Introduction of IVSA

Founded in the 1953 – Germany

Non-profit
Run by volunteer efforts of veterinary students
Largest veterinary students’ association

“to benefit the animals and humans of the world”
Mission statement

“IVSA exists to benefit the animals and humans of the world by harnessing the potential and dedication of veterinary students to promote the international application of veterinary skills, education and knowledge.”
IVSA

• Raise the **overall standards** in veterinary education

• Promote **educational opportunities**

Animal Welfare
One Health
Education
Soft Skills
Mental Wellness
Member Organizations
+/- 30,000 members

in

112 different universities in over 60 countries
IVSA projects

Congress & Symposium
Exchanges – individual/group
Committees – One Health, Animal Welfare, Veterinary Education
Development Fund
Strateging Planning Committee
Collaborations International Organizations
Development Fund

Supporting veterinary education, particularly in developing countries
Supplying with equipment, books and services

Income
Financial donations, student activities, fund raising activities

Live & Silent Auction
Last year: raised € 6.773,-
Total income 2014-2015: € 11.773,-
Development Fund

**Phillipines**
Upgrading two faculties after damage by typhoon

**Nepal & Bangladesh**
Laptops through Computers4Africa and vet med supplies

**Vet Books for Africa**
International roadtrip through African countries starting in South Africa

**Computers4Africa**
Organizing drives to collect computers + accessories
Purchasing computers for the Development Fund
Scholarship Fund

Fund for veterinary students to experience veterinary practice in a foreign country

For students who would not have this opportunity without the fund

IVSA Scholarship Fund
2 scholarships with the help of Merck Animal Health-Europe
Scholarships from remaining sponsorship money
Reduced fees for students to attend the IVSA congress/symposium

Membership Fee Fund
Support MOs that cannot afford the Membership Fee
Committees

- Animal welfare committee
- Standing Committee on One Health (SCoH)
- Standing Committee on Veterinary Education (SCoVE)
- Working Group on Policies (WGP)
- Working Group on Alumni (WGA)
Animal Welfare Committee

Spreading awareness on different problems, projects and opportunities linked to animal welfare
Animal Welfare Committee

Animal Welfare Newsletter
Animal Welfare Week
Local Animal Welfare Officers
Local/regional/global workshops

World Animal Protection

IVSA Animal Welfare Conference
April 22nd – 24th 2016
IVSA Animal Welfare Conference

Utrecht, the Netherlands
April 22nd – 24th, 2016
110 International (Vet) Students

22 speakers from International Organizations

Poster Exhibition
‘How are animal welfare issues addressed in veterinary education in your university?’
‘What are animal welfare issues in your country?’
Standing Committee on Veterinary Education (SCoVE)

Keeping track of advances in veterinary education

Disseminating educational materials
With the help of modern technology
**SCoVE project**

**Vetstage Platform** with externships, exchanges, job offers, traineeships and other opportunities

**EDU+ platform** with educational materials

**VETTalks** with lectures from professors all over the world

**Survey on veterinary education** for the OIE Global Conference on Veterinary Education

**Vet Career Map** – together with EVERI (FVE)
[https://prezi.com/zb2uhjajajsp/the-vet-profession-map/]#

**Online webinars** on various topics
The Vet Profession Map

World Trade Organisation, OIE, Codex Alimentarius

Contribute to active implementation of regional programmes relating to trade soundness, animal and aquatic diseases, research, settling trade disputes, veterinary biologics and animal welfare including organising meetings and workshops.

Lifestyle:
- Staff members are international civil servants under the authority of the Director General. They may be assigned to any activity of the Regional Representation.
- Full-time job that may require living in a foreign country. Must be available for frequent missions abroad and international conferences. Must be available at short notice when outbreaks occur or disputes regarding trade occur.

Qualification:
- Degree in Veterinary Medicine
- At least five years' experience, at the national or international level, in Veterinary services, preferably as a state veterinary officer.
- Good understanding of animal disease prevention and control, including in the context of international trade.

Importance/Relevance:
- For the collection and maintenance of internationally recognized standards, codes of practice, guidelines and other recommendations relating to foods, food production and food safety.
VetTalks
Information leaflets

A paper on the qualitative study of exploring communication skills in veterinary medical education was published by International Journal of Medical Education reveals 4 interesting contextual differences as shown below:

1. Communicate with animal
   Animal uses non-verbal means of communication, therefore a good understanding of animal behaviour is required.
   The goal of communication is to make the animal relaxed, including address the animal by its name.
   Various studies have reported clients' satisfaction with veterinarians who interact positively with their animals.
   "Also communicating that you are interested in the pet as well, you have to communicate with the animal as well as the owner." (Interview 7, 35 years, female)

2. Selling service
   Communication skills are essential for attracting and keeping clients, who were viewed as customers.
   Catering for the client's emotional needs and personality type were considered to be part of service delivery.
   "Customer service and client relations are the number one thing in vet practice, because it doesn't matter how good a vet you are, if you can't relate to people they are not going to come back or they are not going to understand what you have done. It's really important that in a business, we are an industry of customer service whether we like it or not." (Interview 10, 37 years, female)

3. Be about
   A veterinarian shall know when to be compassionate and when to be stern when they need to face and changes.
SCoVE project

EDU+ platform with educational resources
Standing Committee on One Health (SCoH)

Developing scientific materials

**Local** Veterinary Public Health Officers
Organize local events

**Collaboration** with medical and pharmaceutical students and international organizations.
IFMSA, IPSF, IAAS, FAO, OIE, GARC, Stop TB

Veterinary Public Health Journal

**World Health Student Alliance (WHSA)**
with IFMSA, IPSF and IADS
Welcome to the 4th issue of the VPNI!

We are pleased to share some of the articles, videos, campaigns, and information we've created this year so far. We hope you enjoy this journal edition and the ones within, and share it with others!

This issue includes:
- Forging Interdisciplinary Collaborations—One Health Workshop #2
- IVSA SCOH Monthly Public Health Bulletin—Highly pathogenic avian influenza
- IVSA SCOH Monthly Public Health Bulletin—Shakers in the animal population
- IVSA SCOH Monthly Public Health Bulletin—Antimicrobial resistance awareness
- Global One Health Challenge
- NewVPHD, upcoming events, and information on IIJ

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In this edition:
- Veterinarians. One Health and the nexus between disease and food security
  - Prof. Bojan Adlesic
- IVSA’s Zabava

Interview with:
- Dr. Bernadette Abela-Bider – World Health Organization (WHO)
INTERVIEW with
Dr. Bernadette Abela-Ridder
Team Leader for Neglected Zoonotic Diseases in the Department of Control of Neglected Topical Diseases, World Health Organization (WHO)

by Cecile Bulle - Standing Committee on One Health

During the WHO 68th session of the Executive Board in January I had the chance to interview Dr. Bernadette Abela-Ridder, who was a team leader for Neglected Zoonotic Diseases in the Department for the Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases, with responsibility for rabies control.

1. You studied Veterinary Medicine and worked in clinical practice at the start of your career. Can you tell us about your career path and where your affinity for Veterinary public health (VPH) started?

My passion for Veterinary Public Health started during my adolescence, growing up in Kenya. Seeing the wonderful biodiversity, but also the poverty and people depending on their animals for livelihoods. At the age of 15 years old I decided I wanted to become a vet. It was the interest in development, animal and human health, and better lives that fascinated me and the inroads to control diseases that intrigued me through to now.

Where I am now, as a team leader for the Zoonotic Neglected Tropical Diseases, I work at the nexus of development, human and animal health and is where I want to be. Of course it was a long way getting there.

2. Why did you choose to join World Health Organization (WHO) initially?

WHO is the lead technical UN agency in public health. WHO is a member organisation and has the ability to impact the health and well-being of people through technical, policy-setting and political pathways. WHO can make a difference through working with its member states and partners, we can use the tools of evidence and evidence-based approaches to help tackle the issues of human health.

3. What is your role as a team leader for Neglected Zoonotic Diseases and what are some of the challenges you face?

As a team leader, I lead the team responsible for the management of Neglected Zoonotic Diseases at WHO. We work closely with member states and international partners to develop and implement strategies to control and eliminate these diseases. We face challenges in terms of funding, resource allocation, and the need for coordinated efforts across different sectors.

4. How do you see the future of Veterinary Public Health (VPH) in the context of One Health?

One Health is a critical approach to addressing the threats faced by people, animals, and the environment. As a team leader for Neglected Zoonotic Diseases, I see a significant role for Veterinary Public Health in promoting One Health practices. One Health approaches require collaboration across sectors and disciplines to address complex problems effectively.

5. How do you see the role of WHO in advancing One Health?

WHO plays a crucial role in advancing One Health. As a member of the One Health community, WHO works to integrate animal and human health perspectives into policies and programs to promote health and well-being for all. Through initiatives such as the Global Health Security Agenda, WHO aims to build capacity and strengthen systems to prevent, detect, and respond to health threats.

6. What advice would you give to young people interested in pursuing a career in Veterinary Public Health?

I would encourage young people to pursue a career in Veterinary Public Health, as it offers opportunities to make a real difference in the lives of people and animals. It is essential to have a strong foundation in veterinary medicine and public health, but it is also important to stay informed and engaged in the latest developments in the field.
Standing Committee on One Health (SCoH)

Joint workshop at the IFMSA GA and World Healthcare Student Symposium (WHSS)

Representative at the WHO and the WHA

Global One Health Challenge with GARC & IFMSA

Joint presentation IFMSA at the WVA/WMA conference

Antimicrobial Resistance Day
Stop TB Day
World Tuberculosis Day
Working Group on Alumni

- Setting up an Alumni Network

- IVSA History

- Enabling veterinarians to support IVSA
  - Intership opportunities
  - Advice / Mentorship
  - Financial Support
Working Group on Policies

• Write **Position Statements and Policy Papers**

• To create on global IVSA **opinion on topics/issues in veterinary medicine**

• Have to be approved by the delegates of the IVSA **General Assembly**
Training New Trainers (TNT)

• Week of training given by trainers from other international student organizations
  • First edition with EPSA (pharmacy students)

• About 8 students a year → learn how to give a workshop or lecture and teach others

• Continuity of professional student leaders
Exchanges

**Group exchanges - 25**
Local member organizations
Discover a new culture, tradition and way of practicing veterinary medicine

Best exchanges: Malaysia-Thailand-Indonesia

**Individual exchanges - ~ 200**
Local exchange officers arrange individual exchanges
Veterinary labs, farms, private clinic, hospital, etc.
IVSA congress & symposia

Experienceing a country’s veterinary education system as well as culture and traditions.

General Assemblies
IVSA Workshops
Development Fund Auction
Lectures
Workshops
ExCo meetings
Networking
Excursion
the Netherlands, South Africa, Turkey, Indonesia, UK&Ireland, Romania
Excellence Award
Nominations are now open!
Excellence Award | Theophanes Liatis

On the global board of IVSA Fanis served as:

- **ExCo’s** Veterinary Public Health Director & Chairman of SCOH 2013/2014
  - Developed many projects and formed many valuable relationships
- **Chairman** of SCoVE 2014/2015
  - Led the inaugural committee to a very successful first year

**Exemplary Leadership and Contribution:**

- Collaborative Attitude
- Assistance with tasks besides his own
- Delegation and Teamwork
- Going “Above and Beyond”
- Initiative
- Innovation

Thank you, Fanis for your service and contribution to IVSA!!
Excellence Award #2 – Yuvraj Panth

- IVSA Nepal – President
- **Track record within IVSA**
  - Member of the AW Committee (2013-14)
  - Member of the SCOH (2014-15)
  - MO President (2014-2015)

**Organized a lot of events**
Helped the university to receive the Development Fund
Organizes a lot of local events (on veterinary education/rabies/etc.)
Participates in most global events/competitions
Upcoming IVSA congresses and symposia

Vienna, Austria – 24th of July to 3rd of August 2016

Istanbul, Turkey – 1st – 9th of December 2017

Malaysia – July 2017
Governance

- Constitution and Bylaws
- General Assembly
- Executive Committee (ExCo)
- Secretariat
- Trust
- Committees
- Member Organizations
# Executive Committee

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Member Organizations

- Local Member Organizations
  - President
  - Exchange Officer
  - Student members

- Representation on all continents

- Involvement in their universities
Some of our partners
IVSA and OIE

• **Current collaboration**
  - Articles for the IVSA Journal
  - Presentations during IVSA and OIE events
  - Mutual promotion of projects / press releases
  - Promote OIE internships among IVSA students

• **Future Collaboration - examples**
  - More collaboration between students and OIE on a regional level
  - More student attendance at OIE (related) events
  - Create more awareness on OIE among students