World Veterinary Day 2023 was celebrated on the 29th of April and the World Veterinary Association (WVA) and HealthforAnimals recognized the efforts of veterinary associations that removed barriers and improved inclusiveness through diversity, equity, and inclusion policies and practices. The well-being of all veterinarians is enhanced when diversity, equity and inclusion is promoted and applied.

The WVD Award was open to all WVA Veterinary Associations who submitted compelling evidences of activities that demonstrate their work under the WVD 2023 Theme. After careful consideration of the materials submitted by all applicants, we are delighted to announce the winner of the 2023 Word Veterinary Day Award is the Nepal Veterinary Association!

The award ceremony will be held at the World Veterinary Association Congress 2024, coinciding with the WVD 2024. The award and the cheque will be handed to a small committee of representative of the Nepalese Veterinary Association.

NVA organized several panel discussions, lectures, but even drama performances, sports activities and multiple rallies in the streets as ways to reach all within the profession while also raising awareness about the issue of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) to the society at large. They managed to involve not just their national leading veterinarians, many of whom are women, but also several regional and national policy makers into the debate.

NVA is taking large steps for DEI and doing it in a very opened and public fashion which will propel others onto the same path.
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The WVA would like to thank and recognize the efforts of the veterinary organizations and associated veterinary professionals around the world for their active participation in World Veterinary Day. Your invaluable work is testimony of how dedicated the profession is to DEI and of the long strides it is taking to accomplish it.

The WVA Council is overjoyed that the WVD Award of 2023 received so many great applications and that veterinary associations all around the globe are setting such an example.

We received 12 amazing applications that made the judging the WVD award extremely difficult for our Council. We received applications from: British Veterinary Association, Federation of European Veterinarians, Indian Veterinarian Association of Kerala, Sri Lanka Veterinary Association, Jamaica Veterinary Medical Association, Kenya Veterinary Association, Nigeria Veterinary Medical Association, Nigeria Veterinary Medical Association – Ogun State Chapter, American Veterinary Association, Brazilian Federal Veterinary Council, Nepal Veterinary Association and the Mongolian Veterinary Medical Association.