Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends,

The World Veterinary Association is entering a very exciting period that includes implementing the recently amended constitution as well as moving forward with the plans to reconfigure the delivery of the World Veterinary Congress and looking for the sustainability and long life of our association.

Also the WVA is organizing the elections for the new WVA Council next September and its General Assembly in November in
Singapore and I hope that all our members will actively participate and be prepared to help the WVA move forward into the future and by electing the best candidates to represent our profession globally.

Veterinary Medicine continues to encounter changing societal and economic demands that challenge the identity and continued well being of our profession. The concerns and consequences surrounding practice economic viability, student debt, veterinary education, the veterinary workforce and changing demands for veterinary services impact how each of us view the future. These challenges are not new but are compounding in such a way as to influence the direction of veterinary medicine.

As we look to the future, we must continue to strategically identify our direction and take the initiative to navigate veterinary medicine into a healthier and more robust profession by involving all our WVA members globally, our partners and friends.

I would like to request all our members to take part at the electronic voting elections next month and to attend actively the WVA General Assembly to be held in November in Singapore.

Good Luck for all the distinguish candidates for the WVA Council elections and looking forward to welcoming you all in Singapore.

Sincerely yours

Dr. Faouzi Kechrid
President
World Veterinary Association

Elections will be done by electronic ballot via the internet.

This is a significant change from previous elections which were always held at the Presidents Assembly.

Presidents or their nominees of all WVA member organisations, who are mandated to vote, have received the necessary information and personal code to access the electronic voting system.

For each position, President, President Elect and Councillors, a first round of voting will start on September the 1st and end two weeks later.

Where necessary, depending on the outcome of the first round, a second round will start 1 week there-after. Candidates will be informed whether they will go on to the next round or not.

Final election results will be announced by mid-October.

The mandate of the newly elected persons will start on November 30th 2014 the day after the meeting of the General assembly, which will take place in Singapore on the 29th November 2014.
CANDIDATES FOR WVA ELECTIONS 2014

PRESIDENT

Candidate for President: Dr René CARLSON
Nominating organization: American Veterinary Medical Association

Candidate Statement for WVA President 2014-2017: Dr. René A. Carlson

I hereby declare my enthusiastic intent to stand as a candidate for the office of World Veterinary Association President in this period of transition for WVA officers, understanding this would be for a three year term as President from 2014-2017.

The WVA is at a crucial time in its 150 year history. Its members are facing the challenges of globalization and population growth, leading to food insecurity, environmental encroachment, and the health risks associated with rapid transboundary transport of people and animals. They must also contend with natural and man-made disasters, the impacts of climate change, increasing technology in both communication and science, and new organizational management expectations. The WVA needs strong leadership, new energy and enthusiasm, enhanced membership engagement, and a clear direction for its members, to justify its claim to be the renowned worldwide veterinary organization and to accomplish its mission – “to assure and promote animal health, animal welfare and public health globally.”

I am uniquely qualified to lead the WVA during this critical time:

1. I have been actively engaged in a variety of leadership roles with the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), as President leading an organization of 84,000 veterinarians with 12 divisions, 140+ staff members, and an annual operating budget of $30 million; and previously as Vice President and member of the AVMA Council of Education involved in global education issues.

2. As the 2011-2012 AVMA President and now currently as the AVMA Director of International Affairs, I have participated in high level leadership meetings for the International Veterinary Officers Coalition, the North American Veterinary Leaders Meeting, the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe, the Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations, and the World Veterinary Association.

3. In March 2014, I met with the World Health Organization, the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations through the Engaging Intergovernmental Organizations Program sponsored by the Global Initiative for Food Systems Leadership and the Center for Animal Health and Food Safety at the University of Minnesota, an OIE Collaborating Center for Veterinary Services Capacity-Building.

My focus and expertise is on providing clear direction and inspiring colleagues to achieve bold goals through collaboration. The WVA has tremendous potential to serve veterinarians and animal health professionals from around the world by facilitating collaboration in addressing important challenges, such as rabies control, veterinary medical education, animal welfare, the value of the human-
animal interface, and a humanely produced food supply of animal origin.

My recent experience in chairing the WVA Constitution and Bylaws Working Group was a classic example of what good people can accomplish when working together, with members representing all areas of WVA membership, including both geographic and associated member interests. It is an example of how increased member engagement results in constructive debate and the highest acceptance for change for the good of WVA’s future effectiveness at the 2013 WVA Presidents Assembly.

For the WVA to realize its vision as the visible, respected, and effective organizational “voice of the global veterinary profession”, there is a lot of work to do. As President my priorities will be to:

a) Expand our membership so the WVA truly does represent the voice of worldwide veterinary medicine.

b) Include the expertise of other allied health professionals.

c) Provide increased value to WVA’s members, by being more fully engaged with its member organizations.

d) Assure a truly knowledge-based organization, one that is trustworthy, inclusive, and able to speak proactively and assertively on behalf of veterinarians around the world on topics relating to animal welfare, animal health, and public health.

To be more knowledge-based, we must better utilize the expertise from the many diverse individuals and organizations within the WVA membership across the globe. To be more trustworthy, we must be transparent and accountable to our members for actions promised and actions taken. To be more proactive, we must be more nimble and timely in our decision making process, using clear guidelines based on our values.

I would plan to more actively engage a larger pool of veterinarians within the WVA membership for focused projects of interest, to develop meaningful partnerships with other organizations, to expand the opportunity and development for future leadership by members, and to communicate more effectively within our leadership and with our members. Our leadership must clearly understand and fulfill the responsibilities for which they have been entrusted by active engagement in WVA leadership meetings, communicating with their respective entities, acting as mentors for the next generation of leadership, and advocating for the common values and principles for which the WVA stands.

The ten goal statements identified for 2013-2018 in the newly approved WVA Strategic Plan are very inspirational vision statements. I would advocate the prioritization of three clear goals, such as expanding and enhancing member engagement, branding the WVA international veterinary educational Congress, and establishing priority partnerships to further our vision.

If given the privilege of serving in the capacity of WVA President, I will bring enthusiasm, passion, pride, positive energy, teamwork and proven leadership to that position so as to further advance the credibility, visibility, and branding of the WVA, enabling it to reach its true potential as the true “voice of global veterinary medicine” in the 21st century.
Candidate for President: Dr Duane LANDALS
Nominating organization: Canadian Veterinary Medical Association

World Veterinary Association: Creating the Future Together
Duane Landals B. Sc. Ag. DVM;
Candidate for the position of President of the World Veterinary Association

The World Veterinary Association (WVA) has a proud history of over one hundred and fifty years. Founded as a venue for veterinary professionals from around the world to unite and share experiences, knowledge and ideas, it has had a key role to play in the development of the strong veterinary community that exists today. Today the WVA still unites and represents the global veterinary profession in the interest of the health and welfare of both animals and people.

Recognizing the every changing world we live in as well as the changing needs of society, our members and our global partners, the WVA needs to be adaptable and proactive when moving forward. The future needs to be addressed with a vision for change, built on the solid platform of our experience.

The Constitution of the WVA defines the role of the President. “The President shall preside at all business meetings of the WVA and Council meetings. The President promotes and represents the interests of the WVA around the world.” If elected, I am committed to sincerely fill this role with full commitment to the WVA. Careful consideration must to be given to the needs of the veterinary community, member organizations, WVA partner organizations and the global community in its entirety as we move the organization forward. I believe the WVA belongs to its members and the role of President is to help guide the process of reaching the objectives that best serve the global veterinary community. With that in mind, I have outlined some of the specific areas that I feel need to be addressed by the WVA during the next Presidential term. These are key issues that we know are on our table and they must be addressed while at the same time maintaining awareness of emerging issues that will require action.

In the interest of continuous change and improvement, founded on experience, I submit the following commitments for your consideration.

**Governance**
This is a broad description of how our organization functions and how we interact with our members. There are many areas that impact our governance and significant change is occurring in this area.

**Constitution**
Careful consideration must be made of the recently adopted, revised constitution, ensuring it is implemented properly and in the spirit with which it was approved. This will demand considerable change in our organization and I will support a seamless transition from the older version. This constitutional change is essential to see the organization move forward in a changing environment.

**Membership**
The new constitution allows for a wider range of membership, without the limitations of national boundaries. I will make every effort to welcome qualifying organizations that can contribute to the success of the global veterinary community.

**Council Reorganization**
The way forward involves a closer working relationship between the officers of the association and the council members. This permits greater continuity within the organization and an opportunity to achieve greater engagement of council representatives from around the world. I will encourage full commitment of
councilors as this will improve the decision making capability of the council and provide a stronger communication link with member organizations.

**Engagement of Member Organizations**

Enhanced communication with member organizations and the veterinary community at large is essential for the WVA to truly speak for and represent the veterinary profession. It is the responsibility of the entire Council, including the President to make sure the voice of our members is heard. This will also require continued adaptation of our electronic communications, such as newsletters, website and emerging technologies. The WVA faces significant challenges because of language barriers. While recognizing English as the official language of WVA, we need to explore cost effective methods of providing translation where needed and when practical.

**Strategic Partnerships**

While the WVA strives to be the voice of the global veterinary profession, we need to collaborate with other organizations with similar objectives and constituents. Resources are maximized when we work together and I will work to strengthen the relationship we have with existing partners and search out others with whom we can work.

**Autonomy**

The WVA has great strength in remaining independent of political and financial pressure. I will continue to strive to insure our organization maintains a balance of collaboration with strategic partners, sponsors and members and at the same time maintain a position that is representative of the global veterinary community and our veterinary membership.

**Financial Stability**

Like any other organization, the success of the WVA is based on being financially sound. Our primary income stream is from member subscriptions. I will strive to maintain balance in this regard. There is constant challenge in providing access to associations with limited financial means while at the same time not over-taxing the resources of member organizations on more stable financial footing. This issue needs to continually be in front of the General Assembly and the Council for consideration. Informed decisions need to be made so that our financial reality permits us to offer the services needed by members and to meet the broader mandate of the organization.

**World Veterinary Congress**

The World Veterinary Congress (WVC) is a cornerstone of the WVA. This event is an extension of why the WVA was originally formed. Building upon the success of previous congress events, significant change is being proposed to expand the event in the future. I support the concept of full ownership of the Congress by the WVA, hosting events with the participation of membership organizations around the world. Increasing the frequency of the event, expanding participation and anticipated financial success will allow for further development. I propose to work closely with a contracted Professional Congress Organizer to extend the value of the WVC to members and partners. If we can host a large, successful event in a destination city every other year, I propose that surplus revenues might, in part, be used to provide veterinary educational activities and events in areas that cannot possibly host a congress at this time.

**Strategic Priorities**

There are many issues currently under discussion by the WVA and our partner organizations. We need to continue to explore these topics with an eye to establishing legitimate actions and outcomes. At the same time, the WVA needs to serve as a sentinel organization with the capability of identifying emerging issues and bringing them to the forefront when needed.
The following items are currently under consideration by the WVA and I will promote continued engagement in these areas.

**Animal Welfare**
The WVA supports the ongoing engagement of the veterinary community in the discipline of animal welfare, including; animal welfare science, policy development, clinical delivery, inspection and enforcement, public education etc. and encourages undergraduate education that facilitates this objective.

**One Health**
The WVA actively supports the engagement of the veterinary profession in the entire scope of global health. Efforts need to be made to educate our members about their involvement in human and environmental health as well as animal health and welfare. The WVA must engage in discussion with other professional organizations insuring that the relationship between veterinarians and human health care professionals is optimized. Encouragement of veterinary education in the area of public health under the One Health umbrella must continue.

**Antimicrobial Stewardship**
The WVA must continue to encourage the responsible use of antimicrobial products by veterinarians and in the animal health industry. Our objectives need to include continued access to these essential tools in veterinary medicine while at the same time avoiding any risk to human health.

**Veterinary Education**
The WVA needs to continue to support the concept of consistent “day one competencies” for all veterinary graduates. Our position must remain that these standards will be considerate of veterinarians engaging in public and private veterinary practice, across the spectrum of species and disciplines that veterinarians are commonly expected to engage in. We must support and encourage, where possible, the improvement of educational standards, including core curriculum needs and systems of verifying educational institutions.

**Veterinary Statutory Bodies**
The WVA needs to continue to push for the establishment of consistent standards for individuals recognized as veterinarians. In addition to standardized education, this also requires some form of registration or licensure under the oversight of an organization established under the authority of law within the jurisdiction the veterinarian practices.

**Member Wellness**
The strength of our profession is rooted in the capacity and dedication of individuals engaged in the field of veterinary medicine. The WVA needs to be aware of the growing pressures on these individuals that may cause them to be unable to function properly in their career or cause them to experience undue challenges in their life. I view veterinary medicine as a caring profession and support steps that encourage our members to achieve success in their careers and their lives.

I am very committed to the World Veterinary Association. If elected I will serve the organization to the best of my ability.

- I believe my extensive background with the WVA provides me with a unique ability to maintain continuity in our organization as we embrace the change and challenges of the future.
- I believe I have the necessary experience; as a veterinary practitioner, a veterinary organization administrator and a willing volunteer on several veterinary boards, to help WVA achieve success.
- I believe I have established my commitment to the veterinary profession, with a history of
engagement in local, provincial, national and international veterinary organizations.

✓ I believe I have the capacity to fulfill the obligations of President. Having recently sold my veterinary practice and retired from my role as Registrar and Chief Executive Officer of the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, I have the time to commit to the WVA and am free of any obligations to other organizations.

I respectfully request your vote of support in the election for President of the World Veterinary Association.

Dr. Duane Landals
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PRESIDENT ELECT

Candidate for President Elect: Dr Johnson CHIANG
Nominating organization: Taiwan Veterinary Medical Association

Campaign Statement

In 2002, I went to Tunisia in North Africa to participate in my first World Veterinary Association Congress. Since then I have formed an unbreakable bond with the WVA, and have gone on to participate in four more WVCs: Minneapolis, USA in 2005; Vancouver, Canada in 2008; Cape Town South Africa in 2011; and Prague, Czech Republic in 2013. During these years I have fully devoted myself in this association, and while serving as Vice President I have contributed a great amount of time and energy into helping the WVA develop further.

In these 12 years I have made many good friends, come to understand numerous cultures all over the world and their respective differences, become knowledgeable about varying educational levels in different parts of the world, and experience first-hand the difficult situations and circumstances the WVA faces. Today, all types of international organizations are no exception. People have varying interests, specialties, and living locations, and will therefore join different types of international veterinary organizations. Due to intense competition in the veterinary world, the WVA, formed over 150 years ago, has never been able to stand out from the crowd.

Merely relying on yearly membership fees and money garnered from the triennial WVCs is not enough to maintain all of our association’s regular expenses, and our serious financial limitations make us unable to have quality interaction and effective project collaboration with our members. Even though occasionally council members will visit, but we are nevertheless still unable to satisfy the requirements or demands of our members. This feeling of powerlessness makes many members feel as if their participation does not have any real value, and then they often end up not paying membership fees and ultimately renounce their memberships. The above situation has caused our association to have a high member turnover rate. I want to improve the above problems, and this is why my primary reform goal is to fix the financial difficulties and problems our association is currently facing as well as make our members feel that their participation is important and that they are valued by our association.
It goes without saying that in order for our members to feel that being involved in the WVA gives them a strong sense of honor and pride, our association must be highly visible and enjoy a distinguished reputation internationally. Therefore, actively collaborating as well as co-hosting international events with other international organizations will help raise our international visibility and further improve our reputation around the world. This is my second goal.

A leadership team that works together and has enough power and resources to implement what they see as necessary will ensure that members feel that their own participation in our association is important, be confident that the WVA values them for the work that they do, and have a strong sense of pride because they belong to the World Veterinary Association. Therefore I seek a council environment where everyone gets along and encourages one another, and help make a work environment where council members are able to fully contribute their time, energy, and expertise. The above is one of the main issues that I will focus on, and I will work very hard at making it become a reality. I look forward to working with a friendly and united council in promoting all the events our association holds, collaborating closely with related international organizations, and forming strong connections with every member association. By doing all of the above the WVA will build a solid international reputation, earn our members’ support, and become a professional international organization that is influential enough to be able to give the world many extremely important contributions.

If I am elected I will give my all to fulfill my campaign promises. I will strive to help the association improve, and make the World Veterinary Association something that I am proud of.

**Candidate for President Elect: Dr Irfan EROL**

**Nominating organization: Turkish Veterinary Medical Association**

**Prof. Dr. İrfan EROL**

Despite advances in hygiene, foodborne diseases still represent a significant threat to public health worldwide. This has highlighted the need for interprofessional collaboration between veterinary, medical professions and others, not just locally and nationally, but on a global scale. At this point, one health concept becomes prominent. Being as a candidate for WVA President Elect, I will ensure an effective and strong coordination with OIE, WHO and FAO to supply one health concept. This close coordination will also make the WVA more effective.

Animal welfare is another problematic topic. I will give full support to ensure for raising the animal welfare standards in the member countries and supply close collaboration with OIE.

Development of veterinary medicine with the ability to protect the rights and the benefits of the profession is another important point. I will try to engage the numbers of the members of WVA and enhance the active participation of the member association.

One of the remaining problematic areas of veterinary discipline is that veterinary medicine education is not globally harmonized. Veterinary medicine education is one of the major important aspects to reach an efficient animal health and welfare and public health situations in worldwide. Increasing the quality of the veterinary medicine education is the need for the full trust of the quality of the
graduated veterinary surgeons and their practices. In this regard, I will give initiative for the harmonization and improvement of veterinary medicine education as worldwide strategy. To ensure that, I will facilitate the information exchange between the veterinary medicine schools/faculties of the member countries. Being as an academician, I will give full support to young veterinarians to be able to practice their training in another veterinary medicine schools/faculties, and if they like in one of another member countries. I will also support “Expert Exchange Program” between member countries in case of emergencies and specific problematic issues.

Candidate for President Elect: Dr Joselio Andrade Moura
Nominating organization: Sociedade Brasileira de Medicina Veterinária

Statement for candidature: Vision for the future of WVA and motivation for standing as a candidate.

Below I state some basic points on my vision for the important role the WVA plays in the current world scenario.

1. NEW MEMBER COUNTRIES:
New countries need to be urgently incorporated as members of the WVA. Latin America, for example, has several countries that are leaders in the veterinary medicine profession but not members of the WVA. Countries in Europe, Asia and Africa should also be included in this process.

2. COMMUNICATION: The communication process used by the WVA needs to be revised. French and Spanish should be reinstated as official languages for technical communication and administrative purposes. The bulletins should be the communication link between participating members and should be available in several languages.

3. REGISTRATION: A registration mechanism for medical veterinary entities in member countries as well as those that are not members, to send technical and professional development information. This should be available for all countries whether members of not. Leaders in these countries should also be registered so they receive bulletins.

4. SOLIDARITY: Establish mechanisms to give veterinary solidarity in cases of, for example, climatic or epidemiological events, to aid countries of regions in need. This solidarity should be carried out from a social point of view offering facilities to veterinarians or their families who wish to specialize in other countries. The soliciting country should provide reciprocal facilities.

These are the key points, which shall be detailed in a future letter and sent to member countries.

Yours sincerely
Joselio Andrade Moura
COUNCILLOR FOR AFRICA

Number of seats: Two seats

Candidate: Dr Maria BAPTISTA
Nominating organization: Ordem Dos Médicos Veterinários De Angola

LETTER OF MOTIVATION

I, Marie Antonieta J. S Baptista, decided to run my candidacy for one of the places of Councilor of the World Veterinary Association, by Africa, driven by the values of Democracy that are defended in our World Association. I advocate the concept “One World - One Health” in which veterinarians around the world should strive for similar conditions, to better assure that together we can guarantee the control and / or eradication of many diseases that are common and endanger public animal and human health.

If elected, I will convince our colleagues, mainly the African, about the concepts that “many heads think better” and that “the discussion, when / where the ideas are different, becomes light” and also that the World Veterinary Association, for its great organization and seriousness for the interests of veterinarians, is better able to gather credible to speak on behalf of veterinarians in worldwide forums.

If elected, I intend to bring to colleagues the idea that we should not rely on our profession, highlighted by differences between countries or continents, but with the capitalization of points that lead us to common platforms, with a view to solve problems of animal and human public health.

To lead to all colleagues the idea that “Together we can” is the force that drives my candidacy, favored by my communication skills.

Maria Antonieta Josefina Sabina Baptista

Candidate: Dr Gani ENAHORO
Nominating organization: Nigerian Veterinary Medical Association

Dr Gani Enahoro (DVM, MBA)
Vice President, African Veterinary Association (AVA).
Immediate Past President, Nigerian Veterinary Medical Association (NVMA).

My vision for the future of World Veterinary Association (WVA)
The current transition period that allows candidates, for the post of President as well as President-Elect to contest at the same time is unique in itself and highly motivating and it would require a lot of collaboration and cooperation between all the council members to be able to consolidate the super structures that would progress the association on a very firm and renewed foundation for our future growths. With all sense of humility, I possess the required temperament, tolerance limit, capacity and I am a tested team player that can serve in the council as WVA Councilor for Africa during this transition period.

I am motivated to serve World Veterinary Association (WVA) at this high level, because of the recent, very rapid activities that are beginning to unlock the huge potentials in WVA, as evidenced in the various memoranda of understanding that were recently executed. The new changes to the constitution and byelaws and many policies that were approved by the current WVA Council.

I presently serve as Vice President, African Veterinary Association (AVA), and the Focal Point for West African
Veterinary Association (WAVA). I have just completed in November 2013, a two-year tenure as President, Nigerian Veterinary Medical Association (NVMA). The vibrancy of the National Executive Council under my leadership, brought a lot of achievements which am certain could be reproduced in a higher scale at the regional and global level through the WVA platform, if given the opportunity to serve.

We achieved national visibility and publicity for the profession and reproduced same within parts of the West African sub-region through the influence of those Veterinarians who had trained in Nigeria and are still very close to our association activities, We embarked on extensive public education for the numerous public health roles of the veterinarian, which culminated in the creation of a Directorate for Veterinary Medicine and Allied Products in our National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC). As many as fifty Veterinarians, were employed in a fell swoop, as foundation staff or the directorate.

We also recorded success in partnering the Nigerian Armed Forces to create a Veterinary Corps that have Dog Centers across the country with about thirty young Veterinarians recruited and trained through Direct Short Service Commission and are now Officers working in the Nigerian Armed Forces Veterinary Clinics, which are attached to the Canine Sections. If elected as WVA Councillor for Africa, I would have a very unique chance to render selfless service for a whole three years, a period that is equivalent for a course of study for Bachelor’s degree in many universities. I would learn and contribute a lot to the fortunes of the WVA Council.

I have always believed that the WVA must be all-inclusive, accommodating more members far and wide, in a diverse world. WVA must deliberately initiate additional policies that would attract more member participation across the globe. That is when the standardization required to achieve Day-One competence by every new Veterinary graduate would become possible. More constituent members would mean more spread of the messages of professional standard, competence, unity and advancement that WVA essentially represents. This would eventually lead to the vision that WVA should be the professional voice of Veterinary Medicine worldwide.

In conclusion, I profess a lifelong commitment to the Veterinary Profession. I have been into active private veterinary practice since 1986 and up to date, leading a team of competent and equally helpful Veterinarians. I can devote the required time to serve the profession and WVA without any employment hindrances. I possess energy, vigour, strength of character and I have the ability to learn from everyone while being very firm and decisive. It is my strong desire to serve WVA sincerely and faithfully, if elected as Councillor for Africa in the 2014 elections.

Dr Gani Enahoro (DVM, MBA)
Candidate for the position of WVA Councilor for Africa.

**Candidate: Dr Clive MARWICK**
Nominating organization: South African Veterinary Association

Vision and motivation

It’s a privilege and a pleasure for me to accept the nomination by the South African Veterinary Association, and to stand, for a second term, as a candidate for one of the two WVA Councillors representing Africa. I have propagated and supported the changes in the WVA Constitution during my last term to make...
sure that Africa will have equal representation on the World Veterinary Council.

I will endeavor to promote WVA, as the global organization representing the Veterinary profession. We focus on the same fundamental themes that are important to veterinarians worldwide – Animal Health and Welfare, Public Health, Environmental protection, Animal Production, Food Safety and Veterinary Education, all within the context of “One Health”. WVA unifies veterinary medicine worldwide, as illustrated in the WVA motto: “One World, One Profession, One Vision, One Voice”.

I will continue to strive to make WVA more visible, influential, and effective. I will also strive to enhance strategic partnerships and relations with international veterinary and professional organizations.

My priority is Africa and I will always place Africa first during any deliberation and debate.

**Candidate: Dr Dominic Venture MUNDRUGO-OGO LALI**

Nominating organization: Uganda Veterinary Association

I am Self-driven, self-motivated holder of MBA and BVM degrees with a tested capacity and experience in Programme Development and Management at National and Community Levels. I have served in Organizational Development Services at leadership levels for twenty years.

Seventeen of these years of working experience have been in management and coordination of various multi-disciplinary and multi-stakeholder Government and donor-funded programmes as well as training and advisory services to adults of various age groups and educational backgrounds. An initial three years of work was in Teaching/Training/Lecturing to both young and mature adult students in Animal Health.

I have a commitment and deep interest in the holistic “One Health” perspective focused on the systemic understanding of human, animal and environmental health in close relation with food safety, food security and biosecurity. I have a belief that only an integrative approach will ensure sustainable health management and development in an era of climate change, resource depletion, land degradation, food insecurity, indiscriminate use of health inputs (including drugs) and development challenges through Knowledge sharing, education, improved governance, corporate responsibility and dedicated investments.

I have been a practicing volunteer since childhood and an activist for humanitarian and professional causes for over two decades now. I plan to extend this service to the entire African Continent and the World Stage as WVA Councillor for Africa.

I have gained a lot of understanding from my service as Common wealth Veterinary Association Councillor for Uganda and President of Uganda Veterinary Association.

I am committed to offer my services to champion the cause of veterinarians in Africa with the various national governments to prioritize issues of veterinary services, build the capacity of local veterinarians to offer services to the population of farmers and animal owners in the entire African Continent.

In this connection, I pledge to mobilize support for fellow veterinarians in the
entire Continent so that all African Countries establish or strengthen their national veterinary regulatory authorities and veterinary professional Associations. As of now, most of these entities are non-existent, inactive or weak in many African Countries due to organizational and logistical problems. The need for making continuing veterinary education programmes compulsory in the entire Continent is more urgent than ever before.

As Councillor for Africa, I pledge to lobby with the African Union and the various regional bodies, political and economic blocks and groupings within the African Continent to create or maintain national animal health and veterinary public health systems that cover all national territories for effective services in the face of the increasing cases of new or re-emergence of existing animal diseases, the growing threat of transboundary animal diseases, the impact of environmental changes and globalization.

I pledge to be an effective representative of the WVA and other affiliated professional veterinary bodies to do all that is required of me in the interests of the veterinary profession.

Please support me and together, we can make a difference in the future of the veterinary profession in the African Continent and the entire World.

Dr. Dominic Venture Mundrugo-Ogo Lali
(Shortened as: DVML)

Candidate: Dr Oumar TOUNKARA
Nominating organization: Ordre Des Vétérinaires Du Mali

Letter of Motivation
For a Better Representation and development of the veterinary profession in Africa

In order to better represent the African countries I decided to run my candidacy for the 2014-2017 WVA Council.

If elected, I will be committed to play this important role with sincerity and dedication to all my colleagues and partners in Africa.

My experience with the African Veterinary Association will help me guide the process of reaching the objectives and the expectations that serve the global veterinary community and to build strong and effective partnership with all the WVA members and the global veterinary community.

Close and effective Communication with our members and careful consideration must to be given to the primary expectations and needs of the veterinary community, the international organizations, the WVA partner organizations and the global civil society.

I will be available to attend and participate actively at all WVA Council meetings, General Assembly meetings conferences and events invited for and fulfill all my duties in respect to our members and society. I will do my best to promote and represent the interests of the WVA and to represent the WVA in Africa and maintain regular contact with the constituent and observers members in my region and to convince non member countries to join the WVA.

Oumar Macki Tounkara
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Candidate: Dr Christopher WANGA
Nominating organization: Kenya Veterinary Association

Personal statement on my interest to serve the World Veterinary Association as Councillor for Africa

The Veterinary Profession globally has an increasing vital role to play in protecting both animals and humans. Societal demands on the profession are therefore high and they can only be met by delivering very high quality services and in this respect I wish to be part of this great team that aims to fulfil the noble objective at the World Veterinary Association (WVA).

My service to WVA and its membership shall aim at strengthening the organization by growing its membership and supporting countries with weak or without professional associations to attain the objective strengthening or establishing membership associations as appropriate. I shall aim at providing progressive leadership within the organization as part of a team where I shall bring my extensive experience in professional leadership as former president of the Kenya Veterinary Association (KVA) and also having been part of three Presidential General Assemblies of the WVA in Vancouver, Paris and Cape Town that contributed greatly to the current WVA agenda. I recognize the role WVA has played in raising the profile of the veterinary profession globally in mind is the instigation and establishment of the World Veterinary Day Celebrations with subsequent Award where I led the Kenya Veterinary Association in winning the inaugural award in 2008 in Vancouver Canada.

Representing Africa in WVA where animal diseases are a major contributor to low livestock productivity in most of its countries is a critical challenge that I would wish to confront. In Africa, Veterinary Services have traditionally been provided by the state, but public financial constraints have limited the availability and effectiveness of public services where the private services are expected to play a leading role to address the Continent’s needs. Strong country or national association affiliates of WVA shall propel the private sector to play a leading role in the supply of animal health services, including the provision of public good services on contract to the state, and experience suggests that considerable gains in effectiveness and efficiency result when greater use is made of the private sector. For economic delivery of Veterinary Services globally and especially in Africa, we need to advocate governments to focus on actively investing in developing the veterinary infrastructure, increased animal welfare awareness & improvement of farmer incomes aimed at supporting growth of the private sector with eventually the public sector assuming a new responsibility of creating an enabling environment for the private sector through the use of credit, sanitary mandates, and legislative reform that reduces barriers to private supply.

I shall therefore while serving the WVA focus on advocacy to ensure that veterinary services are globally sustainable by making appropriate intervention, policy and advocacy decisions. Thank you.
COUNCILLOR FOR AMERICA (NORTH)

Number of seats: Two seats.

**Candidate: Dr John DRAKE**
Nominating organization: Canadian Veterinary Medical Association

WVA is the global voice for the profession of veterinary medicine and I would be honored and privileged to have the opportunity to continue to serve on WVA Council.

WVA is a dynamic and evolving organization. In the past 6 years WVA has made some great strides. There is now a new home for the WVA Secretariat at the offices of the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe in Brussels. WVA has committed to completely covering the expenses for Councilor attendance at face to face meetings. Councilors continue to stay engaged with regularly scheduled teleconferences. The WVA website has been re-designed and communication has been revamped with a renewed focus on WVA activities. The World Veterinary Congress has been increased in frequency to once every two years. Policy development and organization, especially in veterinary education, has remained a priority and building collaborative partnerships is an ongoing activity. The entire re-organization of the WVA Constitution has been a significant accomplishment, with the primary goal of increasing WVA membership.

The progress described above has required a significant commitment of resources. A priority for WVA in the next three years will be to increase both dues and non-dues revenues in a way that is fair to all and does not jeopardize WVA’s credibility. It would be desirable for WVA to go to “the next level” and begin work in partnership projects with, for example, the World Bank. Such efforts would produce direct “on the ground” benefits to local beneficiaries, raise revenues for WVA, and boost WVA’s profile. I also strongly believe WVA must consider developing commercial partnerships with well-established corporate entities, (e.g. major global pharmaceutical companies), in such areas a promoting vaccination programs, (especially for rabies prevention) encouraging responsible antimicrobial stewardship and increasing the appropriate use of pain controlling medications in animals. These efforts could easily be non-partisan “win-Win” scenarios for both WVA and its partners, and result in the distribution of important messages and the execution of important actions.

WVA has been in existence foe over 150 years. If we continue to forge partnerships, celebrate the diversity that strengthens veterinary medicine, increase the awareness of the multitude of valuable contributions our profession makes to society, and, most importantly, take meaningful visible action, our place in the future will be assured. In the next three years, I would like to be a part of making all this happen.

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**Candidate: Dr Lyle VOGEL**
Nominating organization: American Veterinary Medical Association

Candidate Statement for North American Councillor 2014-2017

I declare my desire to be re-elected to serve another term as one of the North American Councillors. As a result of the recent adoption of an updated Constitution and Bylaws for the World Veterinary Association (WVA), the WVA
is presented with a great opportunity to improve itself, grow, and become a better representative for the veterinary profession on the world stage. Because I was a Councillor during the development of the new Constitution and Bylaws, I want to help the WVA implement the opportunities presented to it. We now have the ability to expand our membership, gain credibility as an international leader, and provide valuable services for our members.

I want to help the WVA achieve its great potential.

COUNCILLOR FOR AMERICA (LATIN)

Number of seats: Two seats.

Candidate: Dr María Nelly CAJIAO
Nominating organization: Colombian Veterinary Medicine Association

Statement of commitment
I have read and fully understand the above WVA Code of Conduct and Confidentiality Statement for WVA Officers and Councillors.

I accept the above mentioned regarding the WVA’s responsibilities of Duty of Care, Duty of Loyalty, and Duty of Obedience, individual responsibilities and personal requirements.

Candidate: Dr Guilherme COSTA
Nominating organization: Sociedade Brasileira de Medicina Veterinária

Statement for candidature: Vision for the future of WVA and motivation for standing as a candidate.

Here follows some basic points on my vision for the important role the WVA plays in the current world scenario.

1. NEW MEMBER COUNTRIES:
New countries need to be urgently incorporated as members of the WVA. Latin America, for example, has several countries that are leaders in the veterinary medicine profession but not members of the WVA. Countries in Europe, Asia and Africa should also be included in this process.

2. COMMUNICATION: The communication process used by the WVA needs to be revised. French and Spanish should be reinstated as official languages for technical communication and administrative purposes. The bulletins should be the communication link between participating members and should be available in several languages.

3. REGISTRATION: A registration mechanism for medical veterinary entities in member countries as well as those that are not members, to send technical and professional development information. This should be available for all countries whether members of not. Leaders in these countries should also be registered so they receive bulletins.
4. SOLIDARITY: Establish mechanisms to give veterinary solidarity in cases of, for example, climatic or epidemiological events, to aid countries of regions in need. This solidarity should be carried out from a social point of view offering facilities to veterinarians or their families who wish to specialize in other countries. The petitioning country should provide reciprocal facilities. These are the key points, which will be detailed in a forthcoming letter to member countries.

Yours sincerely
Guilherme Antoni da COSTA Junior

Candidate: Dr Joe Alejandra VARGAS BLANCO
Nominating organization: Colegio de Médicos Veterinarios de Costa Rica

Esteemed Members of the WVA:
It is an honor for me to be nominated by the Colegio Médicos Veterinarios de Costa Rica to participate in the council representative election, specifically for the Latin American region. When I first started writing this letter, my first concern was to understand whether my experience could contribute significantly to this important organization, integrated by members with more experience and knowledge on different areas of the veterinary field.

When I ask myself, what could I offer from my knowledge and experience in a professional association?

My most important contribution is that I believe in the role of professional associations as organizations with a key role on advancing the veterinary profession, acting as mediators in the interactions between private and public veterinary services in every country, so that key topics of common interest are specially addressed:
- Combat of zoonosis and transmissible diseases to humans through food products, whether or not animals are affected by this type of disease.
- Environmental sustainability through the promotion of sustainable production practices.
- Prudent use of veterinary drugs, especially when trying to diminish resistance to antimicrobials.

We as an organization are conscious of the need to monitor service quality, the application of veterinary ethics, and professional capacity building, as central elements to achieve a good standard for veterinary services.

These improvements are only possible by establishing a network with other countries in the region, so that each country contributes to strengthening the group while benefiting from this synergy.

I appreciate the opportunity that I’ve been given to present my ideas, and I offer my collaboration to achieve these objectives, regardless of the results of my election. Finally, the vision I have for the future of WVA is “Being a leader in strengthening the global veterinary practice, while ensuring professional excellence”.

My motivation to introduce myself as a candidate is that I think through the WVA is possible to design the future of the veterinary profession, including ethics and social responsibility in the actions of professional values. Continuing education is the tool to improve the skills, abilities and aptitudes of the veterinarian, and through projects that are generated by the WVA, can improve performance and provide better services to the community.

Thank you and best regards,
Dra. Joe Alejandra Vargas Blanco
Colegio de Médicos Veterinarios de Costa Rica
COUNCILLOR FOR ASIA and OCEANIA

Number of seats: Two seats.

Candidate: Dr Said GUL SAFI
Nominating organization: Afghanistan Veterinary Association

Vision:

Dr. Said Gul Safi, DVM, MVSC
To enhance the effectiveness and impact of veterinary profession and programs globally through mutually beneficial international activities.

Facilitate international cooperation and exchange, to benefit WVA and the members.

Participate in activities that promote the strategic interest of WVA.

Possibly expand the capacity of international programs to address problem and challenges those confronting WVA in the Asia region.

Use my 30 years experience in the establishment of Veterinary Association, livestock diseases control programs, creating good relationship with other professional organization in the region as well as globally and extensive training program in order to improve the technical back up of the professional.

Establish close cooperation and coordination of various professional related activities among the member country in the region.

Share the experience of member country in order to benefit others.

Extensively involving in the standardization of veterinary education in the member country.

Extensively involving in the concept of one health.

Promoting the risk of biosafety and biosecurity of the veterinarian those on the practical work.

Candidate: Dr Hur JUHYUNG
Nominating organization: Korean Veterinary Medical Association

Public pledge

WVA Councillor Nominee, Dr Hur Juhyoug

1. WVA is substantially not advocating for the interests of veterinarians around the world. In addition, issues such as the position of the veterinarian is different in each country, the activities of the WVA have not consented to a veterinarian in those country. For this reason, I would like to make a veterinary practice strengthen manual of each level of country, region, economy.

2. Because the relationship between council in WVA and the Veterinary Medical Association in each country is set to ambiguous, the configuration of the board of directors will be change personal qualifications to national, so I would like to help the countries that have exported councilor to be cooperate actively in the activities of the board of directors.

3. For the development of veterinary medicine and the same level of veterinary medicine of the world, I would like to strive for regional, Geographic veterinary education certification schemes.

4. I will make sure to increase the better relationship of the WVA to be the home of veterinarians around the world.
Candidate: Dr Achariya SAILASUTA
Nominating organization: Thailand Veterinary Medical Association

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Achariya Sailasuta

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Achariya Sailasuta obtained her DVM (Hons.) from Faculty of Veterinary Science, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand, F.R.V.C.S. (Vet. Pathology), Uppsala, Sweden, Cert. in Vet. Pathology, Miyazaki U., Japan, Ph.D. (Agriculture – Vet Pathology), Kagoshima University, Japan and Dip in Asian College of Conservation Medicine. At present, she is a lecturer in Department Pathology, Chair of Companion Animal Cancer Research Unit (CAC-RU), Faculty of Veterinary Science, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand. Her special interests are diagnostic cytology and molecular study on animal oncology.

She received the Outstanding Veterinarian Award of the year in Academic Service of the Thai Veterinary Medical Association under royal patronage (TVMA) in 2002, Outstanding Chair of the organization award for the veterinary volunteer Center by Charity foundation and Asian Development Bank in 2004, the Outstanding alumni award of the Faculty of Veterinary Science, Chulalongkorn University for Public Service 2005, Distinguished Professor Award, The Asian Foundation for the Advancement of Veterinary and Animal Science (AFAVAS) Korea 2008 and Distinguished Professor Award of Rachadapiseksompoch Fund of Chulalongkorn University Academic Year 2009.

For her professional career, she has been appointed to be a Secretary General of the Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations, FAVA, since 2008 till present, a council representative of East Asia and Oceania of World Veterinary Association (WVA), 2011-2014 and Past president of the Thai Veterinary Medical Association under Royal Patronage, TVMA, 2010-2012. For her family life, she married with 3 children and lives in Bangkok.

With her past experience and devote herself in the veterinary profession nearly 20 years, she is proud to be the representative of Veterinarian in Asia collaborating with WVA for the veterinary profession.

WVA’s Vision
Promoting and actively representing as WVA representative for Asia and Oceania which are the strategies for the role of veterinary profession globally, dedicating and responding as the center of veterinarian in Asia on supporting WVA on the value and well-being of the Association.
COUNCILLOR FOR EUROPE

Number of seats: Two seats.

Candidate: Dr Ludo HELLEBREKERS
Nominating organization: Royal Dutch Veterinary Association

In this decade more than ever, a strong and active WVA is mandatory for the health and wellbeing of man and animal. My ambition is for a prominent veterinary participation and input at the discussion tables related to animal welfare including – health, food safety and public health, locally, regionally as well as globally.

More and more, the veterinary expertise is recognized as being crucial in many discussions. I greatly support a further and more intensive collaboration between the different health care providers, both from the human and veterinary field. From a concerted and integrated One Health perspective the WVA, together with members from all over the world, can address and support the major global issues at the human-animal-ecosystem interface.

The changing expectation of the society regarding animal welfare and food & public health issues, creates ample opportunities for a more intense veterinary involvement. I personally feel the necessity of a close communication between the veterinary community [i.e. WVA] and the [major, international as well as local, private] food producers, the consumer organizations, governmental policy making bodies. It is here where the veterinary community can create the ‘added veterinary value’ for society as a whole.

Increasingly, the WVA is hammering out MOU’s with different partners. I strongly support the further collaboration of the WVA and her global membership with [inter] national organizations that work for the health of man, animal and ecosystem. To this goal an intensive and strategic collaboration with international bodies such as WHO, OIE, FAO, professional bodies such as FVE and WMA as well as ngo’s such as WSPA is to be applauded.

Background
The world within and around the veterinary community is changing fast. These changes have distinct and far reaching consequences for the veterinary profession. Although regional differences can be defined, there are overriding global trends recognizable that will have an impact on the veterinary field.

The major change seen is increased societal awareness regarding animal welfare and food safety & public health. The aspects are viewed as being critical elements of the veterinary profession. Veterinarians all over the world are equipped to address these issues. Both from their core competencies and knowledge related to animal health as well as from their more general biomedical background.

It is my opinion that a strong global organization such as the WVA is crucial in the early recognition, further shaping and ultimately supporting the necessary professional developments. In my opinion it is mandatory that as WVA we should work towards positioning the veterinarians of today as the principal coordinator of animal welfare, incl.- health, and public health. By doing so, and thus responding to the society’s concern about these critical aspects, we can further strengthen our position, locally, regionally as well as globally. We can thus reinforce our relationship with the public and policy makers and thereby acquire the recognition and acknowledgement that befits this position.
**Personal information**

I qualified as a veterinarian at Utrecht Faculty Veterinary Medicine [FVM] in The Netherlands in 1980, and after a short period in private practice, joined the FV as a [junior] staff member. I worked for many years in veterinary anaesthesiology, in which I became a full professor in 2000. In 2006, I became President of the board of the Royal Dutch Veterinary Association on a part-time [0.4 fte] basis. I stepped down from this post in March 2104.

Now back fulltime at FVM, I am now focusing on One Health next to veterinary anaesthesiology.

For more than two decades, I served on many boards, advisory committees and project teams both within and outside the veterinary field, nationally as well as internationally.

My personality is best characterized as being enthusing, passionate, convincing and cooperative and finally goal- and result-oriented.

I take great pride in being a veterinarian and work to see the veterinarians of this world getting a more prominent position and greater acknowledgement than is now often the case.

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**Candidate: Dr Peter JONES**

Nominating organization: British Veterinary Association

**My Background**

After graduation at the Liverpool Vet School I spent several years in mixed and companion animal practice in UK and Canada. I then made a career change and moved into the animal health industry in research and regulatory affairs, working for 2 multinational companies over a period of approximately 20 years at home in the UK and overseas. Subsequently I was appointed as the first head of the veterinary division at the European Medicines Agency (EMA) in London. While at the EMA, I gained a wide level of experience in European regulatory affairs, and acquired a good understanding of all the European institutions as well as engaging with the authorities in the member states. Beyond Europe I worked with, and gained experience of, global organizations such as the Codex Alimentarius, the WHO and international regulatory bodies such as the USFDA/USDA, the Japanese Regulatory Authority and those of Canada Australia and New Zealand. I also participated in two working parties of the OIE on antimicrobial resistance and avian influenza, and attended the OIE General Assemblies.

It was during these times that I first had the opportunity to meet with colleagues at WVA and become familiar with the work of the association. At that time however, as with others from the international animal health community, we felt some sense of disappointment by what was considered a poor representation of the veterinary profession world wide, on some crucial issues of significant importance.

That period was a good many years ago, but in recent times the situation has changed significantly for the better, and due to the untiring efforts of a new group of dedicated and committed colleagues within WVA over recent years, it’s very apparent that the association has come of age, and is a mature influential veterinary organization on the world stage. WVA is now more and more recognized and respected as the global body speaking up for, and on behalf of veterinarians around the world, but there is more, much more to do.
My Vision for WVA
The world today and society at large faces many challenges and I believe that the veterinary profession has a hugely significant part to play in meeting those challenges and of course in dealing with issues within our own profession as well and its future direction. I now have no doubt that the World Veterinary Association is uniquely very well placed to speak on behalf of and represent vets around the globe. The key elements of my vision for the future of WVA in the coming years are described below and if elected I would work my very hardest to achieve them.

1. Global Food Supply
In its in-depth assessment in 2006, entitled “Livestock’s Long Shadow” on the effects of the world’s livestock production on the environment, the FAO states the following: “Although economically not a major global player, the livestock sector is socially and politically very significant. It accounts for 40 percent of agricultural gross domestic product (GDP). It employs 1.3 billion people and creates livelihoods for one billion of the world’s poor. Growing populations and incomes, along with changing food preferences, are rapidly increasing demand for livestock products, while globalization is boosting trade in livestock inputs and products.”

For me it is inconceivable that this demand for livestock products can be achieved without the significant engagement with the veterinary profession worldwide. The role of the vet in global food production has been underplayed for too long and the WVA should further actively engage in dialogue to optimize the far greater involvement of vets in the provenance of safe high quality food.

2. One Health and the future role of the profession
In part this is linked to the topic 1 above in that I remain convinced that as veterinarians, we have so much more to offer society than is currently recognised. The veterinary degree gives us the competence to be outstanding clinicians in many fields and to specialize as well. The degree has also been proven by distinguished members of our profession, who have taken on leading roles in all manner of different disciplines at many levels of responsibility, to be the gateway to rewarding and influential careers in other disciplines as well as in veterinary practice. When the evidence is clear that 60 – 70% of diseases in men are zoonotic in nature, we as vets have a pivotal role to play in the context of one health ranging in all aspects of research into such diseases and their treatment and control. WVA can play a prime role in promoting our profession in key roles at all levels in promoting One Health.

3. Antimicrobial Resistance
For far too long the veterinary profession has been blamed for being largely responsible for the growing problem of antimicrobial resistance in animals and its potential transfer to man. More recently there has at last been a growing consensus that the problem has far more to do with over prescribing and poor control of antimicrobial use by the medical profession.

Recently however the Director General of the WHO is quoted as saying that “Healthy animals means unhealthy people” yet when asked to cite the evidence to support such a remark she failed to do so.

I believe that WVA must defend the use of all classes of antimicrobials in veterinary practice on the world stage, based on sound scientific risk assessment and by continued promulgation of their responsible use, notwithstanding the need for prudent use of the high priority critically important use in man, such as fluoroquinolones and 3rd and 4th generation cephalosporins.

4. Wellness in the Veterinary Profession
This is a topic I feel passionately about and with Dr. Rene Carlson past president...
of the AVMA I was responsible for organizing a seminar on the subject at the last WVA Congress in Prague in 2013. In some countries the incidence of anxiety and depression amongst veterinary colleagues is greater than in any other profession and that of suicide is 4 times greater. I am involved in examining opportunities for peer support measures in the UK for new graduates in our BVA young vet network as well as with our undergraduates in veterinary schools. If we remain ignorant of the extent of this problem in other countries and then fail to act, that would be a shameful scenario, and I believe that WVA should examine this problem in greater detail and consider what support can be given to member associations to tackle the issues.

5. Communication
We need to promote the profession far and wide by improved communication about the amazing service that veterinarians provide for mankind around the globe. The WVA has to work on a visibility strategy by educating our stakeholders, the public and all those who use our services about the incredible contribution that vets make to the public good. In Prague at the last WVA conference great publicity was given to the agreement reached by WHO, FAO and the OIE to work in partnership for the betterment of animal health and welfare. This should not just be a tripartite agreement; we must achieve our rightful status and make this a quadripartite agreement with WVA right at its heart.

My motivation as a candidate
I believe that my background and the knowledge that I’ve acquired while working in the international community at the EMA and IFAH Global has provided me with the necessary experience to be an effective team player to fulfill the role of European councilor in the World Veterinary Association today. Until recently some might say that the lack of clinical experience in veterinary practice would be considered as being a gap in my candidature. However I am absolutely convinced that the last two and a half years on the officer team at BVA and as its president in 2012-13, has enabled me to become very acquainted with, and appreciate the rigors and challenges faced by colleagues in practice. I can therefore say with confidence that I can now better understand and equipped to address their issues that the WVA and in particular its European councilors have to address on behalf of its members, with competence.

In my role as president of BVA I gained invaluable experience in dealing with government officials and parliamentarians as well as all the other stakeholders that a national veterinary association has to work with. I believe that I have earned the respect of my colleagues and peers in carrying out my duties to the extent that I am credited with being able to play a good ambassadorial role in such organizations. My work as a member of the FVE Medicines Group and as the BVA delegate to the FVE General Assembly has provided me with invaluable experience of working for the European regional veterinary body with broader issues to address than just the national organization. That experience along with my time working for the EU and the huge enjoyment and rewards of being at the heart of a European environment will equip me well for the role of councilor for which I am seeking to be elected.

I believe that I am well respected within the WVA having been invited to speak at both the first and second WVA World Summits held at the WVA Congress in South Africa in 2011 and in Prague in 2013. The time is right for WVA to play a far greater and important role on the world stage in promoting animal health and welfare as well as the interests of the veterinary profession. I sincerely hope I have convinced you that my European credentials and my commitment to the profession qualify me to represent Europe within the World Veterinary Association. I am truly excited at the prospect and my
enthusiasm to take on this role has no limits, so I am humbled and honoured to be seeking you support as I stand for election to be a WVA European councilor in the 2014 elections

**Candidate: Dr Zoran KATRINKA**

Nominating organization: Veterinary Chamber of Serbia

As I write this Statement during the emergency state caused by the worst flood disaster in Serbia and some neighboring Countries, I will be as much short and to the point as I can in this WVA Election Statement. I will not repeat the facts stated in my CV which, I believe, qualify me for being nominated and eventually elected for WVA Councillor from Europe in the term of 2014-2017.

**Personal Engagement with WVA**

I follow the activities of the WVA from 2007. In 2008, acting as the Executive Secretary of Serbian Veterinary Society, I have initiated the World Veterinary Day celebration throughout my Country. Upon official election as the Representative of the Veterinary Chamber of Serbia to the WVA at the end of 2010, I submitted the WVA Membership Application immediately, which resulted in acceptance by the WVA in spring 2011.

After the WVA 2011 Elections, I have invited WVA President Dr. Faouzi Kechrid and the Immediate Past President Dr. Tjeerd Jorna to visit Serbia. Their presence had a significant impact to the Veterinary Profession in Serbia, as they motivated the then Minister of Agriculture to recognize the role of Veterinary Services as the national public good, and to instruct the CVO to ask for the OIE PVS Analysis Mission in Serbia. Based on the positive experience on the role and influence of WVA in Serbia, I am an avid promoter of WVA membership and I use every opportunity to encourage many National Associations to join or re-establish their active membership in WVA, especially the ones from Europe and Central Asian Region.

I have represented VCS at the WVA Presidential/General Assembly meetings in Cape Town 2011 and in Prague 2013.

**The Future of WVA based on its Vision, Mission and Goals**

In the 2013-2015 Vision and Action Plan, WVA clearly defined its Vision, Mission, Values, current situation and Goals to which I fully agree and give support.

I will give my personal opinion and comments here, based on my experience and the statements of many colleagues, especially from Europe. I consider them crucial in actual achieving of the WVA Action Plan, and they establish the platform of my activities in WVA.

**Veterinary Services and/or Veterinary Profession**

In many documents we find the interchangeable usage of the terms Veterinary Services and Profession. For example, OIE pronounces the role of Veterinary Services as the global Public Good; WVA also uses the same terms, and I have noticed a level of confusion among veterinarians, about the roles and relation of these two Global Veterinary Organizations. I think WVA should clarify the terminology in order to make its own role clearer and more focused. Veterinary Services are comprised of both Public and Private Components, (I use to say “wings” - because no animate or inanimate object can fly with a single wing or without the good coordination of both wings). OIE has its undisputed primacy when it comes to global standards and performance of the...
integrated Veterinary Services; WVA gathers many member organizations that represent the Private wing of Veterinary Services and it is legitimate that it has the vision that “all countries in the world shall have well-functioning veterinary services (public and private) that shall meet the needs of society and that are valued by society.” Veterinary Services are the specific function of the Veterinary Profession, in service of Veterinary Public Health, Food Safety, or any other public mandate. However, Veterinary Profession is a wider and more generic term that encompasses every veterinarian or activity in the field of Veterinary Medicine, whether it is science, education, research, practice, industry, management, organizational representation, licensing, or wellbeing of veterinarians themselves; I believe that WVA has a natural position of representing the Global Veterinary Profession and should be its Voice in the World.

WVA Membership: is the greater number of Members enough?
One of the main Goals for WVA is to enlarge its membership by introducing new Members from all over the World. It is necessary if WVA aims to be an audible Voice of the Profession globally; However, WVA needs first of all to achieve that the advantage of being a Member becomes clearly visible and palpable in each and every Member Country. This cannot be achieved only top-down approach; WVA has to be really present in every country and this very much relies on the activity of the National Delegates in the WVA Assembly. This presence has to be bi-directional and interactive, for National Delegates should not only represent their Organization, but become the WVA Ambassadors in their Country; current WVA Members have to achieve this level, and make that the WVA invitation to the new Members becomes based on the actual positive experiences. Sheer numbers of passive Members would not make WVA what it wants to become; nor would the mere presence of the Delegates bi-annually at the WVC and WVA General Assembly, without the effective activity throughout their full mandate.

The new Constitution and Bylaws allow for these positive changes. They were voted for with 100% support at the GA in Prague 2013; it was much needed, for during the last years there was a quiet “voting” going on under surface, as clearly shown by the number of Member organizations leaving WVA or by the lack of interest and passivity from the part of the membership. Of course, the recent financial crisis and other events took their toll, but maybe the material considerations were not the only reason.

One Profession – One Voice
Being the recent slogan of WVA, this voice should be raised and should become a unified Voice of the Veterinary Profession of the whole World, showing the consensus on basic scientific and professional matters that pertain to Veterinary Medicine and Veterinarians themselves. This voice would be stronger if WVA engages much larger number of experts from the scientific and professional community of the World; it would get a richer tone by the cooperation with other Global organizations, as exemplified by the current Memorandums of Understanding with several Veterinary and non-veterinary Organizations; it would gain a distinctive timbre by the WVA’s support of Trans-Disciplinary Research and Action, in collaboration with other scientific disciplines and their Organizations;

Finally, One Voice does not necessarily imply the use of the one official language exclusively; the voice of a Global organization spreads further by allowing many National Members to express themselves in their native languages, or at least in one of the major languages of the World; Current technology allows for it, and makes it more affordable; Veterinary Profession is a global one, with the unique
mandate, but it gets its richness and effectiveness when applied by many geographically and culturally diverse Colleagues.

Another point that current technology allows, practically without cost, is the opportunity to gather the opinion of the membership from all over the World, by introducing polls, surveys, or even larger studies.

The ongoing FVE Survey on the Veterinary Profession in Europe is a good example. In this way, WVA could better listen to the compound opinion of many veterinarians and act accordingly in the timely manner.

**World Veterinary Congress – Unique Brand and its Impact Factor**

The WVC was the main reason for establishing WVA; it evolved over the last 151 years; WVC brings valuable themes, presentations, discussions and it is the venue of several Global Summits. All the proceedings are presented to the public through the WVA website. However, when asking a number of scientists and professionals about their participation in the WVC, they replied that it was not interesting, for it does not have an Impact Factor. I could argue with that point, but the fact remains. WVC should be recognized as a unique Brand. Participation in WVC should be an honor and should make one proud.

**WVA European Membership**

The Western part of Europe is well presented in the WVA membership. Not so in the Central and Eastern Europe; of the 10 members of Visegrád Vet Plus Group of Veterinary Chambers, only Czech Republic, Romania and Serbia are WVA members in good standing. Being members of the FVE, they were well represented by its Councillor in WVA; Nevertheless, I believe both WVA and the CEE Countries could only gain by their individual presence in WVA. I have promoted the WVA membership before and I will continue to do so in the future, building on my actual experience on the value of active membership in WVA. In 2012 I helped the Veterinary Chamber of Bosnia (Republic of Srpska) to become the WVA member. I have promoted the WVA membership in the Region of Central Asia as well.

**WVA Council and the role of Councillors**

The new WVA Constitution and Bylaws made changes to the organization, consolidated the Leadership and put the greater stress on the role of the WVA Councillors. They should not only represent their Region, but act as well as the focal points and be well acquainted on the requirements of the Member Countries. This is very important, if WVA aims at the achievement of its Vision, Mission and Goals.

With all my appreciation of the work and achievements of the previous/actual Councillors from Europe, and understanding that they were busy – my experience shared with many other WVA members from EU and wider Europe is that not a single Councillor contacted the National Member Organization with the WVA topic (except for the promotion of the WVC). Not a single email came inquiring about the needs, opinions and positions of the Member Countries they should represent in WVA. Even during this ongoing Flood Disaster in Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia, after I sent the information to more than 20 international addresses, which was published on the WVA and FVE websites, not a single EU Councillor replied or sent an email. I can commend the support of the WVA EXCOM and Secretariat, the FVE Secretariat and few colleagues from Veterinary Chambers in the region, to which we are grateful. Even now, while I work in the organization of the National and International Disaster Relief in Serbia, I managed to find time to call the Colleagues from Albania and FYR of Macedonia to inquire of their condition.
after the earthquake and severe weather conditions. When there is motivation, one can find the time and the means to support the Colleagues in need, at least verbally if not substantially.

**If elected for the WVA Councillor from Europe for the 2014-2017 term**

My firm intention is to act as a motivated and engaged WVA Councillor that will contact each Member Organization from Europe with important topics from WVA. I will be open and listen to the opinions and requirements of each European Country Member, whether in EU or being European geographically, historically and culturally.

I stand for all the points that I signed in the Code of Conduct and Confidentiality Statement for WVA Officers and Councillors. In my work I always give the whole of my person, knowledge and experience.

Thank you for reading this Election Statement and for considering to give your vote for me as the WVA Councillor from Europe.

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**Candidate: Dr Rafael LAGUENS**

Nominating organization: Consejo General de Colegios Veterinarios de España

The WVA has a great potential for growth but also the great drawback that being a global organization manage it has the difficulties of reaching all veterinary associations worldwide, with all its variety and diversity. Only with dialogue and understanding among the largest possible number of veterinary associations will be possible build a strong and effective WVA, and this requires time, patience and continuity.

Use the experience that already have the WVA, and the experiences of regional or national associations current and future members, adapting them to the global reality is the tool and basic idea to further develop the WVA.

For my part I am willing to put in the service of WVA my experience and contacts, especially in Europe, Latin America and Arab countries, to develop the basic idea abovementioned.

With kind regards,

Rafael Laguens

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**Candidate: Dr Rainer SCHNEICHEL**

Nominating organization: Bundesverband Praktizierender Tierärzte (Germany)

Hereby I would like to explain my motivation for my application as a candidate in the 2014 election for the position as Councillor (Europe) in the World Veterinary Association.

I can offer a wide-ranging professional experience. I run a veterinary clinic for the care of a variety of animals with focus on food producing animals, including the control of livestock epidemics, and non-food producing animals such as horses, doves and small animals.

Due to my previous involvement in the World Veterinary Association I am convinced that I can now prove myself as most valuable for the association’s work and improvement. With my already acquired vast overview concerning the multifarious activities of the World Veterinary Association and it’s operating principles I now want to get even more in media.

Since 2003 I am 1st vice-president of the German Veterinary Association for practitioner’s (Bundesverband Praktizierender Tierärzte e. V.). This
position has allowed me to contribute to various topics around the veterinary profession in Europe and worldwide for almost twelve years now. This includes both content and policy, respectively procedures. From 2005 to 2007 I was already a member of the board of the Union of European Veterinary Practitioners, followed by 4 years of vice-president of the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (2007 - 2011). For the upcoming term in the World Veterinary Association I have a special dedication to questions concerning Medicines including antimicrobial resistances and the modernization of meat inspections. Veterinarians are worldwide facing enormous challenges here. I am sure I can enrich the World Veterinary Association especially with the practitioner’s perspective and help us all finding convincing solutions.

Yours sincerely,
Dr. Rainer Schneichel

Candidate: Dr Olafur VALSSON
Nominating organization: The Icelandic Veterinary Association

It is with pleasure and enthusiasm that I hereby declare my intent to stand as a candidate for Councillor in the 2014 elections of the WVA.

The importance of the veterinary profession has never been clearer than in recent years, with the challenges linked to globalization and environmental changes.

Global warming and climate changes can have waste effect on animal production and scarce resources with forecasted draughts in some areas of the world and the elevation of sea level flooding large agricultural areas of the world. The voice of the veterinary profession must be strong in the challenges faced participating in the discussions to promote animal health and welfare and public health while also promoting responsible use of scarce resources.

The veterinary profession has through the years been at the front in promoting the One Health concept. The World Veterinary Association should continue promoting the One Health concept strongly in the coming years and assist its members to do so. Trans-boundary animal diseases, zoonoses and vector borne diseases are all challenges veterinarians all around the world are facing with even more force than previously with the increase in global tourism and the globalization of the food and feed market.

Antimicrobial resistance is considered as one the major threats facing mankind today. The Veterinary profession is at the center in the fight against antimicrobial resistance with promoting responsible use of antibiotics.

All these challenges require a strong, honest, transparent organization able to support veterinarians around the world in their quest to serve animals and the public at large.

I strongly believe I can contribute to the work of the WVA. During my more than 35 years of professional life as veterinary surgeon I have touched upon most of the disciplines within the profession from equine surgery, official services, consultative work for governments and officials to a leading position in an international organization, responsible for surveillance of compliance on animal health and welfare and food and feed safety rules. I have an in-depth knowledge and experience in communicating with professionals and politicians alike from the far North to the South. I would be honored to serve the WVA for the next term as Councillor.
COUNCILLOR FOR MIDDLE EAST and NORTH AFRICA

Number of seats: Two seats.

**Candidate: Dr Farouk EL-DESSOUKY**

Nominating organization: Egyptian Veterinary Medical Association (EVMA)

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**A vision on the future of the Veterinary Profession**

Several channels should be taken into consideration regarding the future of veterinary profession. An important role should be played by the Veterinary Associations through a common policy of the World Veterinary Association.

1) Special attention for the effect of the climate changes and the role of the Veterinarians in detection and diagnosis especially exotic disease, zoonotic and endemic diseases. Also the role of smuggling animals in spreading diseases.

2) Protecting the public health and food safety, with special emphasis on the role Veterinary inspectors in the markets for the sake of human health (one health policy).

3) “The Veterinary Education”, we should talk about two major issues:
   a. The standardization of Veterinary programs studies and the accreditation of Veterinary faculties all over the world.
   b. The importance of the role of the para-veterinarians education and the encouragements of the expansion in the establishment of the para-veterinarians schools.

4) The sustainability of the Veterinary training programs for the both the students and the graduates.

5) The applied researches in the Veterinary Institutes and its role in the development of the countries economics especially in the Third world countries.

6) The role played by the official Veterinarians in the veterinary statutory bodies with more terms of reference in the legislation should be clearly identified.

7) Stakeholders should contribute in the improvement of the future of Veterinary Profession together with the Veterinary pharmaceutical companies and the food industries companies.

8) National Veterinary Councils should be established for the development of Veterinary profession in each country members in the WVA. The council should include different categories having impact on the Veterinary profession (Vet. Consultants, stakeholders, food industries, exporters, importers, faculties, Vet. Institutes, etc.).

9) The most important subject is to pay attention on the Animal Welfare and the food safety.

10) At least and not last the importance of the expansion of the WVA membership to include the great companies working in the veterinary fields at least in the beginning as observers.
**Candidate: Dr: Khaled EL HICHERI**  
Nominating organization: Tunisian National Board of Medical Veterinary Doctors

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**My vision for the future of WVA**

As the veterinary community around the world is large and diversified, WVA should:

- Act to expand exchange of experiences and ideas between its members, in order to promote veterinary activities worldwide and to present a real image of what our community is able to do for the welfare of the human being and for the protection and welfare of the animal population.
- Be as large as possible by including a greater number of veterinary associations and other veterinary organizations worldwide.
- Act with national and regional WVA’s members to review and revise their constitutional laws and policies, to comply globally with WVA’s legal texts and with the natural evolution of their societal and economical status.
- Help veterinary profession in poorer countries to organize and build strong veterinary associations and bodies, able to efficiently contribute to the development of their countries and to the profession’s promotion.
- Support efforts of veterinary services, veterinary schools and veterinary research institutes, to obtain loans from funding international bodies or donators, to finance development projects, in order to improve their capacity.
- Act to make WVA recognized by countries and by international organizations, as the global representative of the veterinary global community, by participating and contributing to all international meetings concerning animal health, veterinary public hygiene, food security and safety and issues related to public health, pharmaceutical industry, feed industry, livestock and animal production.
- Facilitate the exchange of students and teachers between veterinary schools and help students to obtain financial support from international bodies and civil society to continue their post graduation studies and to specialize in different fields of veterinary sciences.
- Ask WVA’s member associations to contribute to the advancement of the veterinary profession by expressing their visions on different common issues, as for instance:
  - The rapid feminization’ impact on the future of the profession.
  - Veterinary education and training, regarding the societal and economical changes.
  - Veterinary pharmacy.

Constitute working groups for these different issues in order to express WVA’s point of view.

- Improve WVA’s information and communications aspects to better communicate with members, with other organizations and with medias.
- Prepare a world veterinary charter, mentioning guidelines concerning:
  - Veterinary deontology and ethical standards
  - Education and training standards
  - Good veterinary practice
  - Information and communication
  - Animal health, protection and welfare
  - Legislation and policies
  - The role of veterinarians confronted with the needs of the global human community and with the global economy and international exchanges.

Dr. Khaled El Hicheri
COUNCILLOR FOR INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Number of seats: One seat

**Candidate: Dr Sira ABDUL RAHMAN**
Nominating organization: Commonwealth Veterinary Association

**My vision for the future of WVA and motivation for standing as a candidate as WVA Councillor**

The World Veterinary Association is a dynamic organization catering to the Veterinary profession throughout the world. However, there are some countries of Asia and Africa who are not able to join WVA and reap the benefits and it will be my endeavor to see that every country becomes a Member of WVA.

There needs to be motivation for these member countries to join WVA and WVA should be in a position to spell out what it intends to do to help them so that Veterinarians achieve day one competencies as laid out by the OIE.

The World Veterinary Day, an initiative of WVA has been highly successful to motivate individual Veterinarians throughout the world and this should be further extended to benefit each and every Veterinarian, irrespective of geographical boundaries.

I firmly believe that this is achievable and once I am elected I will endeavor my best to achieve this goal.

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**Candidate: Dr Walter WINDING**
Nominating organization: Federation of Veterinarians of Europe

During recent years many activities by and inside WVA have brought us big steps forward in the direction of our vision to be the voice of the global veterinary profession. The coming elections, following the recently adopted new Constitution and Bylaws, will provide WVA with a more powerful and flexible executive body. Improving communication inside our association and profession, securing and strengthening our financial background and management will be the next necessary steps to provide us with the base for a strong appearance in the global health scenery. It would be a continuance of my long engagement in veterinary vocational activities and also a great pleasure for me to contribute to a success of WVA in the future using my communication skills and long experience on a National, European and global level in veterinary and health politics.
COUNCILLOR FOR INTERNATIONAL DISCIPLINE-CENTRED ORGANIZATIONS

Number of seats: One seat

Candidate: Dr Dusan PALIC
Nominating organization: World Aquatic Veterinary Medical Association

This letter is to confirm my intent to accept the World Aquatic Veterinary Medical Association 's nomination to stand for election for the position of WV A Councillor. Below is brief summary of my experiences and motivation for the position.

Veterinary profession has been part of my family for three consecutive generations, starting with my Grandfather (Professor of Veterinary Anatomy), through my father (Professor of Poultry Diseases) and continuing to my current position of Professor of Fish Diseases. We have continuously been part of the veterinary workforce for over 70 years, and during this time, directly or indirectly contributed to advancement of art and science of veterinary medicine in various ways, locally and globally, including support for formation of the World Veterinary Association in 1959.

I regard The World Veterinary Association as the most important global association for advancing veterinary medicine. It is of great significance that such an organization is recognized by national authorities and other key stakeholders as the voice of the profession, and that WV A opinions and policies are taken in the account when making decisions affecting global health and welfare.

If elected as councillor, I will actively contribute to achieving WVA goals, with specific focus on assisting the promotion of veterinary education that meets minimum requirements, encouraging development and improvement of veterinary services, and participate in setting up policies and positions focusing on global veterinary issues. I will work towards increased collaboration between WVA and international associations, in hope that the WVA will become a global umbrella for all national and international veterinary organizations.

My career has been devoted to the advancement of education and science in the area of aquatic veterinary medicine. The rapid increase in significance of aquaculture as animal protein source has not been followed by availability of adequately trained veterinary services. I have worked in two continents (Europe and North America) to increase awareness of aquatic veterinary medicine. I help educate veterinarians to diagnose and treat fish diseases. I would like to continue this work as a member of the WVA council to assist in the development and recognition of the veterinary profession in the area of aquatic animal medicine and to help the veterinarians, government, industry and public to produce and keep healthy fish, and protect the environment in the process.

I have served as a founding member, treasurer, and President of the World Aquatic Veterinary Medical Association since 2007, and I was involved in developing WAVMA 's strategic plans, and board decisions about all matters of the association. Aquatic veterinary medicine is in need for organized representation worldwide and I think that my international experience and diverse education background will help the World Veterinary Association to serve the discipline of veterinary medicine in enhancing aquatic animal health and welfare, public health, and seafood safety in support of the veterinary profession, aquatic animal owners and industries, and other stakeholders.

As councillor, I will provide service to Council meetings and contribute to forming policies to support the mission of
the WVA. During my service term, I will work with the WVA executives and membership to further develop recognition and the credentialing system for aquatic animal veterinary medicine education programs worldwide, and to facilitate WVA’s responses to emerging aquatic animal medicine issues. Finally, as an academic professional in the field of aquatic animal veterinary medicine, I will continue to convey the message to the new generations of veterinarians: that aquatic animal medicine needs veterinary presence, and we are here to help establish it.

Dusan Palić, D.V.M., MVSc, Ph.D.  
Professor and Chair of Fish Diseases and Fisheries Biology  
Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Ludwig-Maximilians University Munich

Candidate: Dr Patricia TURNER  
Nominating organization: International Association of Colleges of Laboratory Animal Medicine

Patricia V. Turner, BSc, MS, DVM, DVSc, DACLAM, DABT

Statement of Interest  
The World Veterinary Association has a critical role to play in unifying the global veterinary community and representing them to other international organizations, such as the OIE, WSPA, and the WMA, on important issues such as quality veterinary education, high food safety standards, excellence in public health, global One Health problems, and animal welfare. Because the WVA is a professional organization and not a regulatory one, I believe that the WVA is in an excellent position to communicate and work together with member countries to help them achieve and exceed international standards set for animal care, health, and well-being. In the role of Councillor, I would work with other members of the WVA Council to formulate and review guidelines and policies that define best practices for veterinary medicine in different sectors; promote the WVA’s role as a dynamic organization that strives for high standards and professionalism for veterinarians around the world; and seek to break down barriers that stand in the way of advancing veterinary medicine internationally, by fostering creative problem-solving and promoting initiatives to assist member organizations to reach their goals.

I have worked in the past with the WVA, as a Councillor from 2008-2011 and as a member of the 2012 Working Group that recently reviewed and revised the WVA Constitution and Bylaws. The WVA has undergone significant change in recent years, becoming more flexible, modernized, and ready to tackle the issues listed above in a meaningful way. If elected as Councillor, I would commit to promoting WVA priorities and enhancing its partnerships with other international organizations.
**WVA – WMA Global Conference on One Health Concept**

On 15th July 2014, the World Veterinary Association (WVA) had a meeting with representatives of the World Medical Association (WMA), the Spanish Medical and the Spanish Veterinary Associations.

The four organizations agreed to organize a Global Conference on One Health Concept to be held on 21-22 May 2015 in Madrid, Spain.

The Global conference will be entitled "**Drivers towards One Health - Strengthening collaboration between medical and animals’ doctors**". The conference will mainly focus on zoonotic diseases, antimicrobial resistance, natural disaster management and environmental hazards exposure to humans and animals.

The Global Conference aims in bringing together Veterinarians, Physicians, Students, Public Health Officials, NGOs and others from the different world regions to learn, discuss and to address critical aspects of the ‘One health' Concept.

The main objectives of the conference is to strengthen the links and communications and to achieve closer collaboration between physicians, veterinarians and all relevant stakeholders to improve different aspects of the health and welfare of humans, animals and the environment.

More details regarding the conference and registrations will be published soon on WVA and WMA websites.

**The International Bourgelat Committee - World Veterinary Heritage**

The WVA would like to encourage Veterinary Associations from all over the world to join the International Bourgelat Committee (IBC).

The IBC has been established under the patronage of WVA and OIE in 2012 with the objective: “the inventory and preservation of the tangible and intangible scientific and cultural veterinary heritage and its mediation to the widest possible public."

To reach this goal, the WVA encourages Veterinary Associations to join the IBC by setting up a National Committee to promote and to highlight the veterinary heritage on National and International levels.

Learn more about the International Bourgelat Committee and how to set up a National Committee by clicking on the following link: [http://world-veterinary-heritage.org/index.php?lang=en](http://world-veterinary-heritage.org/index.php?lang=en)
Second Ordinary General Assembly of The International Bourgelat Committee

The second Ordinary General Assembly of the IBC took place on Monday, May 26th 2014 in Paris, once more on the occasion of the General Session of the OIE.

Brazil, Kenya, France, Iran, Tunisia, Uruguay and USA were represented. Representatives of the World Veterinary Association, the Federation of veterinarians of Europe and Australia were invited.

After a welcoming address by the President of IBC and by the Director General of the OIE, the IBC Websites has been presented (www.world-veterinary-heritage.org). A template of national Website has been produced and will be provided to all our Members. Each has in charge to build and promote its own Website.

The French Bourgelat Committee has made a copy of the original statue of Bourgelat in bronze. It will be inaugurated July 4, 2014 at the school in Lyon. Other statues in bronze or in resin will be available for the IBC members as soon as possible.

The objective of IBC is to have at least 14 members in May 2015. Each member must try to recruit a new one.

To facilitate the development of the Association, it is decided that no fees will be claimed for 2014-15.

Coming soon - WVA Global Online Education Portal

The WVA has entered into Partnership with Verified Learning Company to create one central online resource of Veterinary Education.

The aim is to provide a network of Learning Management Systems to WVA members that include training from Veterinary Associations, Veterinary Training Organizations, Veterinary industry and individual experts in an area of veterinary or related fields from all over the world.

Training can be studied for vocational purposes and may also conform to legislated Continuing Education requirements.

Click on the following links to learn more about WVA Online Education Portal (www.worldvet.org/education.php?view=portal&cat=about_portal) and how you can contribute training to the WVA portal (www.worldvet.org/education.php?view=portal&cat=cont_portal)
On behalf of Turkish Veterinary Medical Association and the Congress Organizing Committee, it is my great pleasure and honor to invite you to attend the 32nd World Veterinary Congress (WVC).

The 32nd World Veterinary Congress will be held in Istanbul from September 13th to September 17th, 2015.

WVCs constitute an important forum and exciting venue for dissemination of advanced scientific knowledge and technological development in most veterinary fields such as animal health and welfare, one health, food hygiene and veterinary education.

In addition, the congress will provide an ideal platform for young and senior scientists and colleagues, animal health industry representatives from across the world to meet and discuss present and emerging problems of the veterinary medicine, to learn more about recent advances, likely future developments and potential research avenues and to exchange ideas and experiences in our -field- all within an unique environment.

Istanbul, which uniquely spans the two continents of Europe and Asia, acts as a bridge between Western and Eastern Civilizations, is a city that calmly combines the traditional with the modern.

Istanbul is one of the biggest cities in the world with its history of over 2500 years and wonderful natural scenery. Excellent social facilities and services being in the walking distance to the Congress Venue in the heart of the city, we would like to assure you that this beautiful city, with its spiritual and modern atmosphere, is going to fulfill the expectations and represent a great time for all the Congress participants.

We look forward to welcoming you in Istanbul. We are certain that you will greatly enjoy this major scientific and social event of our profession as well as Turkish culture, cuisine and hospitality.

Dr. Irfan EROL, DVM, Prof. Congress Chairman

Online registration is open now: www.wvcistanbul2015.com/?page=registration
CVMA Members Recognized for Outstanding Contributions to Veterinary Medicine during Annual Awards Ceremony

July 9, 2014
For over 20 years, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) has proudly recognized its members for their extraordinary contributions to the veterinary profession and to animal health and welfare. This year was no different as individuals were honoured at the CVMA Awards Ceremony in St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador which took place during the 2014 CVMA Convention.

Dr. Patricia Turner, a laboratory animal veterinarian and pathologist, was awarded the CVMA Humane Award, sponsored by Merck Animal Health, for her national and international efforts to improve the understanding and care of laboratory animals. Dr. Turner has participated in guideline development to enhance research and agricultural animal welfare in Canada and internationally, and she is the co-editor of ‘Laboratory Animal Welfare,’ a text published in 2013. She teaches at the Ontario Veterinary College, and she is also an associate faculty member in the Campbell Centre for the Study of Animal Welfare and past Chair of the University of Guelph Animal Care Committee. Dr. Turner is a member and past Chair of both the CVMA’s Animal Welfare Committee and the Association of the American Veterinary Medical Colleges’ Animal Care and Welfare Committee. She is a current member of the American Veterinary Medical Association’s Animal Welfare Committee and is part of its Animal Welfare Veterinary Curriculum Development Task Force. In 2007, she was the inaugural recipient of the North American Animal Welfare Award.

Two CVMA members were honoured with Life Memberships this year. **Dr. Clayton Mackay**, a second generation veterinarian graduating from Ontario Veterinary College (OVC), is known for being a leader, pioneer and teacher for many generations of veterinarians. He entered private practice after graduation and became a partner in MacKay Animal Clinic. In 1993 he returned to the veterinary teaching hospital at OVC as their Director. From 1997 until 2010, he also served as the Canadian Director of Veterinary Affairs for Hill's Pet Nutrition Inc. Dr. MacKay has volunteered countless hours, serving as president on many notable organizations and an advisor to the Pickering, Ajax and Whitby Animal Control for 15 years. Dr. MacKay has been a welcomed public face of the veterinary profession with regular appearances in newspaper columns, on all major Canadian TV networks and serving as the Canadian Broadcasting Corporations veterinary expert on Radio Noon in Toronto from 1986 to 1998.
Dr. Duane Landals received a CVMA Life Membership for dedicating over 40 years of enhancing global health through the advancement of veterinary profession.

At the provincial level, Dr. Landals had served as Councillor and President of the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association. At the national level, he was appointed as the 57th CVMA President. His involvement in veterinary governance also made Dr. Landals the ideal individual to Chair the 29th World Veterinary Congress. He is currently serving his second term as vice-president of the World Veterinary Association.

Canada’s Veterinarians Call for National All-Species Antibiotic Stewardship Strategy

July 15, 2014
Veterinary and human health doctors gathered at the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association’s (CVMA) Summit of Veterinary Leaders to share knowledge about antibiotic resistance, one of the most serious global threats to human and animal health in the 21st century.

“Information shared during the Summit reaffirmed that Canada must implement an all-species, all-sector strategy that includes agriculture, veterinary medicine and human medicine in order to address the growing concerns surrounding antibiotic use and the risks of resistance,” said CVMA president, Dr. Jean Gauvin.

Dr. John Prescott, a veterinary bacteriologist at the Ontario Veterinary College, said during the Summit that he believes Canada is in a “golden moment” to improve antibiotic stewardship. Dr. Prescott recommends a coordinated national and provincial framework for countering resistance that involves chief veterinary officers and chief medical officers working together, closing regulatory loopholes and implementing a comprehensive national surveillance system that will accurately track the use of antibiotic products.

While CVMA is encouraged by Health Canada’s recent announcement of a phase-out of growth promotion uses for antibiotics in Canada, CVMA supports further regulatory changes that will provide increased veterinary oversight of antibiotic drug use in Canada. Regulatory gaps (e.g., Health Canada’s Own-Use Importation policy) allow unknown quantities of unapproved antibiotics to be brought into Canada and used in animals, including those raised for human consumption. Such regulatory gaps currently do not allow Canada to have effective control over antibiotic use in animals and pose potential threats to the health of Canadians and animals.

The responsible use of antibiotics is a priority issue for CVMA. CVMA holds that the continued use of antibiotics in veterinary medicine is dependent on the professions ability to use antibiotics responsibly, striking a balance between maximizing animal health and welfare, while preserving the effectiveness of antibiotic products and protecting public health.
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E-mail: zoom@target-conferences.com
28th Biennial Caribbean Veterinary Medical Association (CbVMA) Conference
4th – 7th November, 2014

Website: www.cbvma.org/conference.html

WVA Presidents’ Assembly 2014

28th – 30th November, 2014
Singapore

FAVA 2014 Congress
28th – 30th November 2014

The Rise of the Asian Veterinary Profession - Emerging Global Player
18th Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations
Marina Bay Sands, Singapore
Website: www.fava2014.com

Future World Veterinary Congresses

32nd World Veterinary Congress
13th – 16th September, 2015
Istanbul, Turkey
www.wvcistanbul2015.com

33rd World Veterinary Congress
August, 2017
Incheon, Korea

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