WVA President Visits Veterinary Leaders

Since his appointment as WVA President at the end of August 2017, Dr Johnson Chiang has participated in a number of veterinary events and met with veterinary leaders around the world. On the 25th of September, WVA President visited the WVA secretariat in Brussels, Belgium to gain a deeper understanding of the WVA’s current affairs and operations and to prepare the working plan for the coming years.

From the 26th-27th of September, WVA President attended the WSAVA 2017 Congress and WSAVA VIP Summit in Copenhagen, Denmark to discuss common concerns. The WVA President met with WSAVA leaders to discuss a further collaboration plan, building on the existing MoU between the two associations. In addition, both associations agreed to prepare a joint position statement regarding the issue of the access/availability of veterinary therapeutics. During the WSAVA Congress, the WVA President also met with the president of the Danish Veterinary Association to present the WVA’s activities and to hear from the WVA members association about the veterinary concerns and challenges in Demark and how the WVA may assist in tackling these issues.

From the 11th-14th of October, President Chiang attended the World Medical Association General Assembly 2017 in Chicago, USA. During the meeting, the President gave a presentation about the WVA’s current activities in the field of One Health. The two associations agreed to continue their fruitful collaborations and to promote the highest possible standards of ethical behaviour and care for both physicians and veterinarians around the world. The two organisations are currently exploring the possibility of holding the 3rd Global Conference on One Health in the second half of 2018.
From the 2nd-3rd of November, the WVA President attended the PANVET General Assembly in Buenos Aires, Argentina as a guest speaker at the “International Workshop on Awareness of Antimicrobial Resistance”. The aim of the workshop was to increase the level of awareness about the complexity, risks, and impact of AMR among the public, private, and academic actors involved in livestock and hydrobiological production. The WVA President gave a presentation entitled the “Vision and Strategy of the WVA on Antimicrobial Resistance and the Importance of the Veterinary profession” and informed the participants of the WVA’s current activities and progress in the field of AMR (click here for a short video interview).

On the 16th of November, the WVA President, together with representatives of the WVA Secretariat and the Spanish Veterinary Association, presented the 34th World Veterinary Association Congress 2018 to King Felipe VI of Spain. His Majesty thanked the WVA for his appointment as Honorary President of the 34th and expressed his interest in opening the congress. President Chiang informed His Majesty about the WVA and its activities representing circa half a million veterinarians around the world. The WVA President furthermore presented the objectives and the program of WVAC2018.

WVA/MSD STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2017

Based on the successful deliverance of the Veterinary Student Scholarship Program 2016, MSD Animal Health and the WVA have agreed to continue their positive collaborations and to launch the Veterinary Student Scholarship Program 2017. The program will include 41 scholarships of US $5000 (a total of $205,000) to be delivered to selected students from countries in the regions of Latin America (16 grants), Africa (10 grants), North Africa/Middle East (10 grants), and Asia/Oceania (5 grants) by mid-2018.

WVA ANIMAL WELFARE AWARDS 2018
Following the successful WVA Animal Welfare Awards 2017, the WVA and Ceva Sante Animale are delighted to launch the 2nd WVA Animal Welfare Awards 2018. The aim of the WVA Animal Welfare Awards is to recognize and reward veterinarians who contribute to the protection and welfare of animals in their daily lives and provide outstanding and exemplary welfare-related services to animals, animal owners, fellow veterinarians, and the public. The Global Animal Welfare Awards 2018 will be presented to 1 selected veterinarian from each of the 6 WVA regions (North America, Latin America, Europe, Africa, North Africa/Middle East, and Asia/Oceania). The WVA Animal Welfare Awards Ceremony will take place in Barcelona, Spain from 5th-8th May 2018 during the 34th World Veterinary Congress, where the winners will be invited to receive a monetary prize of €5000.

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