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Message from the WVA President



I have just returned from a very busy 2.5 week trip to four countries on behalf of WVA. However, more than the meetings, my mind has been preoccupied with the many international events causing fear and heartbreak around the world. The terrorist attacks in Sinai (Egypt) on Russia's Metrojet, in Beirut (Lebanon) in Bamako (Mali), and the massive attacks in Paris (France) have all resulted in terrible senseless loss of human lives. As I write this, Brussels (Belgium) is under siege for an imminent and credible threat where our WVA office and Secretariat is located. I know the people there closely – the WVA and FVE Secretariat staff and their families.

This all makes the WVA activities report seem somewhat less important, yet our vision is long-term for the improvement of animal health and welfare, veterinary education, responsible use of medicines, and prevention of zoonotic disease. I am hopeful this period of terror will pass as another terrible time in our history and we can continue our work to improve the lives of all people and animals in the world. I pray for peace and the safety for all people around the world.

6th Annual Congress of the Chinese Veterinary Medical Association



WVA President, Dr Carlson gave an opening speech at the 6th annual congress of the Chinese Veterinary Medical Association (ChVMA) that took place in Fuzhou, China on 7-10th November 2015. Around 3000 delegates attended the ChVMA conference. An excellent keynote address was given by Dr Yu Kangzhen, the Vice Agricultural Minister

which he is also a veterinarian. He informed the audience in great detail about the vision to advance the national services, educational quality and licensing of veterinarians. ChVMA reports to have about 200,000 official veterinarians in China, and 80,000 veterinarians in private clinical practice, although there are many more who claim to have veterinary degrees and competency. On that occasion, the WVA President met with Dr Wang Yongsheng, Vice President, and Dr Huang Xiangyang, Deputy Secretary General of ChVMA to discuss common veterinary issues and to explore WVA membership possibilities for ChVMA. The two organisations agreed to continue to work toward improving veterinary medicine and to enhance collaborations on various veterinary issues. WVA hopes to welcome the ChVMA to the WVA family in the future.

General Assembly of the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe



On 12-14 November 2015, WVA President attended the General Assembly of the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE) that took place in Brussels, Belgium. WVA President attended the practitioner section meetings and gave an update on WVA activities to the General Assembly. FVE is an umbrella organization of veterinary organizations representing 46 national veterinary organizations across 38 European countries and 4 vibrant sections, each of which represents key groups within the veterinary profession: Practitioners, Food Hygienists, Veterinary State Officers, and veterinarians in Education, Research and Industry. Dr Rafael Laguens from Spain is the current FVE President and also a member of the WVA Council representing Europe along with Dr Zoran Katrinka from Serbia.

WVA Position Statement in opposition to international scheduling of Ketamine at the WHO ECDD meeting



On 16 November, Dr Carlson represented the WVA and the global veterinary profession at the World Health Organisation (WHO) Expert Committee on Drug Dependence (ECDD) that took place in Geneva, Switzerland. One of the ECDD agenda items was the update on the proposed international scheduling of ketamine by the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs (UN CND). This meeting aimed in preparing the WHO ECDD recommendations to the UN CND at their next meeting in March 2016. There were seven speakers invited to present comments, including the WVA as the representative for the Veterinary profession. The WVA comments expressed strong opposition to the international restriction of ketamine and were developed with the input of many WVA member associations, and the support of the World Medical Association, the World Small Animal Veterinary Association, and HealthforAnimals. Click [here](#) for the WVA Position Statement in opposition to international scheduling of Ketamine.

British Veterinary Association Congress at the London Vet Show



Dr. Carlson was invited to speak at the BVA Congress during the London Vet Show on Friday, 20 November with the topic *"One Health, One World – What every Veterinarian can do to help tackle Global Challenges"*. The London Vet Show is a very large conference with more than 5000 attendees and presented great opportunity to emphasis and to discuss the WVA priority issues of animal welfare, veterinary education, zoonotic disease and pharmaceutical stewardship with a large audience. Click [here](#) for the WVA presentation.

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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