Why the World Veterinary Association is Important to You

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WVA’s History

In 1863, Dr John Gamgee convened the first International Veterinary Congress in Hamburg, Germany with 103 veterinarians from 10 countries to discuss the threat of rinderpest and issues of international trade relating to livestock.

Today the WVA represents over 500,000 veterinarians through our 85 member associations across six continents.
WVA Mission

• To assure and promote animal health and welfare and public health globally, through developing and advancing veterinary medicine, the veterinary profession, and public and private veterinary services.

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Five Strategic Priorities

- Zoonotic Disease >
  - Initial emphasis on Rabies
- Pharmaceutical Stewardship
- Veterinary Education
- Animal Welfare
- Organizational Growth & Partnerships

Next step - Do something

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The Role of Private Veterinarians in Rabies Control

WVA Community-based Rabies Prevention and Control Pilot Programs

• WVA Members can help you implement rabies prevention & control programs
• “Local champions” for regional compliance
• Comprehensive rabies vaccine protection
• Laboratory surveillance and monitoring

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- Education about dog bite prevention, injuries, and Post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP)
- Collaboration with community public health workers
- Working with regional animal welfare groups
- Engaging veterinary and/or medical colleges and students to assist with program delivery
The Role of Private Veterinarians in Responsible Use of Medicines

- Advocacy for good preventive care and management
- Effective vaccination programs
- Good nutrition
- Innovative technology for early diagnosis and treatment
- Responsible use of antimicrobials only as specifically indicated

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The Role of the WVA in Continuing Education

- World Veterinary Congress
  Korea 27-31 August 2017
- 2nd Global Conference on One Health – Japan 10-11 Nov 2016
- WVA and Tripartite Global Summits on One Health issues
- WVA Education Portal

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WVA Education Portal

• Continue to Educate….with an online global network

The World Veterinary Association (WVA) has a Partnership with the World Continuing Education Alliance (WCEA) to create the most comprehensive centralized pool of free online Veterinary Continuing Education in the world.
WVA Education Portal

- A global solution to continuing education

- Free software platforms for all educators (including your government courses)

- Free distribution of education throughout the world

- A benefit to educators, associations, & learners of CE for the global veterinary profession & public good.

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ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE
TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH

-helen keller