

OIE/IVSA STUDENT COMPETITION RULES 2015

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ARTICLE 1: Purpose of the competition

In the framework of the 2016 [IVSA's Animal Welfare Conference](#), the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) is holding a STUDENT COMPETITION, in collaboration with the International Veterinary Students' Association (IVSA).

The theme of the 2015 competition will be as follows: *"Describe and illustrate the implementation of an OIE welfare standard in your country"*. The overall objective of this competition is to provide students from all over the world the opportunity to strengthen their knowledge of animal welfare, discover the scope of OIE standards in this field and become aware of their level of implementation in their country. It will also be a good way for the participants to strengthen their knowledge of the work of the OIE and enlarge their network within the veterinary community of their country.

The two (2) winners will be those who best demonstrate a good understanding of the OIE's standards in the field of animal welfare and best illustrate how these standards are implemented in their country.

Participants are invited to provide an illustrated essay, together with photos and/or videos as described in Article 3.

The OIE reserves the right to cancel or amend the Student Competition or its rules without notice.

ARTICLE 2: Entrants

The competition is free and open to any veterinary student over 18 years old, studying at a Veterinary school/university which is member of the IVSA.

The number of entries is limited to one per person (same surname, same first name and same postal address, irrespective of which email address is used). In the event of multiple entries by the same person (same surname, same first name, same postal address, irrespective of which email address is used), all entries from that person will be automatically rejected.

ARTICLE 3: Functioning

The competition will be announced:

- By the OIE on its website and social networks, namely Facebook and twitter.
- On the IVSA's website.

The competition entry procedure will also be published on the OIE [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages, as well as on a dedicated web page on the website www.oie.int from 15 September 2015 until 11 p.m. on 30 October 2015 (Paris time).

As neither Facebook nor Twitter are the organisers or sponsors of the competition, they cannot be held liable for any problem related to the competition. The competition is not associated with, managed by or sponsored by Facebook or Twitter.

To take part in the competition, entrants must:

1. Read these rules;
2. Write an essay (in English, French or Spanish) which describes and illustrates the theme mentioned in Article 1, including photos and possibly videos;
3. Download the entry form, complete all the fields and sign it;

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4. Provide a certificate of attendance/enrolment from a Veterinary school/university which is a member of the IVSA;
5. Send electronically the duly completed and signed entry form, to animalwelfareconference@ivsa.org by 11 p.m. (Paris time) on 30 October 2015;
6. Make sure that they receive a confirmation email from the IVSA acknowledging receipt of their entry.

The documents provided for application should include:

- An essay containing a maximum of 2,700 characters, spaces included;
- A maximum of four (4) photos, marked with a copyright, to illustrate the text; and
- Possibly one (1) or two (2) videos with a maximum length of 3 minutes (these are not compulsory).

If any of the above conditions is not met, the entry will be disregarded. The date and time of receipt of the complete entry will be taken into account for purposes of meeting the deadline. Any entry that is incomplete, illegible, submitted after the deadline or in any other form than that specified hereunder, will be disregarded. No entries via Facebook, Twitter or letter post will be accepted.

The entries that comply with these rules will then be judged by a jury comprising of the OIE Director General, Dr Bernard VALLAT and the President of the IVSA, Anil TÜNER (the "Jury"). The Jury's decision, which will be final and binding, will be published on the web sites www.oie.int as well as www.ivsa.org on 30 November 2015.

The two (2) winners will be awarded the prizes mentioned in Article 7.

ARTICLE 4: Obligations

The documents provided must comply with the annual theme of the competition, which for 2015 is "*Describe and illustrate the implementation of an OIE welfare standard in your country*", as detailed in Article 1.

The documents provided must not be obscene, violent, dangerous, racist, contrary to public order, likely to harm the development of minors, offend the dignity of persons or condone crimes against humanity. Documents that are deemed to be inappropriate or explicit will be automatically excluded from the competition.

The entrant represents and warrants that:

- he/she is the author of the texts, photos and potential videos entered in the competition and therefore the exclusive owner of all intellectual property rights and has not infringed any third party intellectual party rights
- he/she has obtained the prior written consent of the persons identified in the entered photo(s) and/or videos, and will thus hold the OIE harmless from and against all liability, claims, damages and costs that the OIE may incur as a result of the use, reproduction, dissemination or display of the said photo(s) or videos in the context of this competition, so as to ensure that the OIE will be free from any liabilities.

ARTICLE 5: Authorisation for publication

As the author of the entered texts, photo(s) or video(s) and holder of all associated intellectual property rights, each entrant consents, as a condition to entering the competition, to the photo(s) and video(s) being displayed through OIE and IVSA Communications channels (websites and social networks, including Twitter, Facebook, Youtube and Flickr).

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By the entering the competition, each entrant grants to the OIE a non-exclusive right to use, reproduce, disseminate and display in any medium all or part of the photos (in their original or modified form), with a mention of the author's name in the copyright, in any communication or publishing medium. The OIE will not be required to pay any remuneration or seek any additional approvals in connection with such use, reproduction, dissemination or display.

These non-exclusive rights are granted for an unlimited period of time, worldwide, as from the date of submitting the entry and its acceptance by the OIE.

Entrants retain the right freely to use their texts, photo(s) or video(s) and may at any time revoke the non-exclusive rights that they have granted to the OIE by sending a letter, dated and signed by entrants (who retain the intellectual property rights), using a courier service with tracking and delivery against signature, to the following address:

Communication Unit
World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)
12, rue de Prony
75017 Paris, France
Tel: +33 (0) 1 44 15 18 88

ARTICLE 6: Deadline

The deadline for submitting an application is 30 October 2015 at 11:00 p.m. (Paris (France) time).

ARTICLE 7: Prizes

Two (2) winners will be selected by the Jury.

The criteria for selecting the winners will assess:

- The level of understanding of OIE standards;
- The accuracy of the description of the implementation of an OIE welfare standard in the country of the entrant;
- The quality of the illustrations: photos and potential videos.

Each prize-winner will be awarded a sponsorship to attend the [IVSA Animal Welfare Conference](#), which will be held in Utrecht (The Netherlands) from 22 until 24 April 2016. A change in the location of the Conference may occur.

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

The two (2) prize-winners will be informed by the IVSA by email to the e-mail account used to submit the entry.

The costs needed to sponsor each prize-winner to attend the Conference will then be assessed, with the IVSA, and paid directly to the IVSA, bearing in mind that the sponsorship is set at a maximum of 1,000 euros, per winner. Any student who has already registered for the conference by 31 December 2015, will be reimbursed for the fees paid up to the above mentioned amount only. Therefore, any costs beyond this capped amount will be borne by the winner.

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ARTICLE 8: Complaints

The OIE disclaims all liability for the content of published materials (texts, videos, photos). The OIE reserves the right to disqualify any entrants who fail, wholly or partially, to comply with these rules.

Each entrant expressly waives any recourse to legal action with regard to the competition, except in connection with claims relating to the OIE's failure to comply with these rules. Therefore no claims against the OIE will be possible except for claims for failure to comply with these rules.

The OIE cannot be held liable in connection with the competition and the entrants will therefore not be entitled to claim any damages or compensation whatsoever.

ARTICLE 9: Availability of the rules

These rules are available on the OIE web site (www.oie.int), on the IVSA's web site (www.ivsa.org) as well as on the OIE's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

ARTICLE 10: Personal data

Contestants are entitled to access, rectify or delete personal data concerning them. These rights can be exercised by sending a written request to the OIE at the following address: media@oie.int.

Contestants who exercise their right to delete data concerning them before the competition is closed will be deemed to have renounced their participation in the competition.