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WVA President's message



WVA President, Dr René Carlson
with OIE DG, Dr Bernard Vallat

Last week I worked from the WVA office in Belgium. I can assure you this is a new era for WVA. Jan Vaarten and I met with OIE Director General Bernard Vallat and Dr Alex Thiermann at the OIE headquarters in Paris. We agreed to update our WVA/OIE Memorandum of Understanding last drafted in 2002 to focus on three or four major issues that we both believe to be extremely important to animal health and welfare and public health. Once that MOU is finalized with input from both OIE and WVA updated strategic priorities, and is approved by both of our Councils, we will post it on the website.

World Veterinary Day 2015



World Veterinary Day is always celebrated on the 4th Saturday of April. The theme for submitted entries is *Vector-borne Diseases with Zoonotic Potential*. This event is co-sponsored by the WVA and OIE. The winning entry will be recognized at the OIE General Assembly in Paris in May, truly a global audience for the work we do as veterinarians in this One Health arena. The World Veterinary Day Award will be announced in the coming days.

32nd World Veterinary Congress 2015



We continue to prepare for the WVA Congress in Istanbul, Turkey in 13-17 September. This is a great venue with several streams for veterinary continuing education. The WVA is coordinating two Global Summits – the 2nd Summit on Animal Welfare and the 3rd Tripartite (OIE/WHO/FAO) Summit with emphasis on Emerging and Re-Emerging Diseases. This is your Congress. Become a speaker, submit a poster, tour Turkey with family and friends, and network with colleagues from around the world from September 13-17, 2015. For more information, click [HERE](#)

WVA Council and Committees meetings



We hold Council meetings by web conference about every 6 weeks. Once approved, the minutes of your Council and Policy Committee meetings will be provided to you via links to the WVA website (see below). A call for nominations for a Communications Working Group will be sent to you shortly so please nominate a person with knowledge in communication strategies. It is not a requirement for this person to be a veterinarian.

2014's WVA Council meeting reports (click on the below dates to access the reports):

- [12 February 2014](#)
- [20 March 2014](#)
- [19 May 2014](#)
- [16 July 2014](#)
- [17 September 2014](#)
- [21 October 2014](#)
- [28 November 2014](#)



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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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