WVA and WMA
BUILDING CAPACITY FOR A HEALTHIER WORLD

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History

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

WVA represents around 500,000 veterinarians around the world through its 92 member associations. WVA is a broad global veterinary community that offers advocacy, support, and education with a variety of partners for focused global veterinary issues.

WVA mission is 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.
World Medical Association

WMA is an international professional organization representing physicians. Founded in 1947, and is an independent confederation of 100 national medical associations whose purpose is to serve humanity by endeavoring to achieve the highest international standards in medical education, medical science, medical art and medical ethics and health care for all people in the world.
WVA-WMA collaboration plan

focuses on zoonotic diseases, responsible use of antimicrobials and enhancing collaboration on education, clinical care and public health.
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WVA and WMA are holding *periodical meetings* to discuss issues of common interest and participating in the each other's events to highlight the work and progress of their profession addressing health concerns on a global level.
Examples of collaborations

WVA and WMA prepared and published joint statements and supported each-other on various health issues such as:

- Rabies control,
- One Health Concepts
- Antibiotic resistance
- Regular availability of Ketamine
WVA/WMA Global Conference on One Health

In May 2015, for the first time in history, the two world associations in collaboration with the Spanish medical and veterinary associations, organized a Global Conference on One Health with the theme:

Drivers towards One Health-“Strengthening collaboration between Physicians and Veterinarians”.

WVA/WMA GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON ONE HEALTH
Thursday, 21st May – Friday, 22nd May 2015
Madrid, Spain.

Drivers towards One Health
“Strengthening collaboration between medical and animal doctors”
The conference **concluded** that in order to make a difference, the health professions need to work on **Leadership, Networking, Cooperation, Communication, Facilitation,** and **Building trust** at all levels starting from veterinary and medical schools.
1st GCOH Recommendations

From the Students

The Global One Health Challenge sponsored by Global Alliance on Rabies Control and World Animal Protection inspired the medical and veterinary students to work on One Health projects, building new relationships and cooperation.

There is a need to inspire more activities of this nature for students and even professional association members.
1st GCOH Recommendations
From Professional Associations

• The GCOH meeting is a great model for future meetings in other countries with co-sponsorship from both the WMA and WVA with national associations. More countries should be encouraged to apply such a collaborative model.

• There is a need to initiate stronger support for education on human health factors related to pet ownership such as obesity and mental health as well as more education on responsible use and disposal of medicines and drug availability.

• There is a need to support and strengthen national associations in communities to be effective advocates on issues of education, policy, legislation, enforcement, and effective statutory bodies.
1st GCOH Recommendations
From Intergovernmental Organisations

• WVA and WMA need to continue building relationships with Intergovernmental Organizations to build trust and to **raise our combined voices for improved health care infrastructure.**

• Together with Intergovernmental Organizations, WVA and WMA need to express the importance of governments to **invest in the protection of their citizens** with effective preventive human and veterinary health care infrastructure, surveillance, early detection, and a well-trained health care workforce.

• WMA and WVA shall continue their cooperation on these educational forums for both public and private sectors and to have **more frequent and appropriate communication between policy makers and scientists.**
2nd GCOH Summary
Jointly with

2nd WVA-WMA Global Conference on One Health
10-11th November 2016
Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan
By Dr Johnson Chiang – WVA President Elect
• More than 600 participants

• From 44 countries around the world

• Approximately 30 lectures covering Zoonotic Diseases, AMR, Education and Future Considerations for One Health
Summary

1. To advocate for sustained political attention, particularly at national level, in One Health issues to ensure health (human, animal, and environment) is the priority when developing policy.

2. To ensure a focus on environmental health is included in One Health discussions moving forward (e.g. antimicrobial contamination from aquaculture, agricultural uses, contamination resulting from human uses).
Summary

3. To encourage further development of educational and experiential training programs in One Health that are multidisciplinary in nature and bring together students of human and veterinary medicine.

4. To support more cross disciplinary continuing professional development programs for human and animal medical practitioners that address One Health.
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5. To encourage additional resources for research in preventative strategies to enhance One Health

To be continued at the 3rd GCOH.....
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