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Message from the WVA President



Dear Colleagues,

Soon the WVA Council and General Assembly meetings will take place in Panama City, Panama in conjunction with the Pan American Association of Veterinary Sciences Congress (PANVET) from 3 to 7th October. It is exciting to have the WVA leadership meetings in Latin America and especially important we have good representation there. Dr. Noga, the WVA Veterinary Policy Officer, has been working diligently to prepare the Green Book for delegates to the General Assembly. Much information will be shared about progress

on the WVA Strategic Priorities of Veterinary Education, Pharmaceutical Stewardship, Animal Welfare, and Zoonosis – all issues of One Health and all related to Organizational Growth and Partnerships.

This is your opportunity to attend the excellent regional PANVET Congress, to network with your colleagues from around the world, and to initiate discussion and bring forward topics important to regional and global veterinary medicine. This is your association. As I have said before, our knowledge and expertise comes from our Members. We have involved several excellent individuals into our Advisory Groups, yet we must have active participation and dialogue at our Assembly to assure global credibility.

The WVA needs good leadership and will be looking for our next President Elect (to follow Dr. Chiang) and Councillors for the term of 2017-2019. Elections will be held next spring. Much has been accomplished, much more needs to be done. This is also an opportunity for delegates to see the WVA at work in person.

The deadline for delegate registration for the WVA General Assembly is 1st September. My hope is to one day need a very large auditorium for the number of delegates, Observers, and other guests attending this Assembly. We must all be engaged to justify the world's attention to our voice. I look forward to seeing you in Panama!!

New WVA Councillor for Middle East and North Africa Region – Prof. Kamil Mettias



Following the unfortunate passing of Prof. Farouk El Dessouky (WVA Councillor for MENA region since 2011) on 10th March this year, the Egyptian Veterinary Medical Association appointed Prof. Kamil Mettias as acting Councillor for the Middle East and North Africa region. The WVA welcomes Prof. Kamil Mettias to the WVA Council and wishes him a successful term as WVA Councillor for Middle East and North Africa region.

WVA Community-Based Rabies Prevention Programs – First pilot project to be tested in Gambia



In May 2016, the WVA invited 17 member associations (from risk areas) to express their interest to participate in the WVA Community-based Rabies Prevention Programs. The goal of the WVA programs is to help coordinate the activities of all the necessary components through leadership with a WVA member association so all groups are engaged on the long-term to eliminate dog-mediated human rabies by 2030 as part of the Global Alliance for Rabies Control “EndRabiesNow” campaign. On 20th July, the WVA Council evaluated carefully the 3 applications submitted by the veterinary associations of Afghanistan, Gambia and Mongolia. The WVA Councilors had different preferences for the applications received and decided to approve only one of the three applications as a starting point for a pilot project. The WVA Council approved finally the application received by Gambia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA) for the WVA Community-based Rabies Prevention programs as a first pilot project. The Council also decided that the applications received from Afghanistan, Mongolia and Uganda (application received after the deadline) will be reconsidered again, once the WVA gets the initial project underway. A first meeting of the Rabies Oversight Committee which is composed by members of the WVA Council and GVMA is scheduled for September 2016.

World Rabies Day MSD Award



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Do you know someone who deserves recognition for their work to end rabies? Nominate them today for a World Rabies Day MSD Award. Around the world there are hundreds of unsung heroes working in rabies prevention. We can only guess at how many lives they save. The World Rabies Day MSD Awards aim to recognise and reward the work of individuals and organisations making an extraordinary contribution to rabies prevention in their communities and as part of the goal of global elimination. Please consider nominating people you believe deserve some recognition and please share this opportunity with your network. More details regarding the nomination process can be found [here](#).

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forthcoming World Veterinary Congress 2017, special registration rates, quiz to earn prizes, Key note speakers and more.

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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