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MESSAGE FROM THE WVA PRESIDENT



Dear WVA members,

The past months were very intensive and productive for the WVA. Together with the College of Veterinarians of Costa Rica (CMVCR), the WVA delivered a very successful congress in San Jose, Costa Rica on 28-30 April 2019 with more than 1000 delegates from 44 countries. We received numerous compliments and positive feedback on the excellent scientific program and the warm and welcoming atmosphere during the 3 days congress. The success of the WVAC2019 will help us enormously to raise the profile and the prestige of the future WVACs. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the CMVCR President and staff for their strong dedication and engagement in delivering a wonderful WVAC2019 and for making all the congress delegates to feel at home. Pura Vida!

During the WVAC2019, the WVA held its Council and General Assembly meetings and 3 WVA seminars on Animal Welfare, One Health and on Veterinary Education. The WVA together with Ceva Sante Animale presented the [2019 WVA Animal Welfare Awards](#) to 6 veterinarians and 1 student. We also announced the results of the [WVA/MSD 2018 Veterinary Student Scholarship Program](#). A report of the WVAC2019 including the WVA activities and awards ceremonies will be published soon.

With regards to the future WVA Congresses, the WVA Council adopted a [new set of rules for the organisation of the WVACs](#). These rules will give the local veterinary association the responsibility to prepare the event in their country. The success of the WVAC2019 is a proof that this model works well for both WVA and the local veterinary association. It will be used to prepare the future WVAC2020 in New Zealand and 2021 in Taiwan. I would like to encourage the WVA member associations to submit bids for the organisation of the future congresses to host the future WVACs in their countries.

REVISION OF THE WVA/OIE COOPERATION AGREEMENT

On 27th May, I met with the OIE Director General, Dr Monique Eloit during the OIE General Session in Paris. We discussed and signed the revised WVA/OIE cooperation agreement for the next 4 years. The revised agreement focuses mainly on the issues of One Health, Good governance of veterinary services, Veterinary education and Veterinary paraprofessional skills training. In addition, I had the opportunity to address the OIE General Session delegates from all over the world to inform them about WVA and its activities to promote the veterinary profession globally.



36th WORLD VETERINARY ASSOCIATION CONGRESS IN NEW ZEALAND

Last but not least, I would like you to save the dates of 6-8th April 2020 in your diaries and to invite you to the [WVAC2020 in New Zealand](#). The New Zealand Veterinary association is preparing a high-quality, three-day scientific programme featuring 13 streams of interest to the global veterinary community. Including three companion animal streams, a companion animal veterinary nursing stream, and a veterinary business stream and off course, the WVA Global One Health Summit and WVA Seminar on Animal Welfare. The WVAC2020 is an incredible opportunity for excellent continuing professional development and to network with the global veterinary community! You'll also get the chance to enjoy all that the amazing city of Auckland and Pacific nation of New Zealand have to offer. Don't miss your chance to combine high-quality veterinary continuing education with a holiday never to forget at the WVAC 2020 in Auckland, New Zealand.



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!

Please forward this info-news to your individual members

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