

## WVA NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2020

### A MESSAGE FROM THE WVA PRESIDENT - DR. PATRICIA TURNER



#### WVA Fall Forum – Bringing Veterinary Professionals Together

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The WVA held a fall forum on the ‘Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on the Global Veterinary Profession’ on October 29, 2020. This was an important opportunity for our community to take stock of the changes that have occurred over the past 10 months and to reflect on how we have begun to adapt and respond to the challenges created by the pandemic. A full report of the event will be available shortly, along with open access to all the talks and the panel session. Many thanks go to The Webinar Vet Team and the WVA Secretariat for the professional organization and facilitation of the event!

The disruption in our world caused by the pandemic has acted as a catalyst for the veterinary profession to seek new ways of practicing to meet the needs of our patients, clients, and communities. Some of these technologies were with us previously, but the immediacy of the pandemic has encouraged the veterinary community to adapt more quickly than might have been the case. Veterinarians have responded to this opportunity with agility and flexibility rethinking what veterinary practice can be and how work can be conducted.

Veterinary students have also been challenged by the pandemic and the impact on students has varied regionally. Certainly, the pandemic has highlighted the need for more inclusiveness. The veterinary profession must strive to support access to the internet, electronic equipment, and high-quality educational materials for all students to ensure high-quality training is occurring in all parts of the world.

The veterinary community has been responding at many levels to support human and animal health, public health, and student training during the pandemic and is also developing plans to meet future pandemics and challenges. I want to thank all of our speakers and panellists for their excellent talks and thoughtful comments, as well as our partner associations, sponsors, and member associations for their continued support. I also want to thank all of our forum attendees for their continued commitment to students, patients, communities, and the WVA during these challenging times and as we look forward

WVA VIRTUAL SEMINAR

#### THE IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON THE VETERINARY PROFESSION

WEBINAR RECORDING WILL BE  
AVAILABLE SOON



to 2021. Veterinary professionals around the world should feel proud of their ability to adapt and move forward to protect and care for animals and people despite the challenging times.

Yours truly,

Dr. Patricia Turner

World Veterinary Association, President

## ANNOUNCING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE GLOBAL ANIMAL WELFARE AWARDS!

During the WVA Virtual Seminar on the Impact of COVID-19, WVA and Ceva Animal Health announced the recipients of the 2020 Global Animal Welfare Awards. Click [HERE](#) for the award ceremony video and [HERE](#) for the press release to discover these global leaders in animal welfare.



## WVA CONTRIBUTIONS TO ANIMAL WELFARE

WVA Council members and staff are participating in several global initiatives and projects to improve the welfare of animals around the world. Recently, the COVID-19 Thematic Platform on Animal Welfare published an article at the **OIE Bulletin** on the **Overcoming the impact of COVID-19 on animal welfare** highlighting the indirect effects of COVID-19 on animals. COVID-19 has had and will continue to have for some time into the future, an impact on the health and welfare of almost all animals, including companion animals, livestock, laboratory animals and wildlife. [Read more...](#)

The [2020's Animal Health Report](#) of the International Dairy Federation featuring an article by WVA President on the **WVA Position Statement on Pain Management in Farm Animals** highlighting the WVA ongoing project that intends to draw veterinary and other food animal stakeholder attention to the welfare issues associated with unmanaged pain in food-producing animals, including dairy cattle. WVA expects this to compliment a second ongoing project that will define essential medicines for large animals. The full article can be found [HERE](#) (page 33).

**The WVA needs your expertise and opinion in preparing a cohesive global message on our role as veterinarians for the global public good. As Constituent & Observer Members of the WVA, we welcome your input in our discussions! Don't be left out of the process!**

**PLEASE FORWARD THIS INFO-NEWS TO YOUR MEMBERS**

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