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### 10 days to the WVA General Assembly 2015

#### **WVA General Assembly 2015 Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September Istanbul, Turkey**

On Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015, The WVA will hold its General Assembly in Istanbul, Turkey during the 32<sup>nd</sup> World Veterinary Congress. The [agenda](#) and the full set of the meeting documents ([green book](#)) were sent to the WVA members and GA delegates.

In addition to the GA, the WVA will hold a number of lateral meetings such as the meeting with the World Animal Protection to revise the associations MoU and collaboration plan for the next years, a meeting with the Korean VMA to prepare the 33<sup>rd</sup> WVC in Incheon, Korea in 2017 and of course the WVA Council and Committees meetings.

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Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015, 14:00 - 18:00

[During the 32<sup>nd</sup> World Veterinary Congress](#)

Lutfi Kırdar Congress & Exhibition Center (ICEC), Istanbul, Turkey



On 15<sup>th</sup> September at 14pm during the WVC 2015, the WVA will hold its 3<sup>rd</sup> Summit meeting with FAO, OIE and WHO on "One Health – concrete actions in the field of Animal Health". During the meeting, the above organizations will present their private-public partnership experiences in the field of Animal Health. High level panel discussions, moderated by Prof. Bonnie Buntain will follow the presentations. All the congresses delegates are most welcome to attend the

Summit. Click [here](#) for the Summit draft agenda.

### WVA welcomes Tisa Kosem as Assistant Policy Officer for the upcoming two months



Tisa Kosem joined on 1<sup>st</sup> September the World Veterinary Association Secretariat in Brussels as Assistant Policy Officer for the upcoming two months. She has background in Political Sciences and Law and was previously gaining experiences at Federation of Veterinaries of Europe and European Commission, DG SANTE. One of her main tasks will be to implement the members' recruitment plan to attract new WVA members. Welcome Tisa and good luck!

### IAHJ Article on Pharmaceutical Stewardship – A Strategic Priority for the WVA

**"Pharmaceutical Stewardship" – A Strategic Priority for the World Veterinary Association**



The issue of global veterinary medicine is a large one, with many diverse and sometimes competing interests. When the World Veterinary Association met in London during January to March of 2015, we identified pharmaceutical stewardship as one of the major topics for us to focus on over the next year. Pharmaceutical stewardship means a wide range of "Practices and principles and all the measures to control and public health. The World Veterinary Association will continue to lead and create about these important practices to our member associations and their members.

Pharmaceutical stewardship encompasses three areas: 1) the responsible use of any antimicrobial so as to decrease risk of antimicrobial resistance and to preserve the efficacy of significant antimicrobials for the protection and restoration of animal health; 2) the availability of good quality medicines so veterinarians have access to safe and efficacious medicines in all parts of the world; and 3) the proper disposal of medications no longer being used, whether they are outdated for use, or left over from inadequate compliance with a previous prescription's directive.

direction based on diagnostic assessment; and 2) the proper compliance with those directions by the end user. The use of antimicrobials in human and veterinary medicine has a role in the responsibility for decreasing the development of antimicrobial resistance. The use of antimicrobials, particularly antibiotics, in the absence of appropriate resistance, can be influenced by diagnostic uncertainty, lack of opportunity for patient follow-up, lack of knowledge regarding rational diagnosis, and patient/owner demand. In some areas of the world, antimicrobial usage is overly excessive and not as judicious as it is elsewhere. The role of a veterinarian as a physician, veterinarian, or other trained health-care provider, is to use antimicrobials in a way that is safe and effective, and to ensure that the use of antimicrobials is judicious, and not overly with unnecessary resistance. It is important to take on good medicine, particularly dispensing medications, as well as the safety steps to be taken, or even offer a full course of therapy. Left medications, unused, should be returned, destroyed, or left over from inadequate compliance with a previous prescription's directive.

The use of antimicrobials in animal health has long been a topic of much of the focus because of their role in the fight against antimicrobial resistance and the impact on human health. The use of antimicrobials in food animal production varies immensely depending on the level of education of the practitioner and handlers, drug availability, geographic location, degree of disease, and the availability of diagnostic services. In some countries, the use of antimicrobials is very high, with nearly the only type of medication received, whether in retail or bulk, in those countries there may be very little regulatory reporting or surveillance.

The World Veterinary Association position statement on the use of antimicrobials states that "The WHO

An article by WVA President on Pharmaceutical Stewardship was published on the International Animal Health Journal (IAHJ) this September. Pharmaceutical stewardship encompasses three areas:

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Click [here](#) to access the full article.



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