

AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE WORLD ORGANISATION FOR ANIMAL HEALTH (OIE)
AND
THE INTERNATIONAL VETERINARY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (IVSA)

Considering that

The OIE has published Recommendations on the Competencies of graduating veterinarians ('Day 1 graduates') to assure National Veterinary Services of quality ("Day 1 competencies") and OIE Guidelines on Veterinary Education Core Curriculum.

IVSA is the largest veterinary student association in the world, representing around 30.000 students in more than 40 countries on all continents.

Raising the overall standard of veterinary education and supporting measures to improve the standard of animal welfare worldwide are among the core objectives of IVSA's work.

The OIE and IVSA (hereinafter referred to as the parties) have agreed to collaborate on issues of common interest, namely:

- To develop dialogue and identify areas of common interest between the veterinary profession and veterinary students;
- To develop cooperation between the OIE and the IVSA Standing Committee on One Health;
- To increase standards relating to veterinary education worldwide;
- To improve animal health and welfare;
- To facilitate the exchange of knowledge and ideas between veterinary students and the veterinary profession, including the updating of veterinary education and the accreditation of the Veterinary Education Establishments;

The undersigned commit their respective organizations to the pursuit of these objectives through the following actions:

- (1) The OIE will invite the IVSA to participate as an observer in consultations and international conferences that are organised to address areas of common interest;
- (2) The IVSA will invite the OIE to participate in similar meetings and conferences concerning areas of common interest;
- (3) If necessary and whenever required by circumstances, the IVSA and the OIE will exchange their point of view on all issues of common interest.

The aforementioned parties will sign this agreement in two copies; one copy will be retained by the OIE and the other by the IVSA.

The present agreement will enter into force upon signature by both parties.

Paris, 27 May 2014

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