World Veterinary Day Award 2018
And the winner is...

The World Veterinary Day is celebrated annually on the last Saturday of April to recognize the work of veterinarians around the world and their contributions to improve animal health and welfare, as well as public health. Each year, the World Veterinary Association (WVA) and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) organize the World Veterinary Day Award to reward the most successful contribution by the veterinary profession on the selected annual theme. For 2018, the theme was “The role of the veterinary profession in sustainable development to improve livelihoods, food security and safety”.

Faced with global challenges such as the growing world population and the rise in demand for animal protein, the environment’s deterioration and decrease of natural resources and the emergence of zoonotic diseases, veterinarians are playing a crucial role in securing the development of more sustainable, responsible and efficient livestock production systems. Veterinarians are responsible for the prevention and control of animal disease outbreaks, ensuring that the world population will have sufficient and safe high-quality food through the control and inspection of animal products at all stages “from farm to fork”.

By the indicated deadline, the WVA and OIE received 20 project applications. The review committee assessed the quality of the projects and related activities, the ability to raise awareness on the 2018 theme and actions taken contributing to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

On 25th June, the WVA and OIE selected the application received from Uganda Veterinary Association (UVA) as the winner of the 2018 World Veterinary Day Award. The official presentation of the WVD Award will take place in Kampala, Uganda on 29-30th November 2018 during the UVA general meeting and CPD Symposium.
The application underlined the strong commitment of the Uganda Veterinary Association to promote the World Veterinary Day and to celebrate the veterinary profession together with farmers, political authorities, veterinary industry and the general public. Through its activities, the UVA created awareness campaigns about the important role of veterinarians in sustainable development, food security and safety. UVA prepared a number of press conferences, documentary TV, radio talk shows and a march giving visibility to the profession and 2018 WVD theme. UVA also organized open seminars on public health issues highlighting the importance of animal care and offered free surgeries, vaccinations, deworming consultations and farm based training on “farm biosecurity and animal welfare”.

The WVA would like to thank all the veterinary associations and other entities that celebrated the WVD 2018, recognizing their efforts and preparations to celebrate the veterinary profession under the WVD 2018 theme. Please find, hereafter short summaries of the celebrations and activities around the world, promoting the veterinary profession.

The World Veterinary Day 2019 will take place on Saturday 27th April 2019.

The theme for the WVD Award 2019 will be published soon on the WVA website.
Bangladesh Livestock Society & Bangladesh Biodiversity Conservation Federation

The Veterinary Month 2018 was observed by BLS in Rajshahi, Bangladesh from 1th April’ to 30th April’ 2018.

- **Women LSP training**: The Project of ACDI/VOCA, Bangladesh ‘Feed the Future Bangladesh livestock Production for Improved Nutrition (LPIN), funded by USAID decided to recruit Resources person of the University of Rajshahi and by a project namely “A Project on women empowerment through livestock training”.

- **World Veterinary day rally**
- **World Veterinary Day seminar with current year theme**
- **Free vaccination and training camp**
- **Free Health campaign**
- **Closing day discussion about livestock treatment**

Bangladesh Veterinary Association & Department of Livestock Services (DLS) & the Vet Executive

- **World Veterinary Day Rally**
- **Inaugural Session**
- **Scientific seminar and Council** of BVA Dhaka Division and Dhaka metropolitan Chapter.
- **Vet Executive Award Giving Ceremony**
- **Key note paper was presented by Dr. Technical Advisor One Health Bangladesh**
Veterinarians without Borders / Vétérinaires sans Frontières, Canada (VWB/VSF) developed six projects helping the disadvantaged communities in developing countries and northern Canada. The projects are based on the sustainable community development to provide food security and support the health and welfare of humans and animals. There below are some of the actions VWB/VSF is developing with the collaboration of other local or international companies and associations.

**South Sudan**
- Beneficiaries: 4,645 farmers and their families.
- Mass vaccinations, de-worming and treatment of diseased livestock targeting 150,000 animals in four main refugee camps and the largest town.
- Setting up of Animal Health Centers in three refugee camps to provide drugs and other products and to help livestock owners seeking advice or assistance.
- Creation of two hygienic slaughter facilities

**Kenya**
- Beneficiaries: 16,000 farmers and their families
- VWB/VSF volunteers (veterinarians and other professionals) are training village members, co-operative staff and government extension workers to better care for their cows.
- Training of women to improve vegetable production.

**Tanzania**
- Beneficiaries: 2000 farmers and their families
- Volunteers treat and vaccinate animals and work to improve nutrition and other aspects of animal husbandry.
- Training local people
- “Ilima Poultry Project”

**Uganda**
- Beneficiaries: 3800 women-headed households, HIV AIDs affected families, Dairy Farmers and their families
- Training of women para-veterinarians
- Assistance of small farmers to improve production
- Improvement of dairy animal health and dairy hygiene
- Establishment of Practical Dairy Training

Laos
- Beneficiaries: 430 farmers and their families
- Training of local community-based animal health workers
- Annual dog and cat rabies vaccination campaign
- Supporting Health Poverty Action
- Care project

Northern Canada
- Partnering with Canadian veterinary schools and northern communities
- 4 Canadian Faculties of Veterinary Medicine

CHINA- the Chinese Veterinary Association & Zoetis China
- **Event: “World Veterinary Day run for love”**
  The event aims to provide veterinarians with a platform for self-expression and promote public interest and understanding, show love and responsibility. Also set up a public-welfare for “raising money for stray animal sterilization”.
  - 4 cities: in Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou and Chengdu.
  - 5120 donations were received: the value of the donations and medicines were worth about 180,000 yuan.
  - Selection and recognition of the “Top Ten Love Ambassadors”

Egyptian Veterinary Medical Association & vet. Syndicate
Egyptian Veterinary Medical Association & vet. Syndicate celebrated the WVD with conferences, Prof. Dr. Hani Gohar and some of board members of EVMA participated in that celebration.
Emirates Veterinary Association

This year to celebrate the WVD, Emirates Veterinary Association prepared:

- Seminars
- Course of food safety
- Workshop

More information about future projects can be found in the Emirates Veterinary Association’s web page.

National Food Chain Safety Office - HUNGARY

The Hungarian National Food Chain Safety Office (NFCSO) is the supervisory authority of the Hungarian food supply chain. The NFCSO has been operating successfully under the auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary since March 2012.

- NFCSO has initiated social communication under the name of “Remaineless”, which specifically draws attention to reducing food waste.
- March 6th. First NFCSO Round Table event about reducing the amount of food waste.
- June 5th second round table discussion with the topic of product recall.
- DCP’s leader, dr. Ferenc Helik, veterinarian, gave 142 TV and Radio interviews in 2017, it shows that there is a great interest in the press in Hungary for food inspections.
- In 2015, the National Food Chain Safety Office (NFCSO/NÉBIH) and the University of Veterinary Medicine (Budapest) signed a cooperation agreement on the establishment of a Department of Food Chain Safety.
- From March to May 2017- Lectures "The role of the veterinarian in the creation of food chain safety" for students.

Questionnaire to keep an eye on the people’s image of the office and their views on the work of NFCSO

ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute

Eastern Regional Station, Kalyani, West Bengal - INDIA

- The program was organized at the ICAR-NDRI, ERS, Kalyani campus with seminars, exhibition and students’-scientists’ interaction on the theme area.
- Participation of: Approximately 60 people including Students, Veterinary Officers, Scientists and technicians
- Expert lectures

Students-scientist interaction about the theme 2018 (sustainable livestock production, integrated livestock farming, food safety, kindness towards animals etc.)
One day scientific seminar on the theme of WVD 2018 (DR C.M Singh, Dr B.N. Tripathi, Dr R. Somvanshi)

Seventh Dr C.M Singh memorial Lecture on topic “ Indian agriculture-challenges and resolves”

WVD Thematic lecture on topic of the theme 2018 was delivered by Guest of Honor Perf. S.K Garg

Lecture on “Biological Standards developed in Veterinary Medicine” was delivered by Guest of Honor Dr. M.C Sharma.

Dr C.M. Singh-Dr R.D. Sharma Best Technical Worker Award was given to Mr Kundan Singh

Technical lectures were by delivered by experts from LUVAS, CIRB and NRCE, Hisar.
- “Application of animal cloning and stem cells” by Dr P.S Yadav
- “CRISPR/Cas9: Paradigm shift in targeted genome editing” by Dr Naveen Kumar
- “Emergence and re-emergence of Arboviruses-novel diagnostics and control strategies” by Dr Sushila Maan
- “An overview of livestock extension delivery systems in India and way forward” by Dr Hema Tripathi

J&K State Veterinary Council - INDIA

Study of an integrated Farming System for Sustainable Livelihood (Diary Animal Management)
Dr. Farooq Ahmed Kelam carried out the study. Households were asked questions to assess the role of contribution of livestock in livelihood and households and also access to various resources, options and support institutions/services.
- Three villages of Block Ghat of District Doda
- Some of the conclusions: in this area, the majority of households have their income from livestock; livestock keeping was undertaken as a livelihood activity by more than 50% of households in the study area.

Indian Veterinary Association

- Contribution towards possessing innovative skills
  - Establishment of 2 Milk Producer Cooperatives Societies
- Introduction of Public address system in Primary Veterinary Centre, Kattakommugudem, Chilkuru mandal, Suryapet District
  - Dissemination of technical information
- Technology developed
  - ‘One day FMD mass vaccination’: 24000 vaccinations
  - Sheep deworming
  - Training of livestock owners
  - Distribution of pamphlets
- Implementation of Duck rearing in Paddy cultivation in 2013-14
- Introduction of improved Livestock Breeds
- Providing Feed and fodder facilities with latest updates.
- Facilities to the livestock owners
• Extension activities:
  - Organization of seminars/workshops/trainings
  - Motivation of farmers
• Facilitating practical exposure to out coming young Veterinarians from the University
• Clinical practice (treatments, surgeries, inseminations, etc.)
• Presentation Skills (communication skills, practical trainings, TV programs etc.)
• Serving for Rural Development in DRDA(District Rural Development Agency) as Assistant Project Director

Implementing the (9) activities related to livestock development

Iranian Veterinary Association & Iranian Veterinary Organization, Ministry of Agriculture

• 4 Seminars for veterinarians/physicians/public health workers on WVD 2018 theme
  - “The importance of modern managements attitude toward zoonotic and food borne diseases, specially avian influenza”
  - “The sustainable development in the world and the role of management in agriculture, environment, food and natural resources”
  - “The role of veterinarians in profitability of livelihood and food industry”.
  - “The role of education and new insight about veterinary profession in sustainable development for improving livelihoods, food security and health”
• 2 Education sessions for the general public on WVD 2018 theme
• 4 online source containing general information about WVD 2018 theme
• 6 media involvement, promote activities on WVD 2018 theme through social media (TV, radio)

International Veterinary Students’ Association

• Essay competition with the theme: “The role of veterinarians in food security and safety”
  - the winning essay received a spot in the SCOH publication, the Veterinary Public Health Journal (due to be published by June 30th)
• 10 minutes presentation/VETs talk titled “Food security: what is it and why should we care?” by Rosie Herrington (chair of the ad-hoc committee)
Veterinary Association Malaysia & Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia

World Veterinary Day 2018 was celebrated at the Infoternak Farm in the State of Perak, Malaysia on the 28 – 29 April 2018.

- **Seminar on WVD 2018**
  - The evolution of disease control in Modern Broilers in Malaysia
  - The role of veterinarian in food safety system
  - Zoonotic disease and control in Malaysia

- Petting zoo and livestock show
- Mobile Vet Clinic
- Static exhibition
- Oath taking ceremony, Veterinary Icon Award 2018 and launching of FMD control, veterinary research and animal traceability strategic plan during opening ceremony of WVD 2018
- VET Fun Run
- Zumba
- Telematch
- Fishing competition
- Colouring contest
- Cat show and competition
- Official dinner for WVD 2018
- Food promotion from food stall and trucks

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**Vets Care Club, University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Lahore - PAKISTAN**

- Awareness walk
- Photography competition
- **Seminar:** about the importance of the sector in the country and the world, by Prof. Dr. Masood Rabanni (Dean FVS and Pro-Vice Chancellor).
• **Lecture:** about the importance of veterinary profession and impact on society, by Dr. Awais Dar (Manager Livestock and Pets Saadat International).

• **Chain information:** done by the faculty and students on outfall road for the awareness of general public

• **Horse show:** in collaboration with Mariner’s Saddle Clu

• **Snake show:** in which students were educated regarding an important balance in our ecological system yet a highly misinterpreted creature.

• **Free deworming and treatment camp at Bhullewala village**, approximately 700 animals were attended to on the occasion.

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**Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority - SINGAPORE**

• **AVA Free Pet Health Check – “Second Chances, New Beginnings“**

The aim was to increase public awareness on the importance of routine and preventive veterinary care. In addition, AVA published a series of Facebook posts featuring veterinarians from the public and private sectors to increase awareness on the role of the veterinary profession in safeguarding food safety and improving livelihood.

- 2 private veterinarians volunteered
- 10 veterinary students volunteered

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**Gollis University and Somaliland Integrated Livestock and Fisheries Organization (SILFO) - SOMALIA**

• **Celebrating the 18th Anniversary of the World Veterinary Day**

• **Seminars**

• **Exhibitions**

• **Students-scientists interaction about the theme 2018**

• **Participation of:** around 100 people including Gollis University President with senior staffs, Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, SILFO Chairperson, Ministry of Livestock and Fishery Development Senior Staff, Vet Students,
Veterinary Officers, and Scientists, International and Local NGOs and Vet technicians.

- **Camel deworming** (1082 camels)
- **Workshop Program:** about how to overcome frequently Drought which devastates livelihoods and half population of Somali Community and how to improve Food Security and Safety by Producing very qualified Veterinary Public Health Personnel.

### British Veterinary Association & British Cattle Veterinary Association

- **Send a Cow fundraising and awareness activities more than £51,000 collected**
  - Walk from Anchor to Aberystwyth of Christianne Glossop (chief veterinary officer for Wales) and her team
  - Andrew Cobner, friends and colleagues, involving over 100 people, started their Land’s End to John O’Groats cycle ride (over 900 miles of cycling).
  - The five Chief Veterinary Officers of the UK and Ireland climbing a mountain
  - Veterinary practice cycle rides and walks
  - Marathons on the land and in the water
  - A soapbox challenge through the streets of York
  - Fundraising at agricultural shows and at the annual BCVA Congress

Send a Cow works with smallholder farmers in Africa, helping them to fulfil their potential and work their way out of poverty, for good.

- **Johne’s Action Group**
  - The National Johne’s Management Plan (NJMP) was developed by the Action Group on Johne’s to help manage and then reduce incidence of Johne’s disease in dairy cattle.
    - The National Johne’s Management Plan (2 phases: focused in education and engagement and a system of independent veterinary certification of control activities on farm.)
    - Online training and an accreditation process
    - 782 vets trained up as advisers

- **BVDFree England**
  - BCVA is a director and founder of BVDFree England, which is a voluntary industry-led scheme, working to eliminate Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD) from all cattle in England by 2022.
    - National database: bvdfree.org.uk
    - BVD and BVDFree England training course for vets
    - Just over 100 vets are now trained as BVDFree accredited veterinary surgeons, with over 1100 farmers signed up to the scheme.

- **BCVA working group of the RUMA alliance**
  - BCVA is a member of RUMA, which was established in November 1997 to promote the highest standards of food safety, animal health and animal welfare in the British livestock industry.
    - RUMA Targets Task Force
• TB Hub, The TB hub is the ‘go-to’ place for British beef and dairy farmers to find practical advice on dealing with bovine TB on their farm, covering everything from biosecurity measures to understanding trading rules.

State Veterinary Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan

• Celebrating with the participation of politicians, academicians and professors of veterinary and others.
• 8 Conferences species of direction: animal welfare; food safety; selection of analyses of all types of food products; ensuring safe production of all types of food products; production of veterinary drugs and vaccines; application of veterinary drugs and vaccines; vaccination of animals; prevention of infection and infections of particularly dangerous animal diseases.
• Screening of a movie about the veterinary medicine an achievement achieved in the intervening period after the formation of the State Veterinary Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan.
• Golden Horse award to the best veterinarians, scientists, veterinary institutions, journalists, who contributed to the development of the veterinary service of Uzbekistan.
• Concert