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## WVA President address – your WVA Councillors want to meet you



In order to strengthen the collaboration and communication with the WVA members and partners, WVA Council members attend local, regional and international events in order to present and inform veterinarians around the world about the WVA activities but most important to meet and listen to needs and concerns of colleagues in their regions and to strengthen collaborations paths with WVA partners. WVA wants to know your organization better, enhance our communications and improve our relationship. **Please invite the WVA Councillors in your region to attend your events.** (click [HERE](#) for the list of WVA Councillors that includes also their contact details)

## WVA present at the World Medical Association General Assembly



Delegates from almost 60 national medical associations attended the annual General Assembly of the WMA in Moscow, Russia from 14 to 17 October. WVA was represented by Dr Zoran Katrinka, Councillor for Europe. Dr Katinka presented to the WMA the WVA, its history, mission, vision and strategic activities. 'One Health' approach was explained to the medical colleagues, exemplified by the success of the Global Conference organized in Madrid 2015 by WMA, WVA, Spanish Medical and Veterinary Associations. Physicians and veterinarians are looking forward for the next Global Conference on One Health in 2017.

## WVA President meets with HealthforAnimals Board of Directors



HealthforAnimals represents the animal health sector of manufacturers of veterinary pharmaceuticals, vaccines and other animal health products throughout the world. On 8<sup>th</sup> October, the WVA President addressed the Board of Directors for HealthforAnimals during their meeting in Washington DC. Dr. Carlson discussed the strategic priorities of the WVA that include also pharmaceutical stewardship and effective partnerships. The two associations have many common goals, including the responsible use and disposal of medicines, prevention of disease, research and innovative development of effective medicines for

control and treatment of animal disease to optimize animal health and welfare. WVA's values the animal medicines industry as important colleagues for making our work possible to prevent and relieve animal suffering and in restoring animals to good health. This introductory meeting will hopefully lead to future projects together that will promote better animal health and overall public health. In the picture, from left to right; HealthforAnimals President, George Heidgerken, WVA President, Dr. Rene' A. Carlson, and Carel du Marchie Sarvaas, Executive Director of HealthforAnimals.

### **WVA present at PANVET International Workshop on Veterinary challenges**



On 5-6th October 2015, Dr. María Nelly Cajiao, WVA Councillor for Latin America attended the PANVET International Workshop on Challenges of Veterinary Science for Latin America and the Caribbean and an Extraordinary Assembly of Delegates of the Pan American Association of Veterinary Sciences (PANVET) that was held at the Veterinary Faculty of Universidad Mayor in Santiago de Chile. Dr Cajiao delivered a presentation entitled "*Strategic Plan of the World Veterinary Association 2014-2017 and joint actions with PANVET*". It was a great opportunity for raising the WVA visibility and to inform the attendees on the WVA's strategic priorities and to emphasis the value for more Latin American countries engagement in WVA activities.

### **WVA present at the 7<sup>th</sup> National Congress of National Order of Veterinarians of Niger**



On 1-5<sup>th</sup> October 2015, the WVA Immediate Past President, Dr Faouzi Kechrid and WVA Councillor for Africa, Dr Oumar Tounkara attended the 7<sup>th</sup> National Congress and the General Assembly of the National Order of Veterinarians of Niger. Around 150 delegates from 15 African countries attended the congress which focused on the One Health Concept and in particular on zoonotic diseases. Dr Kechrid presented to the audience the WVA positions and activities in the field of One Health and Rabies Control.

### **WVA present at the Assembly 2015 of the World Union of Liberal Professions**



Dr Kechrid also chaired the General Assembly 2015 of the World Union of Liberal Professions that took place in Tunis, Tunisia on 9 -10 October 2015. A scientific Colloquium gathered Physicians, Pharmacists, Dentists, Veterinarians and other Liberal Professions to discuss the theme of Good Governance in One Health focusing on issues of common interest such as Zoonotic Diseases, Antimicrobial Resistance and Food Safety. Dr Faouzi emphasised the good collaboration between Veterinarians and Physicians on One Health Concept and the [Global Conference on One Health](#) that was co-organized in Spain earlier this year by WVA and WMA.

### **Membership recruitment action plan**

WVA is seeking for new members to join our valued current members in our ambitions to provide benefits to the world's veterinarians, and to share the responsibility. To achieve a real increase in WVA membership, the WVA prepared a membership recruitment action plan. The WVA hired a full

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time Stagier for September/October 2015 to contact veterinary associations around the world in order to invite them to join the WVA and to provide them with the [WVA Information Package](#). WVA also counts upon the help of all current members!!



**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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