



WORLD VETERINARY ASSOCIATION



## World Veterinary and Medical Associations collaboration on One Health

*In October 2012, the World Veterinary Association and the World Medical Association signed on a Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate in a unified approach to tackle common health issues to improve Global Health*

### World Veterinary Association

WVA represents around 500.000 veterinarians around the world through its member associations. WVA is a broad global veterinary community that offers advocacy, support, and education with a variety of partners for focused global veterinary issues. WVA brings together veterinarians, to share experiences, to exchange ideas and to join forces for the promotion and development of veterinary medicine.



### World Medical Association

WMA is an international professional organization representing physicians. Founded in 1947, and is an independent confederation of 100 national medical associations whose purpose is to serve humanity by endeavoring to achieve the highest international standards in medical education, medical science, medical art and medical ethics and health care for all people in the world.



### The WVA-WMA collaboration plan

focuses on zoonotic diseases, responsible use of antimicrobials and enhancing collaboration on education, clinical care and public health. WVA and WMA are holding periodical meetings to discuss issues of common interest and participating in the each other's events to highlight the work and progress of their profession addressing health concerns on a global level.

### Examples of collaborations

WVA and WMA prepared and published joint statements and supported each-other on various health issues such as:

- Rabies control,
- Antibiotic resistance
- Regular availability of Ketamine (non-scheduling).

WVA/WMA GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON ONE HEALTH  
21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>  
May 2015  
Madrid  
Spain



**Drivers towards One Health**  
Strengthening collaboration between Physicians and Veterinarians

### WVA/WMA Global Conference on One Health

In May 2015, for the first time in history, the two world associations in conjunction with the Spanish medical and veterinary associations organized a Global Conference on One Health with the theme: **Drivers towards One Health-“Strengthening collaboration between Physicians and Veterinarians”**.

The conference sessions focused on Zoonotic diseases, Antimicrobial resistance, Natural disaster management, One Health in food production and Veterinary Education of One Health Concept.

The conference concluded that in order to make a difference, the health professions need to work on Leadership, Networking, Cooperation, Communication, Facilitation, and Building trust at all levels starting from veterinary and medical schools.



**This initiative encouraged a number WVA and WMA members to adopt this model of collaboration and to sign similar agreements between Veterinary and Medical associations at national level to use the One Health Approach in their countries.**