



# WVA

WVA was initiated from the first International Veterinary Congress at Hamburg in 1863. Today, the WVA represents over 500,000 veterinarians through its 95 member associations across six continents

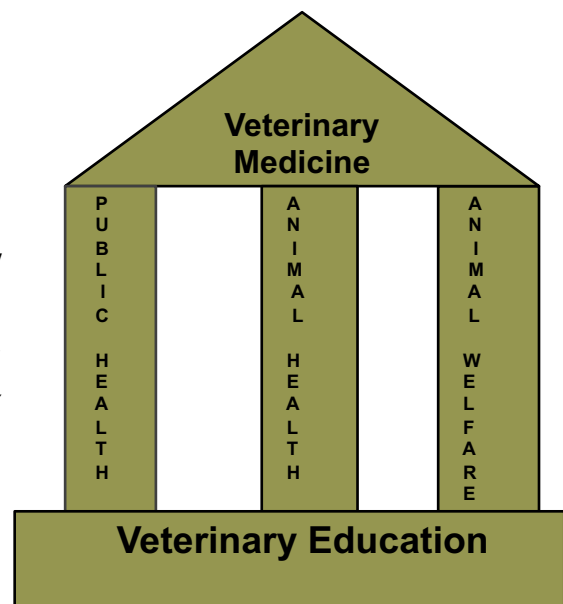


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## WVA Mission

To assure and promote **animal health and welfare** and **public health globally**, through developing and advancing veterinary medicine, the veterinary profession as well as public and private veterinary services.



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## WVA is committed to the One-Health concept

The **One-Health concept** recognizes that the health of **people** and the health of **animals** and the **environment** are strongly interlinked.

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## WVA is committed to the One-Health Approach

Through a **One-Health approach** veterinarians, physicians, ecologists, and many others work together to learn about how health threats spread among people, animals, and the environment and how to control such threats.

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## WVA collaborations with International Organizations

### WVA believes in working in partnership.

WVA signed recently a Memorandum of Understanding and effectively collaborates with relevant **global partners** on various One Health issues

- Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN (**FAO**) 
- Global Alliance on Rabies Control (**GARC**) 
- International Dairy Federation (**IDF**) 
- World Animal Health Organization (**OIE**) 
- World Health Organisation (**WHO**) 
- World Farmers Organization (**WFO**) 
- World Medical Association (**WMA**) 
- World Small Animal Veterinary Association (**WSAVA**) 
- World Animal Protection 
- International Committee of Military Medicine (**ICMM**) 

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## WVA One Health Activities

### WVA prepares and promotes global position papers/statements on One Health related issues:

- One Health concept
- WVA Declaration of Incheon on the Role of the Veterinary Profession in One Health and EcoHealth Initiatives
- Responsible Use of Antimicrobials
- Role of the Veterinarian in Animal Welfare
- Rabies control
- Opposition to International Scheduling of Ketamine
- The Benefits of Animal Vaccination Programs in Advancing Animal and Human Health (in drafting process)
- Availability of veterinary medicines (in drafting process)

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## WVA One Health Activities



**WVA promotes and raises awareness  
on different One Health Issues**

- **6 WVA Global One Health Summit meetings with high-level support of FAO, OIE and WHO on these themes:**
  - 2011: Antimicrobial resistance
  - 2013: Global Wellbeing – a Partnership of Animal and Human Health.
  - 2015: Emerging and Re-Emerging Diseases
  - 2017: Antimicrobial Resistance: from awareness to Action
  - 2018: Biosecurity
  - 2019: Value of Vaccination

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## WVA One Health Activities



- **World Veterinary Day themes:**
  - 2009: Veterinarians and livestock farmers, a winning partnership
  - 2010: One World, One Health: more cooperation between veterinarians and physicians
  - 2011: Rabies
  - 2012: Antimicrobial resistance
  - 2013: Vaccinations
  - 2014: Animal Welfare
  - 2015: Vector-borne Diseases with a Zoonotic Potential
  - 2016: Continuing Education with One Health Focus
  - 2017: Antimicrobial Resistance-from Awareness to Action
  - 2018: The role of the veterinary profession in sustainable developments to improve livelihoods, food security and safety.



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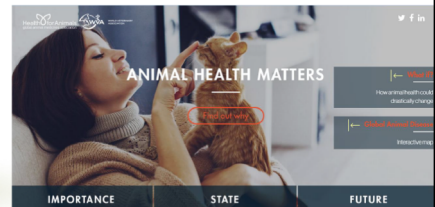


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## WVA One Health Activities

- WVA offers veterinary **technical advice** on global guidelines/discussions papers produced by International Health Agencies.
- Publishes different **press release and articles** in peer-reviewed journals
- Produced together with HealthforAnimals (the global animal medicines association) an **online resource** entitled Animal Health Matters to educate and to build greater awareness of the most pressing issues in animal and human health.

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## WVA and WMA collaboration plan

In October 2012, the WVA and the WMA signed on a Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate in a unified approach to tackle common health issues to improve Global Health.

This initiative encouraged a number WVA and WMA members to adopt this model of collaboration and to sign similar agreements between Veterinary and Medical associations at national level to use the One Health Approach in their countries.



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## WVA/WMA GLOBAL CONFERENCES ON ONE HEALTH



**2013** - World Veterinary Association (WVA) and the World Medical Association (WMA) agree to organize a **Global Conference on One Health** (GCOH) to promote the One Health Concept to a wide audience of veterinarians and physicians, and veterinary and medical students.



**2015** - 1<sup>st</sup> GCOH in Spain in May with support of Spanish Medical and Veterinary Associations



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**2016** - 2<sup>nd</sup> GCOH in Japan in November with the Japanese Medical and Veterinary Associations



**2019** – Discussions on going with the Brazilian Veterinary and Medical Associations to hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> GCOH in Brazil (Not Confirmed)



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## WVA/WMA joint press release

### End Rabies Now Campaign

Since 2015, the WVA and WMA publish Together joint press releases to mark the World Rabies Day that takes place annually on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018.



### ELIMINATION OF DOG-TRANSMITTED RABIES BY 2030 TARGETED

#### WVA and WMA Joint Press release

*The total elimination of dog-transmitted human rabies by 2030 has been called for in a joint statement by the World Veterinary Association (WVA) and World Medical Association (WMA).*

**The two organizations have joined forces to mark World Rabies Day on September 28 in collaboration with the [Rabies: Share the message - Save a life](#) campaign of Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC)**

An estimated 60,000 people die from rabies each year mainly affecting poorer people and children between the ages of 5 and 15. A majority of these deaths, about 97 per cent, are attributable to dog bites. Notifications and reporting of animal bites are generally not required in the countries in which these bites occur most commonly, leading to unreliable data on animal bites.

The WVA and WMA note that the global and endemic nature of rabies can also be attributed to a general lack of awareness of preventive measures, such as wound washing after bites occur, poor knowledge of proper post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) through vaccination and lack of administration of immunoglobulins.

**WVA President, Dr Johnson Chiang said: *Education and Awareness play an important role in preventing human rabies deaths. A priority shall be given to education for school children about vaccinating dogs, treating bite wounds and dog bite prevention. Community-level messages shall be also shared at all policy levels especially by governments to commit themselves to end Rabies by 2030.***

**WMA President, Dr. Yoshitake Yokokura added: *The total elimination of dog-transmitted human rabies would be greatly helped if we could reduce the population of stray and unowned free-roaming dogs. It is also important to implement dog vaccination programs.***

International and national vaccine manufacturers produce enough vaccine annually to deliver approximately 28 million PEP treatments in dog rabies-endemic countries (in Africa, Asia, and the Eastern Mediterranean region), preventing nearly 98 per cent of human rabies deaths. Unfortunately, access to PEP is limited and costly, the supply of immunoglobulins and vaccines can be irregular and public awareness of rabies is low. Vaccination of domestic dogs is not widely implemented. There is a need for increased laboratory capacity and expertise, as well as better data, improved surveillance and more user-friendly and economical diagnostic tests. However, a greater focus on mass dog vaccination could eliminate the disease at its source, reducing the large burden of mortality for at-risk communities.

 **Sign up to support End Rabies Now!**

WVA and WMA inviting organizations to become part of the *End Rabies Now* campaign, to end deaths due to rabies by 2030. You can sign up [HERE](#) to become a supporting organization.



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## WVA-WMA Joint Press Release against international scheduling of ketamine

WVA and WMA expressed their opposition regarding the re-classification of ketamine, as this could lead to ketamine no longer being available to veterinary and medical clinicians, especially in remote areas.

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## Conclusion

**Animal Health + Human Health + Environment Health  
=  
One Health**

Veterinarians have the scientific, medical training and the statutory accountability as well as the opportunity and the responsibility to engage in a wide range of employment fields that deliver services to the benefit of society and all animals.



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