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PRESIDENT FOREWORD

Dr John de Jong



WVA PRESIDENT 2024-2026

This report reflects the World Veterinary Association's progress since the last General Assembly and highlights another year of strong performance, collaboration, and forward momentum. These achievements are the result of the collective dedication of the Council, Committees, Working Groups, Secretariat, and our global membership.

Over the past year, WVA has continued to strengthen its role as a global voice for the veterinary profession. Strategic partnerships remain central to this effort, with sustained collaboration with the Quadripartite (WHO, FAO, WOAH, and UNEP), as well as strengthened ties with international veterinary and health organizations.

These collaborations reinforce the role of veterinarians in addressing global challenges related to One Health, animal welfare, veterinary education, medicines stewardship, and sustainability.

A key highlight of the year has been the continued development of the World Veterinary Association Congress (WVAC). Following a successful Congress in Washington D.C., preparations for WVAC2026 in Tokyo are well advanced. The Congress will feature a strong and globally relevant scientific programme, including the 12th One Health Summit focused on wildlife, alongside seminars on veterinary education, animal welfare, and medicines stewardship. Efforts are also underway to ensure broad international participation and continuing education accreditation, further enhancing the Congress's global impact.

WVA's governance has also evolved significantly. Elections for the 2026–2028 Council have brought forward a new and diverse group of representatives, combining fresh perspectives with continuity. Updated Terms of Reference across governance bodies have strengthened clarity, transparency, and effectiveness, supporting a smooth transition to the incoming Council and reinforcing good governance practices.

The work of WVA's Committees and Working Groups continues to be fundamental to the Association's success. Their contributions span policy development, programme design, education initiatives, and key resources such as the Essential Veterinary Medicines List. These efforts not only support global standards but also provide practical tools for members to advance veterinary medicine at national and regional levels.

At the same time, WVA has continued to expand its membership and engagement, welcoming new members and strengthening relationships across regions. Sponsorship and fundraising efforts remain a priority to ensure sustainability, while new approaches are being explored to maintain key initiatives such as the WVA Global Veterinary Awards.

Looking ahead, WVA is well positioned for continued growth and impact. With a strong strategic direction, active partnerships, and committed leadership, the Association will continue to support and advocate for the veterinary profession worldwide. As we approach WVAC2026 and the transition to a new Council, we remain focused on building on our achievements and advancing our shared mission.

John de Jong

WVA President, 2024-2026

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WVA MISSION AND VISION

MISSION

To lead the veterinary profession globally through collaboration, promotion, partnership, and advocacy for animal health and welfare, one health, and veterinary education.

VISION

The World Veterinary Association is recognized and respected by its members and partners as the trusted and influential voice of global veterinary medicine.

WVA STRATEGY

WVA Strategic Plan 2025–2030

The WVA has adopted its forward-looking 2025–2030 Strategic Plan, reaffirming its mission to strengthen the global veterinary profession and deliver tangible value to its members. As a federation of national, regional, and specialty veterinary associations, the WVA recognises the increasing need for international alignment in veterinary medicine, particularly in areas such as disease control, food safety, animal welfare, medicines availability, and the ecological impact of health systems. These global challenges require coordinated global solutions.



WVA **TEAM AND WORK**

WVA COUNCIL

The Council comprises the President, President Elect, Immediate Past President, and 14 elected representatives from the different world regions, International and Discipline-Centred Organisations.

WVA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The ExCom is a permanent committee of the WVA structure consisting of the elected Officers, the Chairs of the Finance and Policy Committees, and the Executive Secretary. They discuss and prepare proposals for Council decisions on operational issues and monitor the fulfilment of Strategic Goals.

WVA COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

The WVA Committees and Working Groups comprise the Council members and Ad hoc members that were nominated by the WVA member associations to support and to strengthen the work and expertise of these specific groups.

VOLUNTARY WORK

Councillors as well as the members of the Working Groups fulfil numerous voluntary hours of work. Collectively, they've attended over 80 hours of meetings during 2025 aside from preparation time, meetings with the Secretariat, documentation revision and concrete contribution to the multiple outputs of the WVA.

WVA SECRETARIAT

The WVA Secretariat is responsible for the daily management of the Association, communication, maintenance and development of membership. It is currently composed of two full-time roles: Executive Manager and Policy Officer.



WVA COUNCIL 2024-2026

The WVA Council met twice in person (in Washington DC, US during WVAC2025 and in Geneva, Switzerland, in December) and four times online to discuss and approve key issues of the Association. In person meetings are critical to brainstorm, work together and consider new strategies.

The Council is responsible for sustaining WVA's mission, finances, members, projects and to support the work of the Working Groups. Among many responsibilities, the Council approves WVA's Position Statement and Factsheets following the proposals from the Policy Committee, decides on membership applications, on financial decisions (such as the annual budget and sponsorship matters), and on the establishment of new partnerships.

In 2025, the Council appointed the Nominations Committee, to oversee the elections process, approved a new Finance Policy, and developed Terms of Reference for the staff roles.

It addressed multiple internal issues and external requests, oversaw the creation of Terms of Reference for future WVACs, and steered policy engagements of the WVA.

The Council further considered plans for the observance of World Veterinary Day and reviewed nominations for the WVD Award. A number of decisions were also taken regarding current and upcoming projects, including several new initiatives that will be announced soon.

- **PRESIDENT:** Dr John de Jong.
- **PRESIDENT ELECT:** Dr Isao Kurauchi.
- **PAST-PRESIDENT:** Dr Rafael Laguens.
- **AFRICA:** Dr Nandipha Tyota Ndudane; Dr James Ouma.
- **ASIA AND OCEANIA:** Dr Chou Chin-Cheng; Dr Mark Schipp.
- **EUROPE:** Dr Petra Sindern, Dr Slaven Grbic.
- **LATIN AMERICA:** Dr Arturo Mejorada; Dr Helio Blume.
- **NORTH AFRICA & M. EAST:** Dr Anis Bouraba; Dr Salah Al-Shami.
- **NORTH AMERICA:** Dr Enid Stiles; Dr Shannon Mesenhowski.
- **DISCIPLINE ORGANISATIONS:** Dr Hilton Klein.
- **REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS:** Dr Olatunji Nasir.



WVA COUNCIL 2026–2028

Following our recent period of elections WVA, is pleased to introduce the newly elected Council for the term 2026–2028. Together, they will help guide the strategic direction of the Association and strengthen global veterinary leadership.

Following the second round of voting for the position of President-Elect, Dr Olatunji Nasir was elected as WVA President-Elect. At the end of April, Dr Isao Kurauchi will assume the Presidency of the WVA, working alongside the newly elected Council to advance the voice and impact of the veterinary profession worldwide.

For the 2026–2028 Council term, the following representatives have been elected:

- **ASIA AND OCEANIA:** Dr David Tan; Dr Ganokon Urkasemsin.
- **EUROPE:** Dr Petra Sindern; Dr Rens van Dobbenburgh.
- **AFRICA:** Dr Nandipha Toyota Ndudane; Dr Daniel Ksee.
- **NORTH AMERICA:** Dr Seyedmehdi Mobini; Dr Tracy Fischer.
- **LATIN AMERICA:** Dr Adriano Ferreira; Dr Gustavo Moreno.
- **MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA:** Dr Anis Bouraba; Dr Basil Alhilali.
- **DISCIPLINE CENTERED ORGANIZATIONS:** Dr Seung-Hyeok Seok.
- **REGIONAL VETERINARY ASSOCIATIONS:** Dr Corazon Occidental.

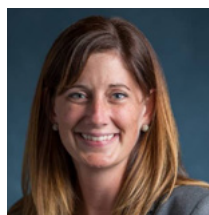
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PRESIDENT

Dr John de Jong



POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Dr Shannon Mesenhowski



PRESIDENT ELECT

Dr Isao Kurauchi



FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Dr Enid Stiles



IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Dr Rafael Laguens



EXECUTIVE MANAGER

Magda Lourenço

WVA **FINANCE** COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee (FC) met regularly throughout 2025 and 2026 via videoconference and maintained continuous engagement through electronic exchanges, focusing on safeguarding financial health, transparency, and strategic growth.

The FC closely monitored financial performance through detailed reviews of financial statements, profit and loss reports, and internal bookkeeping. The association maintained a strong financial position, reporting a positive result and balanced accounts. WVA was on track with a healthy positive equity, reflecting prudent financial management and disciplined spending.

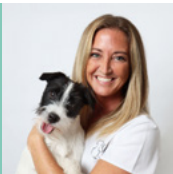
Revenue streams were actively tracked and strengthened. Membership fee collection progressed well while interest from term accounts provided additional passive income. Sponsorship negotiations advanced with key partners, alongside new collaboration formats such as sponsored content initiatives.

On the expenditure side, the operational budget remained under control, with most categories performing within expectations. Underspensing in some areas helped offset others, while budget allocations were reviewed in light of inflation and evolving needs.

The FC oversaw the transition of accounting services from KPMG to Baker Tilly to improve efficiency and collaboration. Audit processes for the 2025 accounts were closely monitored alongside ongoing refinement of accounting records and transparency measures.

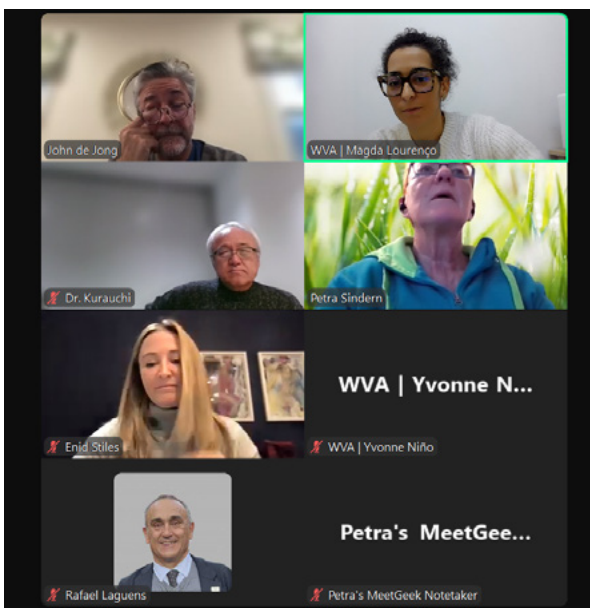
Looking ahead, the Committee prepared the 2027 budget and partnership proposal, aligned with strategic priorities. A Subcommittee was established to review membership fees, proposing a gradual adjustment to ensure fairness and sustainability.

Finally, the FC advanced broader strategic initiatives, including the development an internal Financial Policy, strengthening WVA's approach to resource management, risk mitigation, and long-term funding.



CHAIR:
Dr Enid Stiles

MEMBERS: Dr Petra Sindern; Dr Olatunji Nasir; Dr Slaven Grbic.



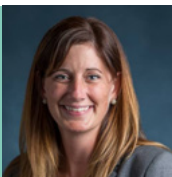
WVA **POLICY** COMMITTEE

The Policy Committee (PC) continued its work to support global alignment on key veterinary matters and to assist members in elevating critical issues within their countries and regions. The Committee met regularly throughout the year and maintained ongoing collaboration through electronic exchanges, including document reviews, revisions, and voting processes.

A central focus of the PC's work remained the review and development of WVA Position Statements and Factsheets. Over the year, the Committee assessed a wide range of documents proposed by Working Groups, covering topics such as vaccination, zoonoses, climate change, animal welfare, brachycephaly, the environmental pillar of One Health and importantly, Veterinary Profession as a Health Profession. The PC ensured consistency, clarity, and scientific robustness, often recommending refinements in language to reflect global applicability and flexibility across regions. Several documents progressed through multiple revision rounds and were advanced to Council for approval and publication.

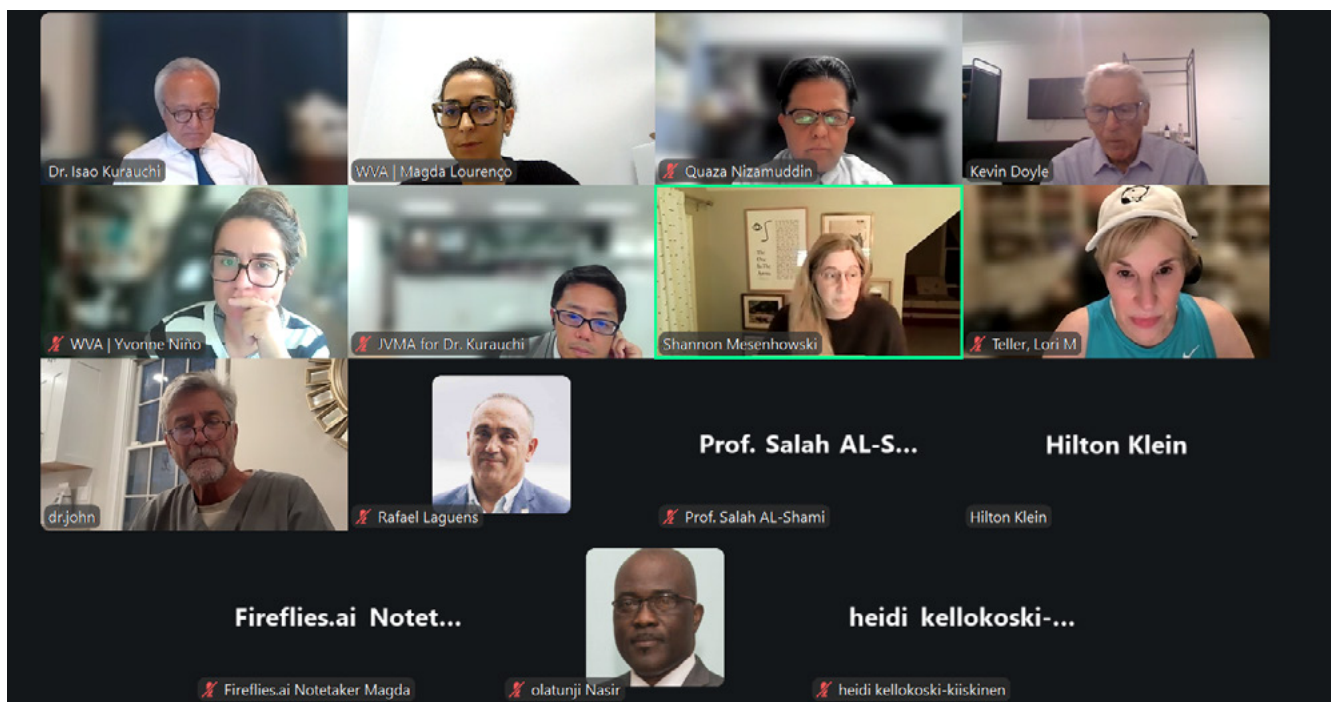
In addition to its review function, the PC reflected on its broader role within WVA. Discussions highlighted the need to move beyond a primarily reactive function toward more proactive policy development. The Committee also identified the importance of strengthening alignment between WVA Position Statements and the Association's 2025–2030 Strategic Plan.

Looking ahead, the PC will continue refining its processes, enhancing its strategic contribution, and exploring mechanisms to support policy coherence across the membership, while maintaining its core role in ensuring high-quality, globally relevant policy outputs.



CHAIR:
Dr Shannon Mesenhowski

MEMBERS: Dr Olatunji Nasir; Dr Kevin Doyle; Dr Quaza Nizamuddin; Dr Robert Johnson; Dr Salah Al Shami; Dr Hilton Klein; Dr Lori Teller; Dr Heidi Kellokoski-Kiiskinen.



AD HOC COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Ad Hoc Communications Committee (CC) addressed key communications priorities and strengthened the visibility and consistency of the WVA.

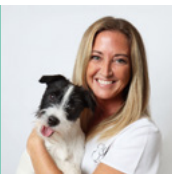
A major focus of the Committee's work was branding and content development. Significant progress was achieved for both World Veterinary Day (WVD) and the World Veterinary Association Congress from 2026 onwards.

The WVD logo was successfully revamped, accompanied by the development of a comprehensive communications toolkit widely adopted by members and the broader veterinary community, reinforcing WVA's leadership of this global celebration. In parallel, the WVAC2026 branding was finalised in close collaboration with the host, ensuring both continuity of the Congress identity and flexibility for local integration.

The Committee also played an active role in digital performance monitoring and content strategy. Website and communication analytics showed strong engagement, particularly around WVD and grant-related content, while newsletter performance remained solid and consistent.

To improve consistency and quality across congress communications, the Committee proposed the development of a standardised, WVA-led event website for future WVAC editions, the first to be used for WVAC2027. This approach aims to support host organisations, enhance professionalism, and ensure continuity in visibility and branding across congresses.

The CC also addressed emerging challenges related to public communications, reaffirming WVA's commitment to maintaining a neutral, apolitical stance while clearly supporting veterinarians and animal welfare in times of global crises.



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MEMBERS: Dr Anis Bouraba; Dr James Ouma.



WVAC STANDING COMMITTEE

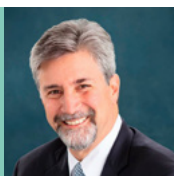
The WVAC SC met five times since the last General Assembly to oversee the planning, delivery, and strategic development of the WVA Congresses, ensuring their continued growth, quality, and global relevance.

The Committee worked closely with the Japanese Veterinary Medical Association (JVMA) on the organization of WVAC2026 in Tokyo. Significant progress was made across programme development, communications, fundraising, and exhibition planning. Sponsorship efforts advanced with both local and international partners, supported by WVA's active engagement.

The Committee also addressed operational and strategic aspects of congress delivery, including improving communications and online presence, supporting hosts with programme development, and exploring more standardized approaches to event websites and promotion. Collaboration between WVA and host associations was further strengthened through regular coordination, including dedicated staff calls and shared planning processes.

Preparations for future congresses are well underway. WVAC2027 in Mérida, Mexico, has been signed, with planning progressing on programme development, sponsorship, and venue organization, incorporating lessons learned from previous editions. For WVAC2028, updated Terms of Reference were developed to enhance the sustainability of the congress model, including adjustments to sponsorship structures.

The WVAC SC continues to strengthen WVA's role in congress development, with increased involvement in programme design, fundraising, and branding. These efforts aim to ensure long-term consistency, financial sustainability, and high-quality delivery of WVA's flagship global event.



CHAIR:
Dr John de Jong

MEMBERS: Dr Isao Kurauchi; Dr Helio Blume; Dr Paul van der Merwe; Dr Sue Chadima; Dr Arturo Mejorada.



WORKING **GROUPS**

ANIMAL WELFARE

The Animal Welfare Working Group (AWWG) met regularly throughout the reporting period and initiated the implementation of the WVA 2025–2030 Strategy within the Animal Welfare priority area.

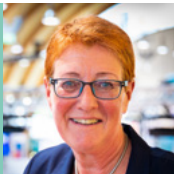
Awareness through education and publications. The group has initiated the development of the Position Statement on Animal Sentience, establishing a subgroup and engaging external experts building on the CVMA definition of sentience as a conceptual basis. The Position Statement on the welfare of animals during transport has been finalized and is now in dissemination. The Factsheet on Brachycephalic Dogs has also been completed and is being promoted, following expert review and consolidation into a strengthened document.

One Health / One Welfare integration through partnerships. The group remained engaged in global discussions, including UNEA-7, and contributed to highlighting the links between animal welfare and environmental issues. It also participated in the WOAHS strategic meeting on animal welfare, contributing to ongoing coordination across organisations. Work on free-roaming cats has started with a call for experts and a first subgroup meeting, supported by a global survey covering terminology, legal status, welfare, public health, behavioral and ecological concerns.

Veterinary leadership and professional responsibility. Work under this objective has been initiated through ongoing policy development and the integration of animal welfare across WVA activities.

Animal welfare in cross-cutting global priorities. The group engaged in AMR-related discussions, including multi-stakeholder platforms and roundtables, promoting animal welfare, good husbandry, guiding veterinary care and biosecurity as part of efforts to reduce antimicrobial use.

The group also reviewed external requests on emerging welfare topics and, where appropriate, agreed to defer the development of formal positions due to scientific complexity and policy sensitivity, while exploring alternative outputs such as evidence-based factsheets.



CO-CHAIR:
Dr Petra Sinderns and Dr Enid Stiles

MEMBERS: Dr Nnadipha Toyota; Dr Bonnie Beaver; Dr Sumita Sugnaseelan; Dr Nelly Peña; Dr Arturo C. Mejorada; Dr Xavier Mantega; Titilayo.

ONE HEALTH

The One Health Working Group (OHWG) met regularly throughout the reporting period and continued the implementation of the WVA 2025–2030 Strategy within the One Health priority area.

Establish and strengthen collaborations with health and environment sectors. The group remained actively engaged in key international processes, including the Global Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance, the International Panel of Experts on AMR, and the Pandemic Agreement negotiations and the Intergovernmental Working Group on the PABS Annex, and have worked on positioning animal health and one health on the UN General Assembly High-Level Meeting on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response (PPPR). Members also represented WVA in global fora, including the One Health Congress and the United Against Rabies stakeholder meeting.

Provide guidance on One Health implementation while empowering veterinarians and students. The One Health Education Subgroup progressed the Planetary Health Survey and supported a postgraduate research project to assess gaps in One Health education at undergraduate level. The One Health Education Subgroup progressed the Planetary Health Survey and supported a postgraduate research project to assess gaps in One Health education at undergraduate level. This work aims to inform practical guidance and strengthen capacity across veterinary and other health professions.

Develop and promote guidance on environmental sustainability and climate action. Work under this objective included the development of position statements on the global climate change emergency and working on the ps on the environmental pillar of One Health and the publication of the PS on zoonotic disease emergence in relation to wildlife disruption. In parallel, the group continued to strengthen the environmental dimension of One Health through collaboration with partners, including engagement with the World Veterinary Environmental Alliance (WVEA).

Revive and institutionalize the WVA/WMA Global One Health Conferences. Work under this objective included the signature of a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the World Medical Association, formalised at the WVA General Assembly, as well as initial discussions to support the continuation and strengthening of this platform. In addition, WVA hosted the 11th Global One Health Summit at the WVA Congress in Washington DC, focusing on veterinarians' role in food security and bringing together key international stakeholders.

Increase veterinary participation and leadership in global One Health processes. Through its representation in international initiatives and policy discussions, the group continued to reinforce the role of veterinarians within global health governance frameworks. This included the development of the Position Statement on Veterinarians as Health Professionals, further supporting the recognition of veterinarians within the global health workforce. Development of *One Health in Action: Case Studies Demonstrating Multi-Sectoral Approaches to Pandemic Prevention and Health Security*.



CHAIR:
Dr Mark Schipp

MEMBERS: Dr Shannon Mesenhowski; Dr Paul van der Merwe; Dr Christina Pettan-Brewer; Dr Deborah Thomson; Dr Chou Chin-Cheng; Dr Masaru Usui; Dr Lubisi Baratang; Dr Susanna Sternberg; Dr Salah Al-Shami Ekaa Desai.

MEDICINES STEWARDSHIP

The Medicines Stewardship Working Group (MSWG) continued advancing the implementation of the WVA 2025–2030 Strategy within the medicines stewardship priority area, with a focus on responsible use, access to veterinary medicines, and alignment with global AMR frameworks.

Strengthening global engagement and policy alignment. The group reinforced its role in global anti-microbial resistance discussions through its participation in the AMR Multi-Stakeholder Partnership Platform. Advocacy efforts around IPEA were also advanced, contributing to positioning veterinary medicines stewardship within broader global health processes. In parallel, the group contributed to the update of the Global Action Plan, ensuring that veterinary perspectives were reflected in ongoing policy developments.

Access to essential veterinary medicines and EVML. Progress continued on the Essential Veterinary Medicines List (EVML), with the finalisation of an additional species section. Initial collaboration with regional organisations, including FVE, was also established to support regional uptake and the development of national or regional lists. Work on the triangulation of the antimicrobial resistance chapter across WOAH, WHO, and WVA frameworks was also completed, strengthening alignment and consistency across international guidance. At policy level, the WVA Position Statement on the Availability of Veterinary Pharmaceuticals was reviewed and updated.

Environmental sustainability and medicines stewardship. Initial steps were taken to advance work on the environmental impact of veterinary medicinal products, including the start of collaboration with WSAVA. This area will continue to develop, with a focus on integrating environmental considerations, such as pharmaceutical pollution and disposal practices, into the broader stewardship agenda.

The group continued to promote practical implementation of medicines stewardship through knowledge-sharing initiatives, including the **Medicines Stewardship Seminar** held at WVAC2025 and preparations for WVAC2026. The upcoming seminar will focus on the EVML as a practical tool, including an interactive workshop (“EVML DiY”) to support participants in developing national or regional lists.



CHAIR:
Dr Olatunji Nasir

MEMBERS: Dr Rens van Dobbenburgh; Dr Michael Costin; Dr Hilton Klein; Dr Anis Bouraba; Dr Laura Flores Gutiérrez; Dr Daniel Nenene; Dr Natasha Vasan.

VETERINARY EDUCATION

The Veterinary Education Working Group (VEWG) met regularly throughout the reporting period and continued its work across its main areas of activity.

The group published several key documents, including the WVA Model Veterinarian's Oath, the Position Statement on Implementing Veterinary Continuing Education and Professional Development, **contributing to ongoing work on veterinary education standards and lifelong learning.**

The Veterinary Education Establishment List (VEE List) was launched to map veterinary education institutions globally. Work also progressed on global veterinary education quality standards and a self-evaluation tool. This was further supported by the publication of a WVA-led study, *“Developing Quality Standards for Global Veterinary Education Program Assessments: Veterinary College Strategies to Meet Workforce Demands”*, which provides a global analysis of veterinary education systems and contributes to ongoing work on quality assurance and harmonisation. Together, these activities **advance global access to quality veterinary education and lifelong learning.**

The group participated in the Erasmus+ EDUVET project, contributing to veterinary assistant training, curriculum development, and collaboration with academic and professional institutions. The Veterinary Paraprofessional (VPP) Project, implemented in collaboration with FAO and AVTA, also progressed into its second phase, including a baseline survey, stakeholder engagement, and in-country workshops, **contributing to strengthening a diverse and inclusive veterinary workforce and teams.**

The group also oversaw the WVA-MSD Veterinary Student Scholarship Programme, with scholarships awarded to students across Africa, Asia and Oceania, Latin America, and the North Africa and Middle East regions, **supporting sustainability and well-being in veterinary education and practice.**



CHAIR:
Dr James Ouma

MEMBERS: Dr Peggy Schmidt; Dr Slaven Grbic; Dr Nandipha Toyota; Dr Rozaihan Mansor; Dr Helio Blume; Dr Roula Shaaban; Dr Nomsa Mnisi.

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Developing Quality Standards for Global Veterinary Education Program Assessments: Veterinary College Strategies to Meet Workforce Demands—Results of a Global Survey

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Abstract

Quality veterinary education and training programs are essential for ensuring that national veterinary workforces are well prepared to address animal and veterinary public health needs. Standards for veterinary education establishments (VEEs) around the world are thought to be diverse, but little information is available on approaches to curriculum development, quality assurance methods for evaluating veterinary education programs, teaching and assessment approaches, resources for skills development, and requirements for continuing professional development (CPD) of licensed veterinarians. In this study, VEEs within Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East and North Africa, Oceania, Europe, Latin America, and North America were surveyed anonymously regarding education



WVA MEMBERS

WVA currently brings together 90 members, including Constituent and Observer Members, who are at the heart of the Association’s work, driving its mission and shaping the future of the veterinary profession worldwide.

Since the last General Assembly, WVA has continued to grow its global community, which reflects a shared commitment to advancing veterinary medicine, fostering collaboration, and building a more connected and resilient global profession.

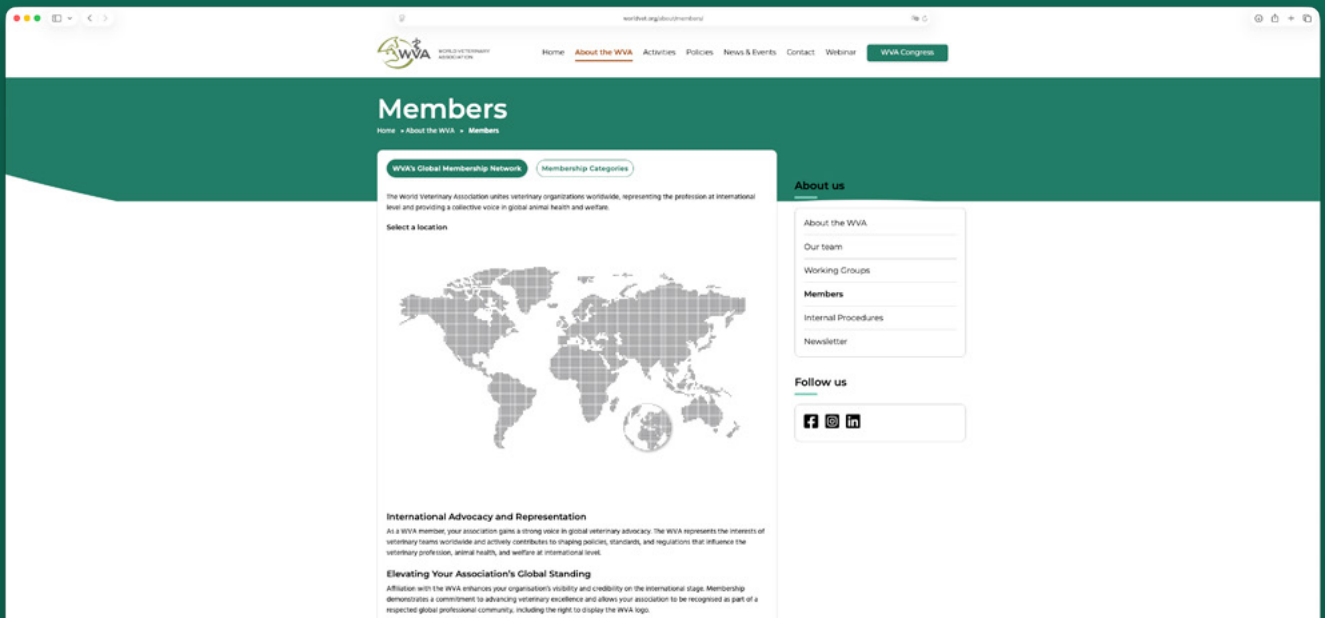
MEMBERSHIP VALUE

Membership in WVA provides significant value to associations. It offers a strong platform for international advocacy and representation, ensuring that members’ voices contribute to shaping global policies, standards, and regulations impacting animal health, welfare, and public health.

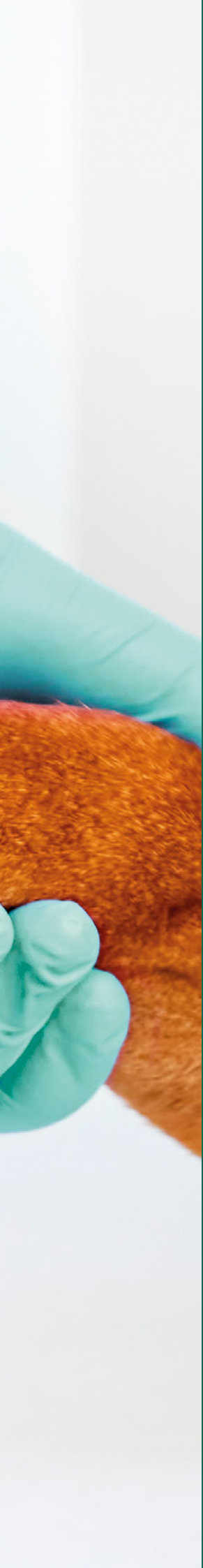
Through WVA, members benefit from extensive opportunities for networking and collaboration across regions and disciplines. In addition, members gain access to continuing education and major events, including the World Veterinary Association Congress, supporting professional development and ongoing learning.

WVA actively engages with both existing and prospective members through a range of online and in-person interactions. These exchanges have strengthened relationships, supported alignment on key priorities, and contributed to the development of the WVA Strategy.

Visit the newly developed website section for more information: worldvet.org/about/members/







KEY PROJECTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

ESSENTIAL VETERINARY MEDICINES LIST

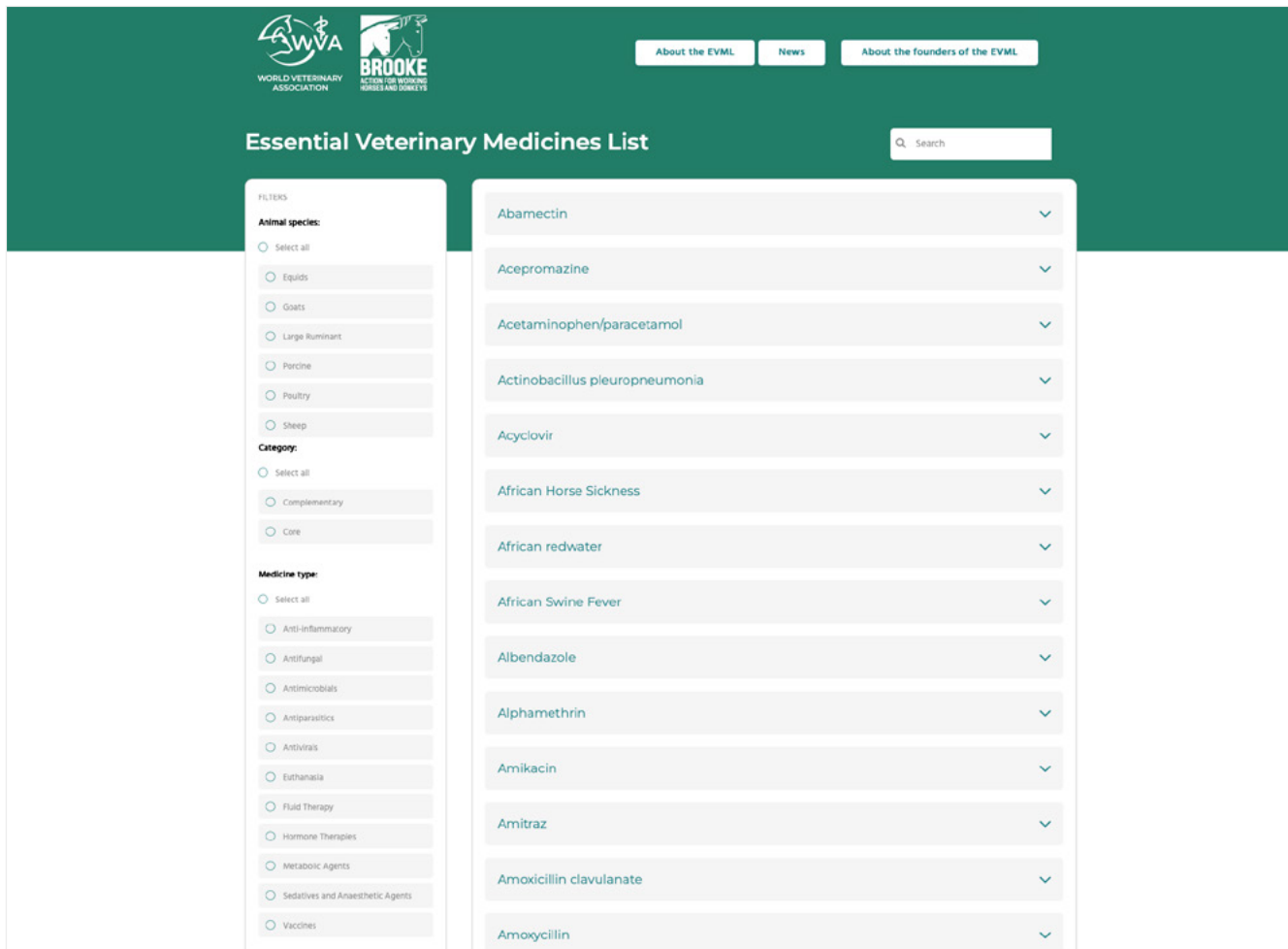
WVA and Brooke continued the development of the Essential Veterinary Medicines List (EVML) for food-producing animals. Inspired by the WHO Model List and complementary to WSAVA’s species-specific tools, the EVML includes over 300 essential medicines and vaccines covering cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, poultry, horses, and donkeys, with poultry added this year as an important expansion.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the partners supports the shared objective of improving veterinarians’ access to safe, effective, and affordable veterinary products, particularly in low-resource settings. This year’s work placed particular emphasis on the antimicrobials chapter, with the successful completion of the triangulation and alignment with WHO and WOAHA antimicrobial resistance frameworks, ensuring global consistency and relevance. WOAHA continues to support the initiative and collaborate on its further development.

The EVML has been developed through a rigorous process of scientific assessment, peer review, and voluntary contributions from experts and member associations. It is designed as a living document, with regular updates supported through global calls for input.

In addition to its development, WVA is further promoting the practical use of the EVML. At the upcoming World Veterinary Association Congress in Tokyo, a dedicated “EVML DIY” workshop will provide a hands-on experience, supporting participants in understanding how to develop national and regional essential medicines lists tailored to their specific contexts.

The EVML is publicly available at: <https://worldvet.org/evml>



WVAC2025/AVMA CONVENTION



In 2025, WVA took the **40th World Veterinary Association Congress (WVAC)** to Washington, D.C., hosted by the **American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)**. Alongside AVMA's outstanding Continuing Education program, WVA organized a series of events addressing critical challenges in veterinary medicine and global health.

GLOBAL ONE HEALTH SUMMIT: VETERINARIANS AT THE FRONT-LINE OF FOOD SECURITY

The highlight of WVA's participation was the **11th WVA Global One Health Summit**, held on **20 July 2025**, which emphasized the veterinary profession's central role in global food security through a One Health approach. The summit brought together global leaders and underscored the vital contribution of veterinarians to health, sustainability, and resilient food systems.

Keynote speakers included **Dr. Emmanuelle Soubeyran**, Director General of the **World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)**, and **Dr. Thanawat Tiensin**, Director of the Animal Health and Production Division and Chief Veterinary Officer of the **UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)**. Additional contributions from the **Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)** and the **UN Environment Programme (UNEP)** highlighted the profession's importance for both public and environmental health.

Through ten expert presentations and a closing panel, speakers addressed topics such as global food supply chain economics, zoonotic disease risks, regulation of novel proteins, and access to essential veterinary medicines. The summit reinforced the consensus that veterinarians are guardians of food security, requiring the right tools, technologies, and regulatory support to succeed.

SEMINAR ON VETERINARY MEDICINES STEWARDSHIP AND GLOBAL ACCESS

On **19 July 2025**, WVA hosted its inaugural **Medicines Stewardship Seminar**, focusing on the urgent need for veterinary medicine access in low- and middle-income countries, alongside a joint **Animal Welfare and Veterinary Education Seminar**.

Dr. Javier Yugueros Marcos (WOAH) opened the Medicines Stewardship session, highlighting challenges such as weak veterinary infrastructure, regulatory gaps, and substandard medicines circulation. He emphasized the importance of initiatives like the **Essential Veterinary Medicines List (EVML)** and WOAH's ALERT system.

Other speakers included **Alex Ringus (Health for Animals)**, who discussed macroeconomic barriers and the benefits of digital registration systems, **Dr. Adelaide Ayoyoi**, advocating regulatory harmonization in sub-Saharan Africa, and **Dr. Jessica Wu (Zoetis)**, who addressed supply chain limitations and the need for local investment and farmer education. The session emphasized the urgency of regulatory reform, stakeholder collaboration, and targeted capacity-building.

JOINT SEMINAR ON ANIMAL WELFARE AND VETERINARY EDUCATION

The **Animal Welfare and Veterinary Education Seminar**, chaired by **Dr. Enid Stiles** and **Dr. James Ouma**, explored ethical and responsible animal use in veterinary training. Introduced by **Dr. Ted Mashima (AAVMC)**, presentations covered ethics in veterinary education (**Dr. Peter Kunzmann**), alternatives to live animal use (**Dr. Jeremy Delcambre** and **Dr. Bonnie Beaver**), and regional approaches from around the world.

A dynamic panel discussion, featuring students and professionals, focused on practical ways to reduce live animal use while maintaining strong educational outcomes—advancing a more humane, innovative, and globally harmonized veterinary education landscape.

A CONGRESS OF IMPACT AND COLLABORATION

The 2025 WVAC, generously hosted by AVMA, delivered a strong **Continuing Education program** and a rich scientific agenda, fostering knowledge exchange across the global veterinary community.

Through the **One Health Summit** and targeted seminars, WVA reaffirmed its commitment to **global veterinary leadership**, bridging science, policy, and practice to address the complex challenges of today's veterinary profession.

WVA GLOBAL VETERINARY AWARDS

The WVA is proud to present the WVA Global Veterinary Awards 2026, recognising exceptional veterinarians whose work has made a significant impact across the global profession. These Awards celebrate excellence, leadership, and contributions to animal, human, and environmental health worldwide.

In 2026, the Awards were delivered in a revised format, with four categories aligned directly with WVA's Strategic Objectives: One Health, Medicines Stewardship, Animal Welfare, and Veterinary Education. Each award highlights veterinarians who demonstrate the highest standards of professionalism, innovation, and leadership in their respective fields.

WVA members were invited to submit nominations, reinforcing the community-driven nature of the Awards. Submissions were evaluated by the corresponding WVA Working Groups, ensuring a robust and expert-led selection process grounded in each strategic area.

The 2026 edition also introduced a new format for recognition and visibility. The Awards Ceremony will be held online in May 2026, enabling broader global participation and accessibility. This will be followed by a dedicated global communications campaign to showcase and celebrate the achievements of the awardees across the international veterinary community.

This evolution of the Awards reflects WVA's commitment to maintaining strong recognition of excellence within the profession, while adapting formats to ensure sustainability, inclusivity, and continued global impact.



VETERINARY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Through this programme, WVA and MSD Animal Health reaffirm their shared commitment to empowering veterinary students and strengthening the global veterinary workforce.

In 2025, we continued our joint commitment to supporting the next generation of veterinarians through the Veterinary Student Scholarship Programme. Now in its 9th year, the initiative remains a key pillar in fostering global veterinary talent and advancing the profession.

The 2025 call for applications received a record-breaking response, with more than 1,100 submissions from veterinary students across Latin America, Africa, North Africa and Middle East, and Asia and Oceania. This unprecedented level of interest highlights both the growing need for financial support and the strong motivation among students to contribute to animal health.

A total of 40 scholarships, each valued at USD 5,000, will be awarded, representing a total investment of USD 200,000 in the future of the profession. The evaluation process, conducted with the support of the Veterinary Education Working Group, ensures a rigorous and fair selection of candidates based on merit, need and potential.

Beyond financial support, the programme continues to demonstrate its long-term impact in shaping future leaders in veterinary medicine. Former recipients have gone on to play active roles within the global veterinary community, illustrating the transformative effect of the initiative.



PROJECT SUSTAINABLE **BUSINESS THROUGH TRAINING** FOR VETERINARY PARA-PROFESSIONALS (VPP)

Building on the progress reported in 2025, the Sustainable Business through Training for Veterinary Paraprofessionals (VPP) project continued its second phase, led by the World Veterinary Association (WVA) in collaboration with the African Veterinary Technicians Association (AVTA) and with the support of FAO. The project focuses on strengthening collaboration between veterinarians and veterinary paraprofessionals (VPPs) to improve veterinary service delivery.

During the reporting period, the final in-person workshop was held in October 2025 in South Africa, bringing together key stakeholders from participating countries to consolidate progress and advance implementation. This workshop built on previous activities, including baseline assessments and earlier national workshops, and supported the refinement of country-specific approaches.

Following this, WVA and partners provided continued support to participating national veterinary associations to implement the Action Plans agreed during the workshops. This included follow-up engagement aimed at strengthening collaboration between veterinarians and VPPs, clarifying roles, and supporting more effective service delivery at field level.

The project is reaching its final phase, marked by the organisation of a joint webinar bringing together participants, partners, and stakeholders to share key outcomes, lessons learned, and country experiences. The webinar highlighted progress achieved across participating countries, including strengthened collaboration, governance developments, and increased recognition of the role of VPPs within veterinary systems. It also provided a platform to reflect on remaining challenges, including terminology, professional recognition, and regulatory frameworks, and to identify priorities for future work.



STRENGTHENING VETERINARY EDUCATION IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

In 2025, the WVA took part in the EDUVET Project, co-funded by the European Union and implemented with the Hungarian MeOut Group and with African veterinary institutions. The project aims to enhance veterinary assistant training in Malawi, Tanzania, Zambia, and Botswana through curriculum innovation, hands-on learning, and sustainable partnerships.

The initiative began with a kick-off in Mazabuka, Zambia, aligning goals with local partners, and engaged over 200 students, educators, and professionals through practical EDUVETerinary Bootcamps. WVA experts contributed to curriculum reform and mentoring, integrating One Health, animal welfare, and digital learning tools.

In Botswana, the Advanced Training in Gaborone focused on honeybee health, foot-and-mouth disease, and peste des petits ruminants, while the EDUVET Conference in Maun brought together academia, industry, and public-sector stakeholders to discuss vocational education innovation, policy alignment, and employability.

These activities strengthened practical skills, fostered regional collaboration, and built sustainable pathways for veterinary workforce development—marking a significant step toward resilient, future-ready veterinary education systems in Africa.



WORLD VETERINARY DAY 2025

THEME: “Animal Health Takes a Team”

DATE: 25 April 2025

In 2025, World Veterinary Day was celebrated under the theme “Animal Health Takes a Team”, highlighting the collaborative nature of veterinary practice and the essential contributions of a wide range of professionals working across the animal health sector.

To mark the occasion, the WVA launched the global social media campaign “Spotlight the Veterinary Professional”, designed to recognise and celebrate the individuals who make up the veterinary workforce. The campaign invited veterinarians, veterinary technicians, nurses, paraprofessionals, and support staff to share their roles, experiences, and contributions to animal health.

Throughout the campaign, participants from around the world showcased the diversity, dedication, and expertise of veterinary teams, reinforcing the message that high-quality animal care depends on strong collaboration across multiple roles. Clinics, institutions, and individuals shared stories, photos, and testimonials, helping to raise awareness of the often unseen work carried out behind the scenes.



The initiative also encouraged pet owners and the wider public to express their appreciation for veterinary professionals, fostering greater recognition of their impact on animal welfare, public health, and society as a whole.

By amplifying these voices, the 2025 campaign successfully strengthened engagement within the global veterinary community and highlighted the importance of teamwork in delivering effective and sustainable animal health services.

NEW IMAGE FOR WVD

The 2025 campaign was further strengthened through a refreshed visual identity, including the re-design of the World Veterinary Day logo, enhancing recognition and consistency across platforms. A comprehensive communications toolkit was also developed, providing stakeholders with ready-to-use materials to support local engagement. These resources contributed to a more cohesive and professional global campaign presence. Overall, these improvements significantly enhanced communication, participation, and visibility worldwide.

WORLD VETERINARY DAY AWARD

WVA was also pleased to conduct the World Veterinary Day Award. This award is open exclusively to WVA member associations and recognises outstanding campaigns developed in alignment with the annual WVD theme. The award is kindly sponsored by HealthforAnimals.



VETERINARY EDUCATION ESTABLISHMENT INDEX



WVA, the International Veterinary Students' Association (IVSA), and Dr. Neil Vezeau (USA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to further develop and maintain a global Veterinary Education Establishments (VEE) Index. This soon to be publicly accessible database will provide comprehensive information on veterinary institutions worldwide, including official names, locations, contact details, and accreditation status where available.

Led by Dr. Vezeau, the initiative consolidates existing regional and national lists from WVA, WOA, AVMA, and others into a single, verified resource. The project aims to enhance transparency, support international collaboration, inform workforce planning, and strengthen research across veterinary education systems, contributing to broader One Health goals.

Data collection and verification will be coordinated by a global network of volunteers, ensuring high-quality, regionally representative information. The MoU covers an initial four-year period, with a commitment to long-term maintenance, periodic review.

Expansion will be possible through additional partnerships to secure the Index as a sustainable global resource for the veterinary profession.

GLOBAL VEE QUALITY STANDARDS FOR VETERINARY EDUCATION: STANDARDS AND SELF-EVALUATIONS

This project focuses on developing a self-evaluation tool for veterinary education quality standards, providing a foundational framework for harmonised quality assurance. It is aimed at institutions not currently engaged in formal Veterinary Education Establishment (VEE) accreditation programs. As part of the initiative, 11 comprehensive standards were developed, and two academic papers were published to support and disseminate the work.

In 2025, WVA was pleased to announce the publication of a landmark study, "Developing Quality Standards for Global Veterinary Education Program Assessments: Veterinary College Strategies to Meet Workforce Demands", in the *Journal of Veterinary Medical Education*. Led by Dr. Patricia Turner, WVA Past President, the study examined how veterinary colleges across different regions align programme assessments with workforce needs, addressing animal health, public health, food safety, and One Health principles. The research underscores the importance of self-assessment mechanisms for institutions in regions without formal accreditation, enabling them to independently evaluate and improve educational quality.

These efforts represent a critical step toward greater transparency, consistency, and global comparability in veterinary education. WVA continues to advance tools and partnerships that strengthen veterinary training and workforce readiness worldwide.

WVA NEWSLETTER

Issued monthly with WVA news, opinion pieces, updates from members, and global veterinary developments. Plans available for partners include expanded features and partner editorials. The WVA Newsletter is experiencing 30% year-over-year growth, reflecting its increasing influence, expanding readership, and growing engagement across regions. This sustained growth demonstrates its value as a trusted platform for veterinary professionals, policymakers, educators, and partners worldwide.

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President's Message

Advancing Veterinary Medicine: One Health, New Leadership, and a Shared Commitment to Progress

Yesterday we celebrated World Wildlife Day on March 3 and in anticipation of our WVAC 2026 in Tokyo, Japan in April, I can share that we will be hosting the 12th One Health Summit dedicated to **Wildlife and One Health: Integrating Health, Food Security, and Environmental Resilience**. We will also be hosting our seminars on Veterinary Education, Animal Welfare, and Medicine Stewardship as well, something we always take great pride in.

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PARTNERSHIPS



WOAH

WVA continued its engagement with WOAH across key areas of collaboration, including veterinary education, the veterinary workforce, animal welfare, medicines stewardship, and antimicrobial resistance. Continued exchanges also addressed topics related to strengthening the veterinary profession and alignment of priorities.

WVA participated in the 7th WOAH Animal Welfare Global Forum (13–14 November 2025, Paris), contributing to ongoing discussions on animal welfare at global level.



WHO

WVA holds official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO) and remained actively engaged in WHO-led work on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and the One Health agenda. Contributions included continued input to technical consultations and ongoing engagement in global health processes, including discussions under the Intergovernmental Working Group (IGWG).

UNEP

WVA is officially accredited with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as a Civil Society stakeholder and continued its engagement on the environmental pillar of One Health. During the reporting period, WVA participated in UNEA-7 and the related stakeholder hearing, contributing to discussions on the animal welfare–environment nexus and the role of veterinary perspectives in these processes.

These engagements also reflect the increasing integration of One Health within UNEP’s work, with growing recognition of the links between environmental sustainability, animal health and welfare, and public health.

FAO

Collaboration with FAO continued across key areas, including veterinary workforce development, animal health systems, and One Health implementation. FAO remained a key partner in the Veterinary Paraprofessional (VPP) project, supporting country-level activities to strengthen collaboration between veterinarians and paraprofessionals and improve service delivery.

PARTNERSHIPS



WORLD MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

WVA strengthened its collaboration with the World Medical Association (WMA), including the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding during the WVA Congress in Washington D.C. The partnership also resulted in a joint statement on rabies, reinforcing the importance of a One Health approach and coordinated action to eliminate the disease globally.



IVSA

WVA strengthened its collaboration with the International Veterinary Students' Association (IVSA), including through the provision of a President's Grant to support global veterinary student leadership and engagement. Members of IVSA also participated as observers in WVA Working Group meetings, further strengthening engagement with the next generation of veterinary professionals and ensuring student perspectives are reflected in ongoing work. This collaboration also continued through joint work on veterinary education initiatives, including the development of the Veterinary Education Establishment (VEE) Index, supporting global mapping of veterinary education systems.

ACTION FOR ANIMAL HEALTH COALITION

WVA continued its collaboration within the Action for Animal Health Coalition, contributing to joint efforts to position animal health within global policy agendas. This included the joint publication of recommendations for the UN High-Level Meeting on PPPR 2026 and a joint briefing to Member States in the context of the INB, highlighting the role of veterinarians and prevention at source.

Collaboration also supported the dissemination of One Health in Action: Case Studies Demonstrating Multi-Sectoral Approaches to Pandemic Prevention and Health Security.



ADVOCACY



QUADRIPARTITE AMR MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIP PLATFORM

WVA continued its engagement in the Non-State Actors Cluster of the Quadripartite AMR Multi-Stakeholder Partnership Platform, contributing to ongoing global discussions and ensuring representation of veterinary perspectives. This included engagement in processes linked to the International Panel of Experts on AMR (IPEA), supporting the integration of animal health within emerging global AMR governance.

WVA also contributed to the development of the draft Global Action Plan on AMR, including coordinated input from its members. The current draft includes a specific reference to the World Veterinary Association and recognises the Essential Veterinary Medicines List (EVML) as a practical tool to support responsible use and access to veterinary medicines. WVA's contributions emphasised the need to strengthen animal health systems and veterinary workforce capacity, ensure sustainable financing for implementation, and improve equitable access to veterinary medicines as core components of AMR strategies.

In parallel, WVA supported ongoing efforts to better integrate animal welfare within AMR policy discussions, recognising its role in reducing disease burden and antimicrobial use as part of a One Health approach.

These efforts build on WVA's contributions to the UN Political Declaration on AMR and support ongoing implementation towards 2026, reinforcing the role of animal health and One Health approaches in global AMR policy.



AFRICAN ANIMAL WELFARE CONFERENCE

WVA engaged in the African Animal Welfare Conference, contributing to regional dialogue on animal welfare within a One Health framework. This engagement builds on WVA's previous work on issues such as the donkey skin trade, supporting continued collaboration and awareness on animal welfare challenges with cross-border and environmental implications.

PANDEMIC PREVENTION, PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE (PPPR)

WVA significantly strengthened its advocacy in the lead-up to the United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response (PPPR) 2026, with a clear focus on positioning animal health within global prevention frameworks.

WVA moderated a high-level UN dialogue on multisectoral perspectives to prevent future pandemics, in collaboration with partners including Brooke, Action for Working Horses and Donkeys, FOUR PAWS, Preventing Pandemics at the Source (PPATS), and the Wildlife Conservation Society. The discussion brought together Member States and stakeholders to advance key policy messages: that effective prevention is not possible without animal health, that veterinarians are essential health professionals, and that animal health systems constitute core prevention infrastructure requiring dedicated investment and financing.

These priorities were further reinforced through joint advocacy, including the publication of recommendations with the Action for Animal Health Coalition ahead of the PPPR High-Level Meeting, as well as through a Lancet Comment calling for stronger global focus on spillover prevention and the integration of animal health within pandemic prevention strategies. WVA consistently advocated for a shift towards prevention at source, and for the operationalisation of One Health through concrete governance, workforce integration, and financing mechanisms. This work also builds on the WVA Position Statement on Veterinarians as Health Professionals, further supporting the formal recognition of veterinarians within global health systems.

PANDEMIC AGREEMENT AND IGWG FOLLOW-UP

WVA remained actively engaged in global processes related to the WHO Pandemic Agreement, including follow-up work under the Intergovernmental Working Group (IGWG) on the development of the PABS (Pathogen Access and Benefit Sharing) Annex.

WVA contributed to discussions by emphasising that the PABS system must be inclusive of the animal health sector, given that most emerging pathogens with pandemic potential are zoonotic in origin. Advocacy focused on ensuring that surveillance, research, and benefit-sharing mechanisms are effectively integrated across human, animal, and environmental health systems.



WVA supported a balanced approach that promotes equitable sharing of benefits while enabling timely access to samples, sequence data, and countermeasures. Particular emphasis was placed on the need to build trust across countries and sectors, and to ensure that One Health is operationalised in practice through inclusive governance and coordinated implementation.

Following the adoption of key provisions of the Pandemic Agreement in 2025, WVA encourages continued convergence towards finalisation of the PABS Annex at the World Health Assembly, while ensuring that the role of animal health and veterinary systems remains adequately reflected in the final framework.

UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY (UNEA)

WVA continued its engagement with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), including active participation in the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7) and related stakeholder processes.



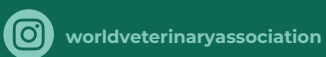
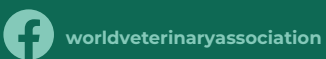
WVA contributed to discussions on the environmental dimension of One Health, with a particular focus on antimicrobial resistance (AMR), pollution, and ecosystem health. Engagement highlighted the role of veterinary services in addressing environmental drivers of health risks and reinforced the need to integrate animal health perspectives into environmental governance frameworks.

These contributions also supported ongoing efforts to position veterinarians as key actors in advancing sustainable practices, addressing pharmaceutical pollution, and strengthening the links between animal health, biodiversity, and global health within One Health implementation.

VULTURE CRISIS AND VETERINARY PHARMACEUTICALS

WVA contributed to raising awareness on the risks associated with the use of certain non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) in animals, particularly their impact on vulture populations and wider biodiversity. This work was conducted under a WOAAH-led initiative, in collaboration with international partners, to address the ongoing vulture crisis.

This issue highlights the critical interface between veterinary pharmaceutical use, ecosystem health, and public health. WVA emphasised the need for responsible use of veterinary medicines, strengthened regulatory oversight, and the promotion of safe alternatives, while reinforcing the role of veterinarians in preventing unintended environmental consequences and supporting biodiversity conservation.



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