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## WVA NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2020

### MESSAGE FROM THE WVA PRESIDENT



Dear WVA members,

The past few months have been quite tense for many. From the beginning of 2020, more and more countries around the world have been facing the outbreak of coronavirus diseases (COVID-19). I hope that each one of you and your families are doing well and I wish that this global crisis will be resolved soon.

This is the last piece of info-news under my term of office. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you all, my sincere gratitude for my time spent working as the President of the WVA. Since I took office in 2017, I have been dedicated to implementing the WVA strategy plan defined in 2014 and to promoting the 5 priorities continuously. It has always made me happy to see many good changes happened. We used to hold the WVAC biannually, but now we can gather veterinary professionals from all over the world every year. We also reviewed and renewed the cooperation agreements with the OIE and the FVE. All these changes would not have happened without you. I am thankful for having been allowed to work with you all. The only regret I have is that I was not able to attend on many occasions which I was invited by members due to time constraint or schedule conflicts.

3 years have passed in a blink of an eye. There is still a lot of work to be done. Fortunately, the new WVA Council was elected and will start its term on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Especially, the new strategic plan was already prepared by the WVA Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee during the in-person meeting on 4-5 February 2020 in Brussels. I believe that the new WVA Council will continue the hard work implementing the ongoing and future activities to strengthen the WVA as the global voice of the veterinary profession.

Although 2020 started in an atmosphere of uneasiness, I have a deep faith that all works of WVA will go on smoothly. I wish everyone good health and hope that we get through this year safely. I also wish every member association to develop and grow and fully perform its functions. Together, we will move towards to promote the veterinary profession using the One Health concept and approach.

I'm looking very much forward to welcoming you to the [WVAC2020](#) that will take place in Auckland, New Zealand on 6-8th April 2020 and to celebrate together the veterinary profession and to meet colleagues and friends from all over the globe for 3 days of the excellent scientific program, social events and of course, our annual General Assembly that will take place on 6th April.

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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