Announcement
OIE/IVSA Student Competition 2015
OIE Animal welfare standards in my country

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The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) is an intergovernmental organisation with a mandate to improve animal health and welfare worldwide. It is the only international organisation in charge of setting intergovernmental standards in the field of animal welfare.

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The OIE will sponsor the scholarships for two candidates to attend the IVSA Animal Welfare Conference, which will be held in Utrecht (The Netherlands) from 22 until 24 April 2016.

This Conference will focus on the issues related to this complex topic and provide a great opportunity to students who wish to increase their knowledge in this field. The program will include didactic lectures, as well as practical trainings and workshops, a discussion panel and local excursions to support and strengthen the educational material.

For information purposes, the sponsorship covers the travel costs as well as the registration and accommodation fees, up to 1,000 euros (EUR).

The results will be announced via the OIE’s (www.oie.int) and IVSA’s (www.ivsa.org) websites on 30 November 2015.

**Deadlines for Entries**

30 October 2015
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HOW TO ENTER THE COMPETITION?

You just need to follow these steps:

1. Download and read the rules on the web site www.oie.int;
2. Write an essay (in English, French or Spanish) which describes and illustrates the above theme, including photos and possibly videos;
3. Download the entry form, complete all the fields and sign it;
4. Send your application electronically, together with the duly completed and signed entry form, to the email address animalwelfareconference@ivsa.org by 30 October 2015;
5. Make sure that you receive a confirmation email from the IVSA acknowledging receipt of your entry.

All incomplete entries will be returned.

For further information, contact the IVSA at: animalwelfareconference@ivsa.org.

I CAN COMPETE, IF I AM:

- Currently studying in a Veterinary University which is member of the IVSA;
- Over 18 years-old.

WHAT DO I NEED TO PROVIDE TO VALIDATE MY APPLICATION?

The applications entered by participants must include the following:

- The application form duly filled;
- An essay of a maximum length of 2700 characters (spaces included);
- Good quality illustrations (copyrighted photos and/or videos);
- School registration certificate.

I WILL HAVE CHANCES TO WIN THIS COMPETITION IF:

- I choose an OIE standard in the field of animal welfare, whether for terrestrial or aquatic animals;
- I provide an accurate description of the situation in my country;
- I illustrate the topic with good quality illustrations (i.e. photos, videos);
- I can show that I have well understood OIE’s standards in the field of animal welfare and their implementation in my country.

USEFUL LINKS

- The OIE and its missions
- Animal welfare definition (OIE Terrestrial Code)
- OIE’s portal on Animal welfare
- Infographic: OIE’s standards on Animal welfare
- OIE’s Fact sheet on animal welfare

THE REST IS UP TO YOU!