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Message from the WVA President



Dear Colleagues,

Caring for animals and being committed to their health and well-being are important assets for every veterinarian who wants to deliver good quality services to his patients, to their owners and to society at large. These assets are important but not enough! Many more conditions need to be fulfilled. For example, being properly educated and trained, having access to veterinary medicinal products, being supported by an adequate legal framework, having public awareness about the risks for the health and welfare of animals, to mention a few. These are all conditions that can only be achieved through common action. Therefore, it is so important for the profession that we join our forces and work together on our common goals. In this respect, it is worrying to see “decreasing interest” of veterinarians to join professional veterinary associations, wherever they are in the world. The decreasing individual interest in organized veterinary medicine eventually could threaten the achievements we have reached together. How can the WVA strengthen veterinary associations around the world? There are several questions we might ask ourselves:

- Are we clear enough about the importance for veterinarians to have professional associations at local, regional and global level?
- How can we engage our Members and their members in the common interests we all share?
- How does a member contribute to the association activities and global veterinary activities?

Given the increasing understanding of the critical role veterinarians play in One Health, it seems it is more important than ever to have a significant global voice and workforce in the many areas of animal welfare, veterinary education, zoonotic diseases, and pharmaceutical stewardship, to name a few. The WVA wants our Members and their grassroots members to value their membership as a high priority and will look in next months on how can the WVA help its member associations to continue to grow.

2nd WVA/WMA Global Conference on One Health



The 2nd WVA and WMA Global Conference on One Health took place on 10 and 11th November in Kitakyushu City, Japan. The conference was attended by more than 600 participants from 44 countries around the world with approximately 30 lectures covering different One Health issues such as Zoonotic Diseases, AMR, Education and Future

Considerations for One Health. His Imperial Highness, Prince Akishino attended the Opening Ceremony and addressed the participants highlighting the approach of One Health importance to

address public and animal health challenges. During the Closing Ceremony, the WVA, WMA, JMA and JMVA signed on the [Memorandum of Fukuoka](#). The 4 associations agreed to move from the validation and recognition stage of the “One Health Concept”, to the practical implementation stage:



1. Physicians and veterinarians shall promote the exchange of information aimed at preventing zoonotic diseases and strengthening cooperative relationships, as well as to undertake further collaboration and cooperation aimed at creating a system for zoonosis research.
2. Physicians and veterinarians shall strengthen their cooperative relationships to ensure the responsible use of important antimicrobials in human and animal healthcare.
3. Physicians and veterinarians shall support activities for developing and improving human and veterinary medical education, including understanding the One Health concept and approach to One Health challenges.
4. Physicians and veterinarians shall promote mutual exchange and strengthen their cooperative relationships in order to resolve all issues related to the creation of a healthy and safe society.

A comprehensive report and links to the conference presentations will be published soon on the WVA website.

MSD ANIMAL HEALTH / WVA Veterinary Student Scholarship Program 2016 – And the selected students...



In June 2016, MSD Animal Health and WVA launched the 2016 Veterinary Student Scholarship Program providing \$55,000 in financing eleven scholarships to be awarded to veterinary students from Latin America Region to enhance their academic experience and to further support the quality of education and training for future veterinarians. MSD and WVA are delighted to announce the 11 veterinary students from 9 countries in the Latin America Region that have been selected for the 2016 Veterinary Student Scholarship Program to be granted with a scholarship of 5,000 US Dollars to enhance their academic experience. Read the full Press Release [HERE](#).

WVA Recent activities

WVA Factsheet on Animal Welfare issues



The WVA Working Group on Animal Welfare is preparing number of factsheets aiming to provide a concise document in lay language about specific global Animal Welfare issues to draw attention of veterinarians and the public around the world. Please click [here](#) to access the first WVA Factsheet on Owned and Unowned Free-Roaming Dogs. More factsheets to follow.

Updated WVA Strategy 2015-2018



The WVA Council through its Working Groups continues to work and to develop further the WVA Strategic Plan that was adopted in March 2015. Click [HERE](#) for the Updated WVA Strategy 2015-2018.

The state of Animal Health



HealthforAnimal and WVA will publish in early 2017 a new report entitled “Animal Health Matters” exploring how animal health shapes our world. [Read more...](#)

One Health Day 2016 - WVA and WMA - A global example for one health approach



The WVA and WMA celebrated on 3rd November the One Health Day to highlight the importance of the One Health Concept as the integrative effort of multiple disciplines working together. Click [here](#) for the full press release.

Appointment of the Nomination Committee for the WVA 2017 Elections



On its call conference of 23rd November, the WVA Council appointed the Nomination Committee (NC) for the WVA 2017 Elections. The Immediate Past President, Dr Faouzi Kechrid is designated as the Chair (according the WVA Administrative Procedure Manual) and Dr Lyle Vogel and Dr Rafael Laguens as members of the NC. The first task of the NC is to prepare the “call for nominations” to be sent to the WVA Constituent Members by 27th February 2017.



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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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