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32nd World Veterinary Congress - WVA President's message



Dear WVA Members,

I have just returned home from a very successful 32nd World Veterinary Congress in beautiful city of Istanbul, Turkey. This is the only veterinary continuing education conference in the world organized and supported by the host country and the World Veterinary Association. It is the only veterinary continuing education conference where veterinarians from all over the world come together to discuss issues of major importance to the entire

scope of global veterinary medicine, including at the WVA General Assembly and WVA Global Tripartite Summit with participation from the intergovernmental organizations of FAO, OIE, and WHO. It was a great Congress in a great venue and a great experience.

One highlight for me personally was the honour of presenting the prestigious 2015 World Veterinary Day Award during the highly attended Opening Ceremony. This year the selected theme was Vector-borne Diseases with a Zoonotic Potential. Receiving the World Veterinary Day Award 2015 and 1000 USD prize was Dr. Joe Alejandra Vargas Blanco from the Costa Rican Veterinary Association ([read more...](#)). Joining me in the presentation were Mr. Kutbettin Arzu, the Turkish Minister of Food, Agriculture and Livestock and Dr. Brian Evans, Deputy Director of the OIE. It was a very proud moment for me personally and for the World Veterinary Association.



The WVC 2015 was opened by Mr. Kutbettin Arzu, the Turkish Minister of Food, Agriculture, and Livestock. He stated that veterinary science plays an important role in ensuring environment-friendly development and that the Congress aims to contribute to the professional services and developing standards for veterinarians ([read more...](#)). Last but not least, I would like to extend my personal appreciation to

Dr. Irfan Erol, Chairman for the 2015 WVA Congress, and the Turkish Veterinary Medical Association for their hospitality and hard work in hosting this 32nd WVA Congress.

The 33rd World Veterinary Congress will be held August 27-31, 2017 in Incheon, Korea and already promises to be a very exciting meeting. The Korean Veterinary Medical Association is well-organized, energetic, and has started intensive planning for an affordable and exciting world-class Congress. I hope you will start to make plans for a tremendous educational experience and holiday in amazing Incheon, Korea. See you in Korea in 2017!!

WVA General Assembly 2015



On 14th September 2015, the WVA General Assembly (GA) took place in Istanbul, Turkey during the World Veterinary Congress. WVA Council informed the delegates about the Association's recent initiatives and activities such as the WVA strategic planning 2015-2017, WVA Communications and the work done by the WVA Committees and Working Groups. The GA adopted the Council proposal to amend the WVA Constitution and By-laws and also adopted the WVA budget for 2016. In addition to the regular agenda points, representatives from Nepal, Georgia and Korea delivered presentations on disastrous events and disease outbreaks that occurred in their countries this year. Last but not least, the GA awarded WVA Past President, Dr Tjeerd Jorna as [Honorary Member of the WVA](#). The full report of the WVA GA 2015 will be

sent to you in few weeks' time.

3rd WVA SUMMIT



On 15 September 2015, the WVA held its 3rd Summit with high-level support of FAO, OIE and WHO on the theme of "One Health – concrete actions in the field of Animal Health". The organisations representatives delivered presentations on private-public partnership experiences in the field of Animal Health. During the Summit, a panel discussions moderated by Dr Bonnie Buntain took place where the organisations representatives exchanged views and replied to questions from

the audience on different One Health issues. A full report from the 3rd Summit including links to the presentations will be published soon.

WVA and World Animal Protection revised their MoU



On 15 September 2015, WVA President, Dr René Carlson and World Animal Protection Chief Executive, Mike Baker signed on the organisations revised Memorandum of Understanding. In their 2016 collaboration action plan, the two organisations agreed to focus on the support and promotion of continued excellence in veterinary animal welfare education and initiatives that support government veterinary services in understanding the issues affecting animals in communities, in farming, in disasters and in the wild.

33rd World Veterinary Congress in Korea



On 17th September 2015, the WVA President met with the President of the Korean Veterinary Medical Association and its team to discuss the preparation of the 33rd WVC to be held in Incheon, Korea on 27-31 August 2017. The KVMA delegation informed the WVA about rich academic, cultural and social program that is under development. The two organisations agreed to continue to develop further the scientific program to include the also the 4th WVA Summit with the high support of the FAO, OIE and WHO and the 2nd WVA Seminar on Animal Welfare. Please save the WVC 2017 date in your diary.

Photo contest - "World Rabies Day – End Rabies Together"

END RABIES TOGETHER
WORLD RABIES DAY, SEPTEMBER 28

"End Rabies Together" is the theme of the World Rabies Day (WRD) on September 28th, 2015. The World Rabies Day occurs every year on the

28th of September with the aim to increase awareness of the problem of rabies and the solutions that can prevent needless deaths. It is a global advocacy and awareness campaign for this neglected but completely preventable disease. To raise awareness and to show that, with joint efforts, the elimination of human rabies transmitted by dogs is possible, PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO and its partner organisations of the Panamerican World Rabies Day Initiative are conducting a photo contest for the World Rabies Day, 2015. We would like to see photos of activities, events, and programs in your community that contribute to the goal of eliminating rabies in the Americas, through your eyes! Click [here](#) for more information and the contest rules. In its meeting of 13th September, the WVA Council adopted a WVA Statement for World Rabies Day 2015. The WVA statement will be sent to you soon in order to disseminate it further among your 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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