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MESSAGE FROM THE WVA PRESIDENT



Dear WVA members,

As another year draws to a close, it's time to look back and reflect on the WVA work done in the past 12 months. The WVA together with the Council of Veterinarians of Costa Rica delivered a successful congress in San Jose. The WVA Committees and Working Groups prepared and published position papers, press releases and articles on various veterinary issues. WVA in partnership with the departments of Animal Health of MSD and Ceva delivered successfully the 2019 Veterinary Student Scholarship Program and Animal Welfare Awards and already started to prepare the programs for 2020. The WVA Standing Committee for the future WVAC negotiated and agreed with Taiwan and Emirates VMAs to organise the WVAC 2021 and 2022 in their countries. The WVA in collaborations with OIE prepared and published a global repository of available guidelines for responsible use of antimicrobials in animal health which includes more than 130 guidelines from all over the globe. On the same time, the WVA Council members worked hard to prepare the WVA Elections for 2020, renewal of the contract for the provisions of services by FVE, WVA Strategy plan for 2020 – 2025, amendments for the WVA CBL and APM documents (to be proposed to the WVA GA 2020) and many more.

I would like to thank the WVA Council members, WVA ad hoc working group members, every WVA member association, and WVA secretariat staff for an amazing year full of challenges and successful deliverance of WVA tasks and missions. We would not be where we are without your great support and contributions.

Working together with you this past year has been a pleasure, and I'm looking forward to continue our great collaborations facing together the future challenges for the global veterinary profession.

I would also like to take this opportunity and to express our gratitude and appreciation to Jan Vaarten, the WVA outgoing Executive Director, for 10 years of outstanding work serving the global veterinary profession and leading the WVA secretariat in delivering a huge number of tasks and missions successfully. And to wish to his successor, Zeev Noga much success in his new position leading the WVA secretariat as of 1st January 2020.

Finally, I would like to invite you, your members and colleagues to join us at the [WVAC 2020](#) in New Zealand on 6-8th April 2020 to celebrate together the veterinary profession and to meet colleagues and friends from all over the globe for 3 days of excellent scientific program,

social events and of course, our annual General Assembly that will take place on 6th April.

I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a prosperous year ahead and I'm looking forward to a successful 2020 working together!

With sincere regards,
S.M. Johnson CHIANG
World Veterinary Association, President



The WVA needs your expertise and participation for the world to hear our message on 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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