MESSAGE FROM THE WVA PRESIDENT

On 5-8th May 2018, the 34th World Veterinary Association Congress (WVAC) took place in Barcelona, Spain. The WVAC2018 was attended by 700 delegates from 67 countries. The congress provided an excellent scientific program including presentations from top veterinary experts from around the globe. The number of participants didn’t reach the organizers expectations, nevertheless, the experience gained from the first WVAC under the new structure will allow to the WVA and the local organizers of the future WVACs to learn and to improve the future congresses experience. The report of the WVAC2018 will be published soon and will include the outcomes of the WVA 5th Summit and Animal Welfare seminar meetings.

The WVA and Veterinary Association of Costa Rica are now preparing the 35th WVAC that will take place on 27-30th April 2019. As the President of the WVA, I would like personally to request the WVA members to assist the WVA in promoting the WVAC2019 to your members and colleagues in your country and region for the success of the future of the WVA congresses.

I would like also to take this opportunity and to remind you that the call for interest for the WVA Secretariat service has been sent out and the deadline for letter submission is 30th June 2018. Please send your letter of interest to WVA President, Dr Johnson Chiang at jvh125@gmail.com and in copy to the Chair of the WVA Finance Committee, Dr Clive Marwick at clocvet@ntelecom.co.za

WVA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018

The WVA GA 2018 took place on 6th May 2018 in Barcelona, Spain during the 34th WVAC. Around 90 delegates from 40 member associations attend the meeting. In addition to the regular agenda items, the WVA organized a special brainstorming session with WVA delegates to discuss the future of the WVA and members’ engagement in the WVA activities. The session was moderated by President Elect, Patricia Turner. Dr Turner presented the results of the survey that was prepared to get initial input. The “Big Picture” survey messages were:
• WVA’s 4 strategic priorities continue to be priorities globally.
• Partnering with OIE, FAO is very helpful and important.
• WVA global education programs are very impactful and well-received.
• Local involvement and visibility is important.
• WVA can raise the status and influence of vets locally.
• Funding continues to be a limiting issue.

The full survey results and the brainstorming session outcomes will be published as part of the report of WVA GA 2018 meeting that will be published soon.

MEETING WITH THE OIE DIRECTOR GENERAL

On 23rd May 2018, WVA President met with the OIE Director General, Dr Monique Eliot during the OIE’s 86th General Session. The two discussed the WVA/OIE Memorandum of Understanding and its priority issues on One Health, Good governance of veterinary services and Veterinary Education. Both parties also agreed that WVA will continue on its own to organise the future World Veterinary Day Awards (with the possible support of the veterinary industry) and OIE will help promote it via the OIE media channels. The two organisations finalized the draft questionnaire in order to create a global repository of available/needed guidelines on therapeutic usage of antimicrobials. The survey findings will be presented at the OIE Global Conference on AMR in Morocco in October 2018. The WVA is looking forward to receive your contributions.

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The WVA needs your expertise and participation for the world to hear our message on 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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