Message from the WVA President

Dear WVA members,

This was a very sad time for the WVA Council and for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region with the passing of Prof. Dr. Farouk El Dessouky. Dr. El Dessouky was a highly respected and passionately dedicated veterinarian to his work, his profession, and to organized veterinary medicine. He will be dearly missed by the WVA and his many friends and colleagues who knew him best. The WVA extends our sincerest sympathies to his family during this difficult time.

Revision of the WVA Policy Statements

The WVA dedicated working groups on the WVA priorities issues with the grateful help of the WVA experts and comments from the WVA members are revising all the WVA Policy Statements. The WVA Council adopted recently the WVA Policy Statements on the Role of the Veterinarian in Animal Welfare and on the Control of Inappropriately Aggressive Dogs.

In this regards, the WVA Policy Committee together with the WVA Working Group on Zoonotic Diseases would like to invite you to express your opinion regarding the WVA draft position on Dog-Mediated Rabies (click here for the word document). The deadline for WVA members’ inputs is 15th April 2016. The WVA would like to thank you in advance for your kind contributions.

AAVMC Annual Conference

The WVA President was invited to give a plenary presentation at 50th Anniversary Conference of the American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) in Washington DC focusing on One Health, specifically the outcomes and recommendations from the 1st WVA/WMA Global Conference on One Health in Madrid last May. There was an emphasis on moving toward a more preventive and inter-professional Approach which will be further explored in the 2nd GCOH in Japan in November 2016.

WVA Year for Veterinary Continuing Education
The WVA Year for Veterinary Continuing Education is getting ready for a very busy fall with two major continuing education meetings.

**PANVET 2016** (PANVET is a WVA Member) Congress will be held from 3-7th October 2016 in Panama. The WVA Council and General Assembly will be held in Latin America for the first time in association with the PANVET Congress. Come enjoy everything Panama has to offer, including the new Panama Canal.

The second event is **2nd Global Conference on One Health** that will take place in Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan on 10th-11th November 2016. The 2GCOH is following the successful GCOH that was held in Madrid in May 2015. The WVA and WMA in close collaboration with the Japan Medical Association (JMA) and the Japan Veterinary Medical Association (JVMA) are looking forward to welcoming you in Japan.

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!

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