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History

In 1863, Dr John Gamgee convened a first International Veterinary Congress in Hamburg, Germany. An initiative that has grown to what the World Veterinary Association (WVA) is today.
History

First International congress by John Gamgee

1863

Congresses on
- Zoonosis
- Veterinary Law
- Food safety
- Education

First World Congress

1899

Permanent Committee

1905

1959

1963

World veterinary year

2011

2013

100 year: World Animal Health Year

WVC 2013

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Members

The WVA unites and represents the global veterinary profession on all its wide aspects and is an umbrella organisation for:

- **76** National Veterinary Associations.

- **12** International associations of veterinarians working in different areas of veterinary medicine.
Current structure of the WVA

- **Secretariat**
- **Presidents Assembly**
  - Every two years
- **Council**
  - Total of 13 Regional Councillors
- **EXCOM**
  - President + 2 Vice-Presidents + Past President
Policy areas

- **One Health**
  - Animal Health and welfare
  - Public Health
  - Environment

- Education and Life Long Learning

- Strengthening the veterinary profession
Mission

To assure and promote animal health and welfare and public health globally, through developing and advancing veterinary medicine, the veterinary profession as well as public and private veterinary services.
Vision for the future

- To be the voice of the global veterinary profession

- All countries in the world shall have well-functioning veterinary services that shall meet the needs of society and that are valued by society.

- There shall exist a strong united global veterinary community, ensuring that veterinary services have sufficient resources that are staffed with veterinarians, who are properly educated and licensed by the legal authority to practice veterinary medicine.
Main WVA Goals for 2013 - 2018

- The WVA is recognized by national authorities, international institutions and relevant parties as the **global voice of the veterinary profession**

- The WVA has policies and positions which focus on the **top global veterinary issues**.

- Promote the development and establishment of **well-functioning veterinary services** (private and public)

- Promote **high quality** veterinary education

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Main WVA Goals for 2013 – 2018 (continue)

- The WVA has an established strategy to **communicate and collaborate effectively** with its member-organisations as well as with external parties.

- The WVA’s **World Veterinary Congress** is the association’s platform to convey its key messages and to reach out to the profession and stakeholders.

- Ensure and safeguard the **long term viability** of WVA
WVA Current situation

- The WVA can be considered as an organisation in **constant evolution**

- The WVA is currently in the process of **revising its own structure and procedures**. The Constitution, Bylaws, Policies and Procedures will be tailored towards achieving future goals, including an increase in **members’ involvement** and to speed up the decision making process.

- The WVA is exploring possibilities to **strengthen its financial position** including the development of a new concept for the organisation and management of the World Veterinary Congress.
Recent actions

- WVA Council adopted the **WVA Strategy 2013 – 2018** (available on WVA website).

- WVA Council adopted a **new WVA Constitution & Bylaws** which will be submitted to the Presidents Assembly for possible adoption.

- WVA Council adopted a **new set of principles for the future World Veterinary Congress** (a final decision to change the current WVC rules is to be made by Presidents Assembly in Prague 2013).
Recent actions (continue)

Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs)

- In 2012, WVA signed with the World Medical Association a MoUs for future collaboration on One-Health concept, which is a unified approach to veterinary and human medicine in order to improve Global Health.

- WVA is currently negotiating MuOs with: WSPA and WFO.

- WVA have on-going collaboration plans with FAO and WHO.
WVA Policy Positions

• WVA Council adopted recently WVA Policy Positions on:
  ✓ Identifying a Veterinarian
  ✓ Rabies
  ✓ Responsible Use of Antimicrobials
  ✓ Veterinary Statutory Body

• WVA is currently finalizing Policy Positions on:
  ➢ Control of Inappropriately Aggressive Dogs
  ➢ Animal Welfare Well-being and Ethology
  ➢ Statutory and Regulatory Authority for Aquatic Veterinary Medicine
31st World Veterinary Congress 2013

including:

- Global Summit (organized together with FAO, OIE and WHO).
- WVA 150th Anniversary Celebration event.
- John Gamgee Award
World veterinary day award 2013

The theme for the World Veterinary Day Award 2013: **Vaccination**.

- The winner announcement: at the OIE 81st General Session.
- Receiving price of 1000 US$: at the World Veterinary Congress.

More information on the WVA website: [www.worldwet.org](http://www.worldwet.org)
WVA Global conference on Veterinary Education

Bangkok, Thailand during 2014.

Including the establishment of a global forum/association of veterinary school deans
Communication

- New **WVA website** to be launched in July 2013
Communication (cont.)

- Focus on Regional meetings
- Newsletter: 4-5 editions per year
- Info-news: 2 editions per month focusing on WVA activities
- Use of social media networks (Facebook, Tweeter etc.)
Thank you very much for your attention