



# WVA NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2018

## MESSAGE FROM THE WVA PRESIDENT



Dear WVA members,  
I hope this info-news finds you well rested from wonderful summer break and ready to resume the work in the different veterinary fields around the world. I would like to take this opportunity and update you about the recent WVA developments and activities.

### New WVA Councillor for North America Region

First of all, I would like to present the new WVA Councillor for North America Region, Dr Troye McPherson. Troye is the immediate Past President of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA). She currently works at Central Nova Animal Hospital in Truro, Nova Scotia as a small animal practitioner with a strong interest in internal medicine and ultrasound. Troye replaced Dr Bourque who decided to step out from this position recently.



### WVA Committees and Working Groups

The WVA Council revised recently the composition of the [WVA Committees and Working Groups](#) and welcomed new members in order to strengthen the expertise of the different WGs. The WVA WGs are preparing a number of new WVA Position and Statement papers (e.g. on Cysticercosis, Hydatidosis, Benefits of Animal Vaccination Programs, Availability of veterinary medicines, Implementing Veterinary Continuing Education and Professional Development and the Role of Veterinarians in Aquatic Animal Health). **WVA members are essential part of the drafting process** and will be invited to provide their comments and suggestions once the Council approve the first draft of the position papers.

On behalf of the WVA, I would like to congratulate Dr Solomon Onyango (Ad-hoc member of the WVA Animal Welfare WG) for his appointment as the Kenyan OIE Animal Welfare Focal Point.



### New WVA Member Associations

The WVA welcomed recently two new member associations to the WVA family; the [Indian Veterinary Services Association](#) (Pashu Chikitsak Mahasangh) and the [Hellenic Veterinary Association](#). The WVA has now 96-member associations.



### WVA President-Elect met with FAO's leaders to discuss future collaboration plans

WVA President-Elect, Dr Patricia Turner met with the FAO's Director of Animal



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Production and Health Division and FAO's Chief Veterinary Officer to discuss the WVA/FAO Memorandum of Understanding and to explore future collaboration plans. The main topics discussed were on AMR, Veterinary Education and the future of veterinary profession.

### WVA and WMA Joint Press Release for the World Rabies Day 2018

Marking the forthcoming World Rabies Day that will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> September with the theme of [Rabies: Share the message - Save a life](#), the WVA and WMA prepared a joint statement emphasising the **importance of education** in preventing human rabies deaths. The joint statement will be sent to WVA members in advance in order to disseminate it worldwide on 27<sup>th</sup> September.



### MSD Animal Health/WVA Veterinary Student Scholarship Program 2018

The WVA and MSD Animal Health launched on 4<sup>th</sup> September the [Veterinary Student Scholarship Program for 2018](#) providing 41 scholarships of US\$ 5,000 to be granted to selected students from countries in the regions of Latin America, Africa, North Africa/Middle East and Asia/Oceania.



### Ceva Animal Health/WVA Animal Welfare Awards 2019

The WVA and Ceva Animal Health are about to launch a call for nominations for the WVA Animal Welfare Awards 2019. In addition to the award to 6 prominent veterinarians, the WVA and Ceva added one award for **veterinary student** to be awarded for his/her involvement and engagement in animal welfare. The WVA and Ceva are also working to expand the AW Awards categories to include veterinary schools in the future AW awards editions rewarding them for *Animal Welfare Excellence in Veterinary Education*.



### 35<sup>th</sup> World Veterinary Association Congress

Last but not least, the WVA and the Costa Rican Veterinary Association are working hard to prepare great scientific and social programs for the [35<sup>th</sup> World Veterinary Association Congress](#) that will take place in San Jose, Costa Rica from 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019. The WVAC2019 will include the **WVA General Assembly meeting on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April**, **WVA Animal Welfare Seminar** with the theme of *AW in Disaster Management* and the **6<sup>th</sup> WVA Summit meeting**

**with the FAO, OIE and WHO Tripartite** on the Theme of *"the value of vaccination"* to discuss different aspects of vaccinations such as new technologies in vaccine development, availability of animal vaccines, acceptance of vaccination. The WVAC2019



registrations and call for abstracts can be accessed [HERE](#).

**The WVA needs your expertise and participation for the world to hear our message on our role as veterinarians for the global public good. We need your input as Constituent Members or Observers for our discussions. Don't be left out of the process!**



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