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## Message from the WVA President



Dear Colleagues around the World,

We are all entering a very busy season with both our professional work and organizational activities. The WVA has been extremely busy with new opportunities and invitations from several groups so I believe our investment on our five strategic priorities last year is really beginning to be productive this year. WVA Officers, Councillors and Staff participated and delivered the WVA positions in various veterinary events around the world. WVA had meetings with different international organisations and companies to

explore future collaborative plans. The WVA Council is working hard to prepare the WVA GA in Panama City on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016.

## WVA Activities on Veterinary Education

### World Veterinary Day 2016

World Veterinary Day was celebrated on 30<sup>th</sup> April by more than 30 veterinary associations around the world. WVA received 25 applications on the theme of "Continuing Education with a One Health" Focus. The announcement of the WVD Award will be made at the OIE General Assembly Opening Session on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016.

### Veterinary student scholarship program 2016

The WVA has been approved as a Merck Animal Health Grant Partner for a scholarship program for veterinary students in Latin America. Merck is actively involved in scholarship awards to students and believes in the importance of investing in veterinary education for our future colleagues. The Veterinary student scholarship program 2016 will be launched by WVA and Merck in the coming weeks.

### Veterinary Education Conference

The European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE) Conference was held on 12 May in Uppsala, Sweden. WVA President was invited to speak to a large audience of Deans and representatives from 96 veterinary schools on the WVA Education Portal. The presentation raised a lot interest among the participants.



### WVA Online Education Portal

The Portal was officially launched in February 2016 and has almost 1000 courses uploaded. There are three major groups that make the Portal work: Educators with veterinary course content, Associations that carry the Portal on their websites as a benefit to their members for Continuing Education, and the

Learners (individuals or veterinary schools) who access the education for professional development or as courses for veterinary schools to supplement their curriculums if there is a gap. Educators get a free Learning Management System to distribute their content. Associations get a huge discount on the Portal platform for their members. Learners get free access to continuing education material any time of day or night. Please take time to explore these great benefits for our global veterinary profession. Click [here](#) to see the new video on the WVA Online Education Portal.

## WVA Activities on Zoonotic Diseases

### Partners for Rabies Prevention conference

Dr Abdul Rahman, WVA Councillor for International Organisations attended the Partners for Rabies Prevention conference in Wolfsburg, Switzerland. The WVA is actively engaged in the EndRabiesNow campaign with development of a Community-based Rabies Prevention and Control model to assist our Member associations with eliminating dog-mediated human rabies by 2030.

### WVA Community-based Rabies Prevention Programs

WVA invited recently 15 member associations to participate in the WVA Community-based Rabies Prevention Programs. More information will be available soon as WVA makes decisions on where to launch the pilot programs.

## WVA Activities on Animal Welfare

### IVSA Conference on Animal Welfare



The International Veterinary Student Association (IVSA) held their first Animal Welfare Conference on April 22-24, 2016 at the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands. The meeting was co-sponsored by the WVA and the OIE, and attracted over 125 veterinary student delegates from more than 20 countries around the world. There were a range of session formats, including formal seminars, workshops, and roundtables on a range of topics pertinent to animal welfare and

veterinary medicine. Speakers representing different NGOs and veterinary organizations, such as the OIE, FVE, AVMA, CVA, and WAVMA. The WVA was represented by Drs. Abdul Rahman and Patricia Turner, who presented seminars on animal welfare issues related to religious slaughter and food animal transportation, respectively. It was clear to all meeting attendees that animal welfare was a deeply engaging topic for veterinary students and one that they seek more information about. The WVA will be looking for ways to engage IVSA members more in animal welfare and other organizational activities in the future. The IVSA are new Observer members of the WVA and are an important voice for global veterinary medicine. They are well-organized, enthusiastic, and have great ideas to contribute to the role of veterinarians in the future.

### WVA/PANVET Symposium on Animal Welfare

WVA and Pan American Association of Veterinary Science Congress (PANVET) are organizing a symposium on Animal Welfare entitled *AW Perspectives in Latin America* to take place on 4<sup>th</sup> October during the PANVET conference in Panama City.

## WVA Activities on Pharmaceutical Stewardship



On 12<sup>th</sup> May, Dr Zeev Noga, WVA Policy Officer attended a high level Global Leaders Conference on One Health and Antimicrobial Resistance in London, UK. The conference was organized by the British Chief Medical and Chief Veterinary Officers, and focused on animal health and plans to address antimicrobial resistance in the context of the 'One Health' approach. The event was attended by Ministers and

global experts in both human and animal health sectors and aimed to establish key principles for developing effective animal health plans within countries' global action plans on AMR. In addition, the event aimed to raise the level of global commitment to be delivered during the forthcoming UN General Assembly in September 2016. The Royal Highness Charles, Prince of Wales attended the meeting and gave a speech on the vital importance of protecting natural ecosystems and warning of the dangers of overusing antibiotics. The full video speech of Prince Charles can be accessed by clicking on the above picture.

**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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