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A MESSAGE FROM THE WVA PRESIDENT - DR. PATRICIA TURNER



WVA Members activities to advance the veterinary profession in their countries and regions.

Dear Colleagues,

One of the most important objectives of the WVA in advancing the veterinary profession is to encourage the exchange of veterinary knowledge and professional dialogue among the global veterinary profession. As part of its future communication strategy, the WVA would like to promote the WVA members activities and initiatives to advance the veterinary profession in their countries and regions for the benefit of the global veterinary profession.

Therefore, the WVA would like to encourage you to submit articles, guidelines, initiatives or any relevant material to be promoted among the WVA members.

Yours truly,
Dr Patricia Turner
World Veterinary Association, President

INCLUSION OF THE VETERINARY SERVICES AMONG ESSENTIAL SERVICES IN NEPAL

Submitted by Nepal Veterinary Association

During the lockdown phase, the inability of the veterinarians to provide medical care to animals posed as a major issue among the stakeholder groups. The inability of the veterinarians to deliver regular healthcare services and emergency medical assistance to sick animals created severe problems towards the livestock industries, the livelihood of livestock farmers, animal welfare as well as posed a threat to public health due to the risk of an outbreak of zoonotic disease from untreated animals during the lockdown. Due to these issues of concern, the Nepal Veterinary Association (NVA) had been advocating the classification of the veterinary services in the list of essential services for the past few months since the lockdown started. In this process, the advocacy was directed towards the Department of Livestock Services as well as the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development as a whole. Despite the rigorous push for the consideration of the veterinary services as an essential service through advocacy, the effective outcome was not achieved which finally led the association to file a case

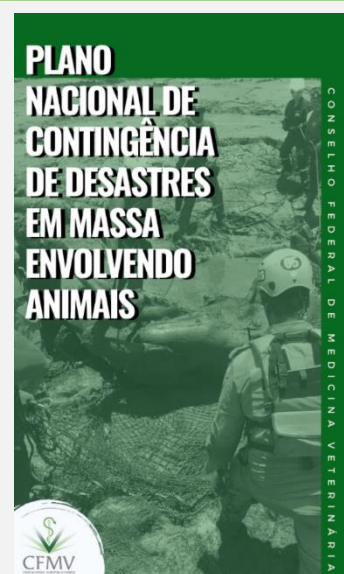


at the Supreme Court of Nepal in this issue. Going against the government was an uphill battle as 5 ministries demanded the dismissal of NVA's filed case. The constant pressure on the government, as well as a legal court battle, finally came to a successful conclusion on 21st May 2020 when the court gave the verdict in the favour of the association by directing the government for the classification of the veterinary services as an essential service. This is a historic win for the NVA as well as the entire veterinary profession of Nepal. This decision not only allows the veterinarians to perform their duty towards animal health and wellbeing but also establishes the importance of veterinary service as an important sector.

CFMV APPROVES THE NATIONAL CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR MASS DISASTER INVOLVING ANIMALS

Submitted by the Federal Council of Veterinary Medicine (CFMV).

It is another unfortunate year for Brazilian ecosystems as fires are now burning at an unprecedented level at Pantanal, one of the most well-protected biomes of the country. While the region dwells with the fire, aided by veterinarians and zotechnicians on the front rescuing animals affected by the disaster, the Federal Council of Veterinary Medicine (CFMV) approves the National Contingency Plan for Mass Disaster Involving Animals to guide and support field conduct. The document provides guidelines for professional performance in such scenarios, instructing conducts of rescuing, veterinary assistance, maintenance and destination of domestic and wild animals and legal veterinary medicine. The Contingency Plan is the result of the Task Group for Mass Disasters involving Animals, which will be followed by the establishment of a permanent commission to continue this work. Read the full article [HERE](#). Access the CFMV contingency plan (in Portuguese) [HERE](#).



PROMULGATION OF THE PERUVIAN LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE RECOGNIZING VETERINARIANS AS HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Submitted by the College of Veterinary Medicine of Perú (CMVP).

On 23rd October 2020, the WVA Councilor for Latin America, Dr Jannet Vélez Rivas and the Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine of Perú (CMVP), Dr Eleazar Vargas Barboza met with the President of the Peruvian Congress, Manuel Merino De Lama and presented a trophy as a token of appreciation for the work done by the Peruvian congress to promote a legislative initiative to recognize veterinarians as health professionals. Dr Velez also presented a letter from the WVA President, Dr Patricia Turner supporting this Peruvian legislative initiative to update the veterinary profession competencies within the framework of One Health concept including the veterinary competencies in human, animal and environmental health. Mr Merino shared his lifelong work with veterinarians and human doctors recognizing both professions as essential to fight against zoonotic diseases.



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