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WVA President's message- World Health Day 2015



With the upcoming emphasis of **Food Safety** as the theme for [World Health Day](#) which will be celebrated on 7th April, and given that veterinarians play a significant role in assuring safer food supply as a true benefit for society, it is important we address this topic in more detail.

Veterinarians play an essential role in the prevention and control of foodborne zoonosis and other sources of food-borne disease. These food sources include meat, milk, eggs, fish, honey and their derive products.

Traditionally, veterinary involvement in food safety has been focus in meat hygiene at "harvesting facilities". While this role continues, the need for a more risk-based analysis to food safety requires increased involvement in other segments of the food chain.

The veterinary profession is the only health profession that is actively involved in all aspects of the food chain; from farm level to the consumption of the food products of animal origin.

The WVA will continue to promote responsible animal health, welfare, husbandry, and production to assist in all matters related to increasing the safety and quality of food products. Healthy animals are much more likely to result in healthy food of animal origin.

WVA Council and Committees meetings



While the WVA Council meets by teleconference every 6 weeks, the WVA Council will be having its first in-person meeting from 11-13 March 2015 in Brussels, Belgium. A lot of work will be done in these three days on WVA Finances, Membership, Conferences, (e.g. [WVA/WMA Global Conference on One Health](#) and the [32nd World Veterinary Congress](#)), Policy development and related projects, Updating relevant partnerships, Sponsorship development, and most importantly, a facilitated meeting for **setting strategic priorities and objectives**.

Thank you for your responses to the strategic questionnaire. This is your opportunity to communicate with WVA and your regional Council members with

input. Please forward any ideas you have for the WVA Council to your regional Council representatives, the [WVA Secretariat](#), and/or me, your [President](#).

WVA and WHO collaboration plan for 2015-2018



The WVA and World Health Organization (WHO) agreed recently on a collaboration plan for 2015-2018 that shall result in a solid network of effective and efficient veterinary services and effective collaboration and communication mechanisms between the human, veterinary and food sectors on managing public health risks at the animal-human-ecosystem interface (One Health Concept).

The two organization engaged in promoting and increasing biosecurity at farm level, support animal disease surveillance and control efforts in order to prevent animal and zoonotic diseases, increase food safety and promoting responsible use of veterinary drugs and antimicrobials with respect to critical drug lists for animals.



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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