World Veterinary Day was instigated by the World Veterinary Association (WVA) in 2000 to be celebrated annually on the last Saturday of April. In 2008 the WVA and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) agreed on the creation of the World Veterinary Day Award aimed at rewarding the most successful celebration of the contribution of the veterinary profession to society.

The winner of the 2015 Award will be announced at the Opening Ceremony of the OIE 83rd General Session to be held in Paris, France on 24 May 2015 and will be invited to the 32nd World Veterinary Congress, 13-17 September in Istanbul, Turkey where he/she will receive the price of 1.000 US$.

The competition is open to all WVA veterinary associations, alone, or in cooperation with any other selected veterinary body.

**SELECTED THEME 2015:**

**VECTOR-BORNE DISEASES WITH A ZOONOTIC POTENTIAL**

Vector-borne zoonotic diseases are becoming a major public health concern in all world regions and are not limited only to tropical and subtropical areas.

Changes in Global climate influences the increase of emerging and re-emerging vector-borne diseases and disease outbreaks (e.g. West-Nile Disease, Leishmaniosis etc.).

Vector-borne zoonotic diseases are an important example of the interdependence that exists between vectors, animal hosts, climate conditions, pathogens, and susceptible human population.

Veterinarians are key actors of the One Health Concept at the animal-human-environment interface. Therefore, they play a central role in safeguarding Public Health.

Collaboration and coordination between veterinarians and physicians are fundamental to prevent and then treat vector-borne diseases.
SELECTION PROCESS

Eligibility
World Veterinary Association member organisations from OIE Member Countries that celebrate World Veterinary Day alone or in cooperation with other veterinary bodies can participate in the competition of being selected as the WVD 2015 Award winner.

Criteria
The WVD 2015 Award will be given to the veterinary association who will best promote the theme of "Vector-borne diseases with a zoonotic potential".
Main criteria for evaluation are:
- Contribution and achievements on WVD 2015 theme;
- Involvement of veterinary students, relevant stakeholders and general public;
- Media coverage;
- Follow up initiatives.

Nomination of candidates
All fields in the application form (attached to this document) shall be properly filled out and emailed at secretariat@worldvet.org no later than 5th May 2015 (applications received after the deadline will be automatically rejected).
The winner will be notified by e-mail and informed as to the logistical aspects of the award ceremony.

Suggested activities and celebrations
Examples of activities (the list is not exhaustive):
- Concerts, public performances, marches, etc.
- Media involvement such newspaper articles, radio and television discussion on WVD theme etc.
- Seminars and workshops in universities on WVD 2015 theme.
- Education sessions for public and children on WVD 2015 theme.
- Release studies, statistical data, surveys related to the WVD 2015 theme.
- Celebrate the works of a notable researcher or veterinarian on WVD 2015 theme.
- Run workshops and set up booths in the street to inform the general public on WVD 2015 theme.
- Create a website containing general information about WVD 2015 theme.
- Promote activities on WVD 2015 theme through social media.
- Distribution of promotion materials related to WVD 2015 theme.
- Any other initiative will be most welcome!!

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