



WORLD VETERINARY DAY AWARD 2017

29 APRIL

To celebrate the **World Veterinary Day (WVD)** that will take place globally on **29 April 2017**, the World Veterinary Association (WVA) and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) are organising the **World Veterinary Day Award** to reward the most successful contribution by the veterinary profession on the selected theme for 2017.

The competition is open to **all WVA member associations**, alone, or in cooperation with any other selected body.

The winner of the WVD 2017 Award will be announced at the Opening Ceremony of the OIE 85th General Session to be held in Paris, France on 21 May 2017 and the award will be presented to the winner during the World Veterinary Congress 2017 in Incheon, Korea on 27-31st August 2017.

THEME 2017

ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE - FROM AWARENESS TO ACTION



The availability and use of **antimicrobial drugs** has transformed the practice of **human and animal medicine**. Infections that were once lethal are now treatable, and the use of antimicrobial agents has advanced **global health** as well as animal health, which is a key component of **animal welfare, food security and safety**.



Safeguarding the efficacy of these life-saving medications, as well as their availability and effectiveness for both human and veterinary use, is essential to **preserve our future**. However, overuse and misuse of these drugs in humans, animals and plants sectors has dramatically accelerated the emergence of resistance to antimicrobials.



Veterinary Services including veterinarians and veterinary paraprofessionals have a key part to play in the fight against antimicrobial resistance, through their role in regulating and supervising the use of antimicrobials, offering professional advice to farmers and animal owners and collaborating with the human health sector.

To continue to progress in **disease control management and in improving animal welfare**, veterinarians need to encourage and achieve a sustainable **change in behaviours** towards a **responsible and prudent antimicrobial use**.

It is time to turn the words into action!

Share your initiatives and events to raise awareness and fight antimicrobial resistance, and take the chance to win the World Veterinary Day Award 2017!



WORLD VETERINARY
ASSOCIATION



SELECTION PROCESS

ELIGIBILITY

All World Veterinary Association member associations that contribute to the World Veterinary Day theme alone or in cooperation with other veterinary or non-veterinary bodies can participate in the competition.

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

All fields in the application form (attached to this document) shall be properly filled out and emailed at secretariat@worldvet.org no later than **10 May 2017**.

Applications received after the deadline will be automatically rejected.

CRITERIA

The WVD 2017 Award will be given to the veterinary association who will best promote the theme of *“Antimicrobial resistance - from awareness to action”* during the WVD.

The organisers will also consider activities that took place in the past, still on-going, or are planned to take place in the future.

Main criteria for evaluation are:

- Contribution and achievements on the WVD 2017 theme;
- Involvement of relevant stakeholders and general public;
- Collaboration with the public health sector;
- Media coverage;
- Follow-up initiatives.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

Examples of activities (the list is not exhaustive):

- **Identification and implementation of good practices related to the WVD 2017 theme.**
- Holding of seminars and workshops for veterinarians/physicians/public health workers on WVD 2017 theme.
- Release of studies, statistical data and surveys related to the WVD 2017 theme.
- Education sessions for the general public on the WVD 2017 theme.
- Celebration of the works of a notable researcher or veterinarian on the WVD 2017 theme.
- Creation of an online source containing general information about the WVD 2017 theme.
- Organisation of concerts, public performances, fairs, etc. for the WVD.
- Media involvement such as newspaper articles, radio and television discussions on WVD theme, etc.
- Promotion of activities on the WVD 2017 theme through social media.
- Distribution of promotional materials related to the WVD 2017 theme.
- **Any other initiative would be most welcome!!!**

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