

# Opening Ceremony



## The need for global veterinary education to cope with societal needs

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In a rapidly changing world, veterinary education must face new challenges and continually evolve to meet societal demands in the field of prevention and control of diseases, food security, food safety, public health and animal welfare. Appropriate education and training have a direct effect on the quality and performance of public and private components of Veterinary Services; therefore, the World Organisation for Animal health (OIE) is considering the issue of initial and continuous veterinary education as part of its commitment to encouraging its Members to strengthen the animal health policies and activities of their national Veterinary Services. Well-educated public and private veterinarians who have received appropriate training will help the OIE to fulfil its global mission: 'improve animal health worldwide' and be prepared for the implementation of the new concept 'One world-One health', giving leadership to veterinarians in the field of risk management of zoonoses at their animal source.