



## WVA NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2021

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



#### Engaging our members

Dear Colleagues,

Through a long Canadian winter and the even longer past year of the pandemic, during which we have been relatively secluded from friends, families, and colleagues, I have been reminded time and again of the thoughtfulness, selflessness, and contributions of so many veterinarians around the world. We are truly unified by One Passion to improve the health and well-being of animals, people in our communities, and the ecosystems that we live in.

The WVA hopes to harness this passion in the coming months to improve the global veterinary profession and we hope that you will consider sharing your expertise with several ongoing projects. This is also a way to make connections and forge new friendships with other veterinary professionals from around the world. If you are interested in participating in any of the activities listed below, please contact Dr. Zeev Noga, WVA Executive Secretary, for more information ([secretariat@worldvet.org](mailto:secretariat@worldvet.org)).

**WVA and The Brooke project developing an essential medicines list for food-producing animals:** Animal health depends on access to safe and effective veterinary pharmaceuticals and vaccines. However, in many regions of the world, these are not readily available. Proper use of and access to high-quality pharmaceuticals, and appropriate oversight of ordering, prescribing and dispensing these pharmaceuticals are common concerns for all animal health stakeholders. The WVA is seeking animal science and veterinary experts to support eight species-specific working groups (SWG) to develop lists for large ruminants, small ruminants, equids, poultry, pigs, aquaculture, bees, and meat rabbits. Each SWG will form a primary list of core essential medicines and a secondary list of complementary medicines per specified species, with a reliable evidence base. **The WVA needs support from all global regions for this project.**

**Global Quality Standards in Veterinary Education Project:** The WVA has partnered with the AAVMC to launch a project evaluating quality standards in veterinary education around the world. An important part of the project is to send out a survey to veterinary colleges to complete. We are seeking contact information for veterinary colleges, regional associations of veterinary colleges, and veterinary assessment bodies from around the world to assist with the roll-out of the survey.

**Tripartite Global Leaders Group on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR):** Professor Scott Weese is representing the global veterinary profession in [this working group](#). To ensure that the interests of all global regions are represented during discussions of AMR and regulation of antimicrobial use, the WVA will look to assemble an Advisory Team of individuals with particular knowledge and expertise of antimicrobial access and usage issues faced by veterinarians working in Africa, Latin America, and Asia.

**UN Food Systems Summit:** The UN has launched a [Food Systems Summit](#) with planned activities throughout 2021. The purpose is to transform the way that the world produces and consumes food by 2030, per the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. In March, the WVA will have an opportunity to directly ask questions of the Science Council related to outcomes and metrics for proposed programs and farming systems. Veterinarians and their clients also have an important opportunity to sign up and join dialogues related to finding solutions for feeding the world while respecting animal health and welfare and public health and protecting the environment. Please consider [taking an active role](#) and representing your community by joining the discussion!

We are deeply appreciative of all of our member contributions. Thank you again for your willingness to support the global veterinary community!

**Yours respectfully,  
Dr Patricia Turner  
World Veterinary Association, President**

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**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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