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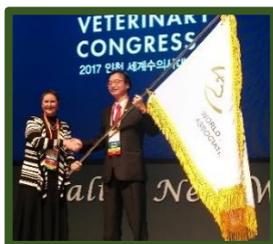
27-31st August 2017, Incheon, Korea

Short summary of WVA activities during WVC2017



On 27-31ST August 2017, the 33rd World Veterinary Congress took place in Incheon, Korea (South) with the participation of more than 5000 from 79 countries. The Congress offered an outstanding scientific program with 255 lectures as part of 24 different scientific streams (the congress proceedings can be found [here](#)). The 33rd WVC was opened by an inspirational video entitled [We Are Veterinarians](#) that was accompanied by a Korean drumming performance.

The [Opening Ceremony](#) was followed by a Plenary Lecture presented by Ban Ki-moon, the former Secretary-General of the United Nations, highlighting his experiences on the importance of the One Health approach in the face of disease outbreaks, antimicrobial resistance, climate change, and other challenges. He concluded by emphasising the importance of the veterinary profession in achieving the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals (click [here](#) to watch the video of the lecture).



During the welcome reception, the handover of the WVA Presidency took place. After a productive 3-year term as president, Dr René Carlson passed the WVA official flag to the new president, Dr Johnson Chiang from Taiwan.

The WVC2017 was both inspirational and a great learning experience, providing the opportunity for veterinarians to exchange scientific knowledge and results, to facilitate the making of new acquaintances, and to strengthen relationships among participants from different parts of the world.

One of the WVC2017 outcomes is the *VET VISION 2050 Declaration* (to be published soon on the WVA website) to emphasize the professional and societal roles of veterinarians in One Health networks to overcome current and future challenges. The Vet Vision 2050 was prepared and presented by a representative from each of six geographic regions of the world and a representative of the International Veterinary Students' Association (IVSA).



WVA activities during WVC2017

During the 33rd WVC, the WVA held different activities together with WVA partners to expand the discussion and knowledge about global veterinary issues such as Animal Welfare, Antimicrobial Resistance, and Veterinary Education focusing on Quality Assurance. Please find hereafter a short summary of the WVA activities:

Global Seminar on Animal Welfare Theme: *World Challenges in Animal Welfare*



The World Veterinary Association, in collaboration with the World Animal Protection and Korean Veterinary Medical Association, organised the Global Seminar on Animal Welfare (GSAW) to highlight the importance of animal welfare in the veterinary profession and the challenges, opportunities and potential roles and responsibilities that the science of animal welfare presents to veterinarians. Experts on Animal Welfare presented various topics related to issues concerning stray dogs, farming of dogs, poultry, and pigs, the market for donkey skins, treatment of lab animals, and international standards in Animal Welfare. The GSAW was opened by an extensive overview on how to move to more sustainable production of animals raised for food. Two presentations made the greatest impression on the GSAW participants; the first was a very informative overview regarding the issue of dog meat production in Asia. The presenter showed scientific data and accurate figures regarding the 10 million dogs that are harvested for meat across Asia every year. The presenter underlined that the raising of dogs for meat in Korea will eventually disappear as the younger generations prefer not to consume dog meat. Nevertheless, there is an urgent

need to regulate this industry by the government for reasons related to public health and animal welfare, as is required for other species raised for meat production.

The second presentation was on the killing of donkeys for their skins. The donkey skins are valued for production and marketing of Ejiao which is a hard gel used in beauty products such as face creams. The demand for Ejiao has dramatically increased in the last few years, mainly in China where the donkey population has been decreased by around 5 million donkeys. Therefore, donkeys and donkey skins are now being poached from other countries, mainly from Africa.



During the GSAW, two panel discussions took place to discuss animal welfare concerns in depth and to reply to questions and comments raised by the participants. The WVA and World Animal Protection representatives concluded the GSAW by saying that the two organisations

representing the global veterinary profession and the global animal welfare community. They organized the Global Seminar on Animal Welfare to improve the understanding of animal welfare, to address animal welfare issues ongoing around the world in varied species, and to empower veterinarians to ensure the welfare of animals under their care. The WVA will continue to follow and to collaborate with its partners in order to find solutions to animal welfare concerns.



The next GSAW will take place in Barcelona, Spain during the 34th WVAAC2018. The GSAW presentations can be found [HERE](#) (click on the title in order to access the presentation).



WORLD VETERINARY ASSOCIATION *ANIMAL WELFARE AWARDS 2017* SUPPORTED BY CEVA SANTE ANIMALE



Following the GSAW, the first World Animal Welfare Awards Ceremony took place. WVA with Ceva Santé Animale delivered WVA Animal Welfare Awards recognizing six outstanding veterinarians for their commitment to promoting the welfare of animals. The winners of the WVA AW 2017 Awards are:

- [Dr Joseph Othieno from Kenya,](#)
- [Dr Sean Wensley from the UK,](#)
- [Dr Marlyn Romero from Colombia,](#)
- [Dr Daniel Ventura from the Philippines,](#)
- [Professor Johann \(Hans\) Coetzee from USA](#)
- [Dr Shehab Osman from Egypt.](#)



Click [HERE](#) for the WVA Animal Welfare Awards 2017 Overview Video.

The WVA Immediate Past President said that the 2017 WVA Animal Welfare Awards goes to six remarkable veterinarians from across the world, who are contributing in their daily lives to the protection and welfare of various species of animals. In addition, these individuals provide information to the public about animal welfare best practices. Ceva Sante Animale CEO, Marc Prizkazsky, emphasized that the welfare of animals is a primary concern for many people across the world. As our approach to the wellbeing of animals continues to evolve, so too must the education and the role of the veterinary community change, to reflect its commitment to animal welfare and to become a true advocate and leader in this field.

Based on the successful outcomes of the WVA Animal Welfare Award 2017, Ceva Sante Animale agreed to continue this positive collaboration with the WVA and to support the WVA Animal Welfare Award 2018 that will be presented during the World Veterinary Association Congress 2018 in Barcelona, Spain.

4th WVA Global One Health Summit with high-level support of FAO, OIE and WHO

Theme: *Antimicrobial Resistance: from Awareness to Action*



The WVA Global One Health Summit, with the high-level support of the FAO, the OIE, and the WHO, was held for the fourth time during the 33rd World Veterinary Congress in Incheon, Korea. The theme selected for the summit was: “Antimicrobial Resistance: from Awareness to Action”. The Keynote speaker, Dr Nadav Galon, former Chief Veterinary Officer of Israel, presented a comprehensive view on the current global situation with regard to the use of antimicrobials

in animals. He pointed out the risk of the spread of resistant strains and resistant genes via waste water. This route should not be underestimated. The Veterinarian-Client-Patient-Relationship (VCPR) was mentioned as an important tool to promote the responsible use of antimicrobials. Antimicrobials should only be used in animals under prescription of a veterinarian with a valid VCPR.





Representatives from the WVA, the FAO and the OIE (a WHO representative could not attend the meeting) presented the actions taken by their organisations to combat antimicrobial resistance (AMR). They also highlighted the need for good communication and strong collaboration to enhance synergy.

The OIE representative gave a presentation about the Interagency Coordination Group on AMR and their activities. In September 2016, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Political Declaration of the high-level meeting on AMR. In accordance with the declaration, the UN Secretary-General established an ad hoc Interagency Coordination Group (IACG) on AMR in consultation with the Tripartite (WHO, FAO, and OIE). The IACG is co-chaired by the UN Deputy Secretary-General and the Director-General of the WHO and comprises high-level representatives of relevant UN agencies, other international organizations, and individual experts across different sectors. The main objective of the IACG is to provide practical guidance for approaches needed to ensure sustained effective global action to address AMR. The IACG published a working plan that is open for consultation. The OIE representative, Tomoko Ishibashi, underlined the need for the veterinary profession to have its voice heard. After the presentations, all speakers participated in a discussion panel-chaired by Peter Jones. Panellists agreed on the need for intensive communication between the organizations and with the stakeholders in the field. They also underlined the need for further research since there still is a big gap in our knowledge on AMR transfer paths. Education should start in schools and universities. The 4th Summit presentations can be found [HERE](#) (click on the title in order to access the presentation).

WVA Global Conference on Quality Assurance in Veterinary Education

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The WVA Immediate Past President, Dr Carlson opened the meeting by saying that the objective of this conference is to convene a global working session for accreditors of veterinary programs, to learn from their experiences and to assess the current status of self-assessment and accreditation systems of Veterinary Education Establishments (VEEs) in the different regions



of the world. This is an initial step in developing a long-range plan for WVA recognition of VEEs that advances their curriculums to incorporate all the entry level core competencies necessary to provide the skills for the prevention, detection, and treatment of animal diseases as well as protection of public health.



After an introductory presentation highlighting the importance of reliable quality assurance in veterinary education, representatives from Asia, North Africa, Latin America and North America gave overviews and experiences with self-assessments of establishments and accreditation for veterinary education in

their regions. After listening to all the presentations, Prof Williamson, from the Australasian Veterinary Boards' Council, gave a short overview regarding the gaps between the current and the desired situation. In addition, Ceva Sante Animale representative gave a presentation on the potential synergistic relationships for veterinary education by the private and academic sectors. All the presentations can be found [HERE](#) (click on the speaker name to access the presentation).

Following an extensive panel discussion, Dr Carlson highlighted the **main outcomes** of the meeting:

- **A Working Group on WVA Recognition for VEEs should be established with representatives from each of the WVA geographic regions to look at providing a process for assistance with self-study assessment for current curriculum status, and developing a staging process based on those self-assessments. This WG might include such considerations:**
 - Consensus of entry-level core competencies need to be included in the program to justify a degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and its corresponding responsibilities to animal welfare, international trade, and public health;
 - Organization of a few templates for self-study reports to be used by the veterinary programs for their self-assessments;
 - Use of a large pool of trained site team visitors available through the International Accreditors Working Group (IAWG) of five well-established accrediting bodies that is not used to its full potential due to limitations in the scheduling of VEE accreditation visits;
 - Defining a process whereby the WVA acts as a “broker” for receiving self-study reports from less advanced veterinary professional programs, and assigning the VEE self-study to 1-2 trained evaluators for feedback to the VEE and a staging decision (such as Stage 1-5 following the OIE model for Veterinary statutory bodies (VSBs);
 - Development of a list of the VEEs and their corresponding accrediting bodies;

- Identifying a process whereby the WVA is assured of the quality of the accreditation process used by the accrediting body for verification of the self-study as presented; and
- Designing a process by which the WVA offers recognition of the VEE for its status of curricular improvements at the OIE General Assembly (pending discussion with the OIE), the World Veterinary Congress, and at the VEE.

- **Such recognition would be beneficial to the VEE in such ways as:**

- a larger applicant pool;
- attraction of donors;
- better job opportunities for graduates;
- and most of all: a more competent global veterinary workforce.

- **A Press Release should be made on the WVA Global Conference on Quality Assurance in Veterinary Education.**

- **There needs to be some support and “pressure” from the OIE, Chief Veterinary Officers, and Veterinary Statutory Bodies to have realistic progress and incentive to align with these recommendations.**

- **Stakeholders in veterinary education and regulation need to have a better understanding of and access to comment on the accreditation standards and process (employers, industry, the public, etc.).**

- **Continuous professional development (CPD) must be available and tied to the regulatory system (VSBs) for licensing/registration.**

It was also mentioned that some geographic regions may be particularly resistant to self-assessment and transparency of such assessments (given the range in quality and competition with many VEEs in the same country), such as the North African and Middle Eastern regions. Therefore, it may be worth a co-sponsored program by the WVA and the OIE in the MENA region to include the REEV-MED network of veterinary schools, to strongly encourage the importance of quality assurance in veterinary education to the veterinary profession.

Finally, the continuation and organization of a second conference during the 34th WVAC in Spain was agreed upon. The second conference will involve the International Accreditors Working Group (AVMA COE, AVBC, RCVS, & EAEVE) to look at the self-study process and identifying gaps in the curriculum and how to address them for the continuous improvement of the professional veterinary program.

World Veterinary Day Award 2017

Theme: *Antimicrobial Resistance: from Awareness to Action*

WORLD VETERINARY DAY AWARD 2017
29 APRIL
Theme
Antimicrobial Resistance - from awareness to action



On 30 August, during the WVC2017 Gala dinner, the WVA, OIE and KVMA presented the 2017 World Veterinary Day Award to a representative from the Conseil national de l'Ordre des Vétérinaires (National Council of the Order of Veterinarians of France) to recognize their activities to reduce the risk associated with the use of antibiotics in veterinary medicine.

Read more about the World Veterinary Award 2017 [here](#).

Closing Ceremony and presentation of the World Veterinary Association Congress 2018



The WVC2017 was closed by the handover ceremony to the next host of the 34th World Veterinary Association Congress. Dr Rafael Laguens, a member of the Organizing Committee of the WVAC2018, addressed the participants and invited them to the World Veterinary Association Congress 2018 taking place in Barcelona, Spain on 5 – 8 May, 2018. He continued by saying that WVAC2018 will provide a unique and amazing opportunity for all veterinarians in all branches of the profession to come together to explore the challenges that face animal health and welfare, to find solutions where possible, and to demonstrate the value of the profession for the public good in a changing world. The conference will host leading speakers from all over the globe to discuss ongoing issues of concern and to explore new horizons in the treatment and prevention of animal diseases and conditions. Share your ideas, expand your knowledge and make life-long connections at this year's must attend event.



The WVA look forward to welcoming you
in the beautiful city of
Barcelona, Spain, next
spring!



More pictures from the WVC2017 in Incheon, Korea
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