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The Current and Future Role of the WVA in Continuing Education for Veterinarians
Introduction of the World Veterinary Association

WVA Activities in Veterinary Continuing Education

Introduction of the WVA Online CE Platform

Conclusions
In 1863, Dr. John Gamgee convened a first International Veterinary Congress in Hamburg, Germany.

Today, the WVA represents over 500,000 veterinarians through its member associations across six continents.
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To assure and promote animal health and welfare and public health globally, through developing and advancing veterinary medicine, the veterinary profession as well as public and private veterinary services.
WVA collaborations with International Organizations

WVA works in partnership with relevant global partners on common veterinary issues.

- **World Animal Health Organization (OIE)**
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO)
- Global Alliance on Rabies Control (GARC)
- World Medical Association (WMA)
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Veterinary Education (with emphasis on continuing education)

Pharmaceutical Stewardship

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”
Nelson Mandela
WHY CONTINUING EDUCATION?

Providing that the veterinary profession and science are **constantly evolving**, continuing education is essential for veterinarians to keep their knowledge updated with the latest developments, skills, and new technologies required to enable them to efficiently prevent and manage health risks at the animal source.
WVA ACTIVITIES IN VETERINARY CONTINUING EDUCATION

- World Veterinary Day
- WVA Positions on veterinary issues
- World Veterinary Congress
- Global Conference on One Health
- WVA Global Online Continuing Education Portal
The World Veterinary Day (WVD) was initiated by the World Veterinary Association (WVA) in 2000.

The WVD gives veterinarians the opportunity to highlight the important contribution of the veterinary profession to the benefit of society and all animals by organizing conferences, seminars and events related to the theme selected.
2008 - WVA and OIE create the World Veterinary Day Award for a WVA Member association with the most impressive educational and celebratory events in veterinary medicine on the selected theme of the year.

The WVA and OIE selected Jamaica Veterinary Medical Association as the recipient of the 2016 World Veterinary Day Award for “Continuing Education with a One Health focus.”
Past World Veterinary Day themes:

2008: The diversity of the Veterinary profession
2009: Veterinarians and livestock farmers, a winning partnership
2010: One World, One Health: more cooperation between veterinarians and physicians
2011: Rabies
2012: Antimicrobial resistance
2013: Vaccinations
2014: Animal Welfare
2015: Vector-borne Diseases with a Zoonotic Potential
2016: Continuing Education with One Health Focus
2017: Antimicrobial Resistance: from Awareness to Action
RELEVANT POLICY POSITIONS

- Global Day One Competencies
- One Health concept
- Control of Inappropriately Aggressive Dogs
- Dog-mediated rabies prevention and control
- Responsible Use of Antimicrobials
Global Day One Competencies

• Minimum requirements for veterinary education
• Support for the OIE recommended Day 1 competencies for national veterinary services

• **Food for thought** – development of an outcomes assessment tool for VEEs which would allow a special “**WVA recognition**” of compliance with OIE recommended Day 1 competencies – **not accreditation** but recognition at a very basic level.
One Health Concept

• Essential to embed the One Health Concept and Approach into the curricula at faculties educating animal, human, and environmental health professionals

• Collaboration between the veterinary and medical schools and professions fosters a broader view on One Health issues. Student-driven initiatives address One Health concerns effectively.
Control of Inappropriately Aggressive Dogs

The World Veterinary Association encourages its member organizations and their member veterinarians to prevent and control inappropriate aggression in dogs through:

• education
• promotion of responsible pet ownership
• appropriate legislation
Dog-mediated Rabies Prevention and Control

• Dog-mediated human rabies - an entirely preventable disease

• Veterinarians have a key responsibility in eliminating this risk to human health, and animal health and welfare.

• WVA Community-based Rabies Prevention and Control projects in cooperation with leadership from WVA Member associations
Responsible Use of Antimicrobials

- **Urgent awareness**, continuing education, and critical thinking skills are crucial for new protocols to decrease unnecessary use of AMs.

- **Use of AMs must be decreased** in all animals (food animal and companion animal) and people, yet use of medicines, including AMs, in animals is essential (with education and strict use guidelines) to assure animal health and welfare.
Responsible Use of Antimicrobials

• Antimicrobials must be used with veterinary oversight > examination, confirmed diagnosis, and appropriate treatment plan

• Continuous monitoring and surveillance of use data is essential (not just sales, but how AMs are used)

• Veterinarians need to be involved in antimicrobial use decisions as well as policy and regulatory decisions.
1863 in Hamburg, Germany
1865 in Vienna, Austria
1867 in Zurich, Switzerland
1883 in Brussels, Belgium
1889 in Paris, France
1895 in Bern, Switzerland
1899 in Baden-Baden, Germany
1906 in Budapest, Hungary
1909 in Hague, The Netherlands
1930 in London, UK
1934 in New York, USA
1938 in Zurich, Switzerland
1949 in London, UK
1953 in Stockholm, Sweden
1959 in Madrid, Spain
1963 in Hanover, Germany
1967 in Paris, France
1971 in Mexico City, Mexico
1975 in Thessaloniki, Greece
1979 in Moscow, Russia
1983 in Perth, Australia
1991 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
1995 in Yokohama, Japan
1999 in Lyon, France
2002 in Tunis, Tunisia
2005 in Minneapolis, USA
2008 in Vancouver, Canada
2011 in Cape Town, South Africa
2013 in Prague, Czech Republic
2015 in Istanbul, Turkey
2017 in Incheon, Korea
2018 in Barcelona, Spain
WVA/ WMA GLOBAL CONFERENCES ON ONE HEALTH

**2013** - WVA and WMA agree to organize a **Global Conference on One Health** (GCOH) to promote the One Health Concept to a wide audience of veterinarians and physicians, and veterinary and medical students.

**2015** - 1st GCOH in Spain in May with support of Spanish Medical and Veterinary Associations

**2016** - 2nd GCOH in **Japan 10-11 November** with Japanese Medical and Veterinary Associations
WVA/ WMA GLOBAL CONFERENCES ON ONE HEALTH

• From addressing zoonotic and emerging diseases at the interface between humans, animals, natural ecosystems, and agriculture from a veterinary and medical perspective

• Addressing structural crises, fundamental unsustainability, and imbalances in current natural and social global systems, which produce conditions that allow for the emergence of disease.
WVA/ WMA GLOBAL CONFERENCES ON ONE HEALTH

For Students
• One Health clubs and activities to inspire inter-professional student engagement and enhanced communication and problem-solving skills

For Professional Associations
• A model for international, national & regional inter-professional association meetings
• Stronger support for education on human health factors related to pet ownership
  • Obesity > nutrition & exercise
  • Mental health
  • Responsible use/ disposal of medicines
IGOs - OIE, FAO, and WHO

Ability to influence requires soft skills in education:

- Leadership
- Networking
- Cooperation
- Facilitation
- Trust (“the key leadership competency of the new global economy” [Stephen Covey])
The World Veterinary Association has entered into Partnership with the World Continuing Education Alliance (WCEA) to create the largest pool of free veterinary continuing education in the world. (stay tuned for more in Session 4)
WVA GLOBAL ONLINE EDUCATION PORTAL

- A network of Learning Management Systems (LMS) for high level educators to share educational content
- Programs on core competencies and advanced skills and knowledge
- Can be accessed online, and via tablets & smartphones
- Can be branded as customized Associations portals
SUMMARY

- Lifelong learning through continuing education. Communication and leadership are important skills.

- WVA provides policy resources and support to our Members, including guidelines for use of antimicrobials.

- WVA supports OIE Day 1 competencies and proposes a means for “WVA recognition” of VEEs that successfully implement them with outcome assessment verification.

- WVA organizes global conferences and seminars on key strategic themes.

- The WVA Global Online Education Portal provides a comprehensive repository for 24/7 continuing education for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
Thank you

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