Message from the WVA President

Dear colleagues around the world,

**Consistent good leadership** is the key to any organization’s success, both short-term and long-term. Good leadership involves **people who know how to achieve goals and inspire people along the way**. More than ever, the WVA needs a Council composed of good leaders, led by the President as Chair of the Council. As we consider potential candidates from the six different geographic regions and international organizations as representatives to the WVA Council, consider these qualities to assure the open engagement by all members:

- **Commitment** - Councilors must have a passion for the work of the WVA, communicate it regularly to stakeholders, and build lasting relationships. They need to commit to **attendance at scheduled meetings** to assure a quorum and to be positive advocates for the WVA at all times.

- **Good communicator** – The primary language of a geographic region is important, yet to clearly understand the discussions during leadership meetings with representatives from across the globe, **fluency in English is necessary** to understand the agenda, participate in the debate, and fully comprehend the decisions to be made.

- **Optimism** - The very best leaders are a source of **positive energy**. They look for ways to gain consensus and get people to work together efficiently and effectively as a team.

- **Trustworthy** – Councilors must be committed to the work of the WVA and understand the responsibilities of a “Board of Directors” for the **fiduciary duties of care, loyalty, and obedience**. Strong leaders believe that honesty, effort, and reliability form the foundation of success.

The next few weeks are extremely important. Please consider the best people for candidates for the WVA Council to assure the most effective voice and valued impact for the veterinary medical profession for years to come. **The Deadline for application submission is 27th April 2017.**

More information regarding the WVA Elections 2017 can be found [HERE](#).
This is the WVA Constituent Members' chance to nominate an Animal Welfare Champion to win monetary award of 5,000 euros and travel package to Korea to attend the WVC 2017 and to receive this huge honour. The WVA Animal Welfare Awards aim to recognize and reward veterinarians who have provided outstanding and exemplary welfare-related services to animal owners, hosts, fellow veterinarians, and the general public. The Global Animal Welfare Awards 2017 will be presented to 1 selected veterinarian from each of the 6 WVA regions. The WVA Animal Welfare Awards Ceremony will take place in Incheon, Korea during the 33rd World Veterinary Congress. Learn more about the WVA Animal Welfare 2017 Award [HERE].

WORLD VETERINARY DAY 2017
Deadline for applications – 10th May
World Veterinary Day (WVD) will take place globally on 29th April 2017. This event aims to highlight and promote the different facets of the work performed by veterinarians all over the world and to raise awareness on their contribution to improve animal health and welfare, as well as public health. Each year, a different topic is selected by the WVA and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) which are at the initiative of this event. The Theme for 2017 is Antimicrobial Resistance - From Awareness To Action. The competition is open to all WVA member associations, alone, or in cooperation with any other selected body. The organisers will select the winners according to the quality of their project and activities, their ability to raise awareness on the topic as well as their capacity to implement coordinated and multi-sectoral actions, at the occasion of the WVD 2017 and all year long. The winner will be announced at the Opening Ceremony of the OIE 85th General Session to be held in Paris, France on 21st May 2017 and the award will be presented to the winner during the World Veterinary Congress 2017 in Incheon, Korea. More information regarding the WVD Award 2017 can be found [HERE].

WORLD VETERINARY CONGRESS 2017 – WVA Activities
The Organizing Committee of the WVC 2017 has prepared an outstanding educational and social program for veterinarians from all over the world to take place in Incheon, Korea on 27-31st August 2017. WVA members will benefit from a reduced registration fees. Learn more...

WVA ACTIVITIES
During the WVAC2017, the WVA will hold the following events:

WVA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2017
The General Assembly (GA) represents the interests of all the Member associations, and is the highest authority of the WVA. This is your opportunity for submitting proposals, in-person discussions and a vote on important issues facing global veterinary medicine. The meeting will take place on Monday, 28th August 2017, 11:00 -17:00. During the meeting, the WVA Council will inform you about the Association’s recent initiatives and activities, global projects and communication strategies and will present to you the newly elected Council for the 2017-2019...
In addition, the Korean Veterinary Medical Association (KVMA) is kindly offering to the WVA GA delegates (one delegate per association) a reduced registration fee for the 33rd World Veterinary Congress (US250$, regular Student Fee).

**WVA/WORLD ANIMAL PROTECTION GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON ANIMAL WELFARE**

The World Veterinary Association and the World Animal Protection in close collaboration with the Korean Veterinary Medical Association are preparing a Global Seminar on Animal Welfare with the theme; *World Challenges in Animal Welfare* to take place on 29th August during the 33rd WVC Congress. The objective of the global seminar on animal welfare is to highlight the importance of animal welfare in the veterinary profession and the challenges, opportunities and potential roles and responsibilities that the science of animal welfare presents to veterinarians. The program for the conference can be found [HERE](#).

**WVA GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON QUALITY ASSURANCE IN VETERINARY EDUCATION**

The World Veterinary Association with the support of Ceva Sante Animale is preparing a Conference on Quality Assurance in Veterinary Education to take place on 30th August 2017 during the 33rd WVC. This conference is a first step to deliver the WVA long-term vision for WVA recognition of Veterinary Education Establishments (VEEs) assessments for specific competencies in veterinary education. The objective of this conference is to convene a global working session for representatives from both the VEEs and accrediting bodies of veterinary medical programs (VMPs) to be in attendance to learn about self-assessment and evaluation of VMPs to assure core competencies and continuous improvement of programs based on gaps identified in the process. The program for the conference can be found [HERE](#).

**4TH WVA SUMMIT WITH HIGH-LEVEL SUPPORT OF FAO, OIE AND WHO**

Following the past Global Summits, held in 2011 in Cape Town (SA), in 2013 in Prague (CR) and in 2015 in Istanbul (TR), the WVA with the support of FAO, OIE and WHO are preparing the 4th Summit meeting on the theme of *Antimicrobial Resistance: from awareness to Action* to take place on 29th August during the 33rd WVC. The aim of the Summit is to learn about global AMR situation and ongoing action and implementation plans to tackle AMR. The Summit will include a panel discussions where the delegates will have the opportunity to discuss with the international bodies representative’s issues related to AMR.
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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