



WVA NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2021

A MESSAGE FROM THE WVA PRESIDENT: DR. PATRICIA TURNER



Quality Assurance in Veterinary Education

Dear Colleagues,

Over the past several years we have seen how valuable it can be to mobilize the collective global veterinary workforce to deal with national disasters, epizootics, and other significant regional, national, and international events that may impact humans and animals. But how can a country or region be assured that veterinary professionals stepping forward have the necessary skills, training, education and background to provide proper care for animals or to safeguard public health? This can be addressed in part by ensuring that veterinary colleges are capable of delivering a common basic curriculum (i.e., the [OIE Veterinary Core Curriculum](#)) and that there is a quality assurance program in place to help ensure that each educational establishment is meeting its goals as well as producing competent graduates capable of meeting the regional workforce needs. Ensuring that veterinarians are participating in regular continuing education post-graduation is another way that veterinarians can ensure that their knowledge remains current.

While there are several excellent international accreditation standards and quality assurance programs for veterinary colleges, the vast majority of global veterinary educational establishments do not have the resources to meet these standards and they do not participate in these formal accreditation programs. Some countries have worked to develop regional accreditation systems for veterinary colleges, but it may not be mandatory for all veterinary colleges to participate in them. Other countries and regions are in an earlier process of curriculum formalization and standard-setting for veterinary colleges.

As part of the **WVA-CIVME project on global quality standards in veterinary education**, in April, the WVA will be sending out a global survey to veterinary colleges, regional accrediting bodies, and veterinary statutory bodies to determine current country-/region-specific practices for developing and updating veterinary medical curricula, as well as to determine whether colleges are participating in any quality assurance or accreditation programs. We are asking for your assistance and support in ensuring that the surveys reach veterinary colleges in your country or region. To maximize participation, we will be providing multiple language options for completion. The results of this survey will be shared with the veterinary community and will help to inform the development of a global self-assessment tool for veterinary colleges to use in regions/countries without formal accreditation systems.

Thank you, in advance for your assistance with this important project!

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

Upcoming WVA Activities

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Thursday 29th April 3pm - 5pm CET
WVA VIRTUAL SEMINAR
FOOD SECURITY

REGISTER NOW >>

Raising awareness and promoting the veterinary role in achieving global food security.



A joint project to create a global list of essential veterinary medicines for livestock.

TAKE OUR SHORT SURVEY

Help ensure all veterinary professionals can access the essential medicines needed to fulfil their oath.



World Veterinary Day Award 2021

Veterinarian Response to the Covid-19 Crisis

On April 24th – **World Veterinary Day** – we'll be celebrating how veterinarians are helping the world recover and fight back against Covid-19.

Get ready to submit your association's activities for a chance to win the **World Veterinary Day Award** and a **\$3500 prize**.

Visit Worldvet.org for more details.





Veterinary Student Scholarship Program 2021

80 scholarships of US\$ 2,500 to be granted to selected students from Latin America, Africa, North Africa/Middle East and Asia/Oceania.

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Deadline for submission: 15th May 2021

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!

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