Message from the WVA President

April is a month for recognition of a number of important events and global animal health issues. **World Veterinary Day** is celebrated on April 30 with the theme of “Continuing Education with a One Health focus”. The WVA would like to hear what your association is doing to educate veterinarians and the public on the close relationship between animals and people and the collaboration required for a One Health approach with other health care professions. We will post your activities on the WVA media channels. Don’t forget to submit your application to the WVA and OIE for eligibility and recognition with the WVD Award (1000 USD) to be presented at the OIE General Assembly in May 2016.

World Animal Vaccination Day

The WVA has partnered with HealthforAnimals to initiate World Animal Vaccination Day (WAVD) on April 20 to be closely associated with the World Health Organization’s World Vaccination Week. Each year we will highlight a different species. This inaugural day will focus on the importance of cat vaccination and keeping feline vaccines up to date. Cats are highly susceptible to infectious disease, but significantly under-protected. Prevention is better than cure and vaccination has proven invaluable for decades to prevent animal suffering and economic loss from disease, as well as to decrease the likelihood for zoonotic human infections. World Animal Vaccination Day raises awareness of the vital role vaccines play in protecting the health of animals and, as a result, people too. Rabies vaccination for animals is an important example.

WVA General Assembly 2016

The WVA General Assembly will gather in Panama on Monday, October 3, 2016. WVA focuses on two benefits for veterinary medicine:
1. Resources that assist our Member associations provide better veterinary care, and
2. Activities and Partnerships that ultimately improve global animal and public health.
Contact your regional and international WVA Council members, the WVA Secretariat or WVA President directly with your ideas, or bring them to the General Assembly as Proposals. We can assist you with drafting your proposals for the GA agenda and consideration. You, the Members,
are the highest authority and best source of knowledge for the WVA. Take an active role. Please find hereafter the links to the reports of the WVA Council meetings of:

- 13th September 2015
- 28th October 2015
- 16th December 2015
- 27th January 2016
- 9th March 2016

**WVA Events - Save the Dates**

3-7 October 2016 - Pan American Association of Veterinary Sciences Congress (PANVET) in Panama

10-11 November 2016 - 2nd WVA/WMA Global Conference on One Health in Japan

27-31 August 2017 – 33rd World Veterinary Congress in Korea

Thank you for your membership. We need your expertise and participation for the world to hear our message about 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!

Please forward this info-news to your individual members

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