterinary Medical Association – Sindh
- Chamber of Veterinary Surgeons of Slovakia

And four Observer members:

- International Veterinary Students' Association
- One Health Brazil Latin America
- Registered Veterinary Technologists and Technicians of Canada
- South West Livestock Development Association from Somalia.



In total, WVA has now 89 members associations from 6 geographic regions.

The purpose of the Observer membership was to attract other stakeholders to our association so we can have added expertise and perspectives from these allied groups. WVA hopes others will follow because as we need a strong and unified global veterinary profession as we develop worldwide strategies against antimicrobial resistance, zoonotic disease, animal cruelty, and work to improve free access to veterinary continuing education via the WVA Online Education Portal.

OIE 84th General Session and meeting with OIE DG

The WVA President and secretariat staff participated at the OIE 84th General Session. The President addressed the OIE delegates by presenting the [2016 WVD Award to Jamaica VMA](#) and giving a presentation on "[Why the WVA is Important to You](#)". In addition, the WVA delegation met the OIE Director General to discuss the WVA/OIE MoU priorities e.g. Rabies, Antimicrobial



Resistance, Veterinary Education. OIE DG expressed interest to learn more about the WVA Continuing Education Portal and a specific meeting on this topic will take place in September.

WVA revised its position paper on Dog-Mediated Rabies



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World Veterinary Association Position regarding Dog-Mediated Rabies

Background Statement:

Rabies causes approximately 74000 human deaths around the world every year. More than 95% of these deaths originate from exposure to rabid dogs; herewith the majority (80%) of victims are children. Vaccination for the disease in dogs would break the cycle of its transmission from dogs and save the lives of several tens of thousands of humans globally. To establish an appropriate level of protection from rabies at the national level there is a need to ensure that at least 70% of dogs in the country are covered by vaccination and that all victims of dog bite have prompt access post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP). However, to maintain an appropriate level of protection from rabies, many other tools must be also deployed, including proper risk assessment, surveillance, early detection and control of the disease in wildlife.

WVA Position Statement:

• The World Veterinary Association (WVA) supports the view that dog-mediated rabies is an entirely preventable disease and that veterinarians have a key role to play in eliminating this risk to human health, and animal health and welfare.

Secretariat for more information about the WVA Community-based Rabies Prevention and Control Pilot programs.

WVA President meets veterinary groups



WVA President attends and presents the WVA and its activities to different veterinary groups around the world encouraging them to be more involved in the WVA activities in order to strengthen the veterinary profession. In the month of May, WVA President attended the General Assembly of the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE) in Marche-en-Famenne, Belgium and the Consorcio de Universidades Mexicanas (CUMEX) meeting for veterinary medical colleges in Mexico. These meetings are great opportunity to share the many activities of the WVA on different veterinary issues including zoonotic disease, responsible use and disposal of antimicrobials, animal welfare, and continuing education through the WVA Online Education Portal.

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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