WVA General Assembly to be held 14th September, during the World Veterinary Congress in Istanbul

The WVA has a full agenda for its General Assembly in Istanbul, Turkey next month. Items include reports on all activities of the past year focused on the 5 strategic priorities of the WVA, special reports from Constituent Members (Georgia, Republic of Korea, and Nepal), reports from the Communications Working Group, Finance (budget review), Policy, and World Veterinary Congress Committees, and any Proposals received from Members by the 13th August (deadline for consideration by the General Assembly). Members should receive their Agenda Books in the next 2-3 weeks. The draft agenda for the General Assembly can be found HERE and the template for Constituent Members to submit Proposals can be found HERE.

WVA Council Approves Extended Policy Committee and Advisory Groups

In its teleconference on Wednesday, 29th July 2015, the Council approved a process for enlarging the Policy Committee and establishing a network for Advisory Groups to the Policy Committee for expertise on several topics, including those of strategic priority to the WVA. At this time, WVA would to welcome nominations from Constituent Members for the Advisory Groups. You can view the Terms of Reference for Advisory Groups HERE and nominate an expert by using the nomination form available HERE. This is a great opportunity for Constituent Members to have direct influence on drafting WVA policy statements. We need your expertise and welcome your participation. The approved minutes of the Council call-conference of 17th June can be found HERE.

The WVA Welcomes Two Associations to the WVA as Constituent Members

The WVA Council approved membership for two associations; the General Union of Tunisian Doctors of Veterinary Medicine and the New Zealand Veterinary Association. These two associations represent different areas of the world in 1) Asia and Oceania, and 2) the Middle East and North Africa. Both areas are extremely important for their knowledge, culture, and ability to bring information to the WVA from their regions, and for the WVA to extend policies and influence to veterinary issues in these regions.
The WVA joins the International One Health Coalition of the One Health Platform

In alignment with the Zoonosis strategic priority, the WVA Council has accepted an invitation to join the International One Health Coalition (IOHC) as part of the newly established One Health Platform. This coalition is a collaborative partnership with existing international governmental and non-governmental organizations and institutions with the aim to reinforce the One Health concept. The main objectives of the One Health Platform include the promotion of a cross-sectoral and collaborative approach to improve the health and well-being of humans, animals and their environments, to fostering scientific research into zoonosis and vector-borne infectious diseases and to develop the most appropriate communication tools to convey novel scientific findings and to communicate widely about One Health issues.

Inaugural ceremony of the 33rd WVC Organizing Committee

On 23 July 2015, the Korean Veterinary Medical Association (KVMA) organized the inaugural ceremony of the Organizing Committee of the 33rd World Veterinary Congress (WVC) that will take place in Incheon, South Korea in August 2017. WVA President, Dr René Carlson opened the ceremony via video message wishing the the Organizing Committee a succesful preparation for the WVC. The inaugural ceremony was attended by the ministry of agriculture and livestock of Korea, the mayor of Incheon metro city and main veterinarians of 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!

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