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Launch of the 7th Annual Global ONE HEALTH DAY

Officially celebrated November 3, 2022

Announcing STUDENT EVENTS WINNER for ONE HEALTH DAY 2021

A One Health approach is needed now more than ever!!! And the Global One Health Community is showing the way.

One Health Day is a timely initiative that gives One Health advocates and practitioners around the world a powerful voice for moving beyond provincial approaches to emerging zoonotic infectious diseases, antimicrobial resistance, climate change, environmental pollution, food safety, comparative/translational medicine and many other problems, to a holistic, One Health*, way of thinking and acting for the benefit of all living creatures.

Created in 2016, annual global One Health Day has provided a venue for organizations, groups and individuals to hold hundreds of events that raise awareness about One Health and the complex challenges it addresses at the interface of animals, plants, humans and the environment. One Health Day 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 Event Descriptions and Maps provide impressive examples of how the world is embracing and advocating for One Health. Last year, in 2021, during a second year of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 6th Annual global One Health Day generated over 120 events worldwide.

Anyone, from academic to government to corporate to private individuals, can plan and implement one or more One Health Day events each year. These events do not have to fall right on 3 November but can occur any time of the year. Online <u>registration</u> to get a pin on the global One Health Day map each year is free and free use of the One Health Day <u>fliers</u> and <u>logos</u> in many languages is encouraged. Remember to <u>Register your event</u> to get on the map!!!

Each year students are encouraged to form One Health teams with colleagues from different disciplines to envision, plan and implement One Health Day events and, if desired, to enter them into an annual student events competition for cash prizes. Today we are pleased to announce that the winning team of the 2021 One Health Day Student Events Competition and a \$1,000 Cash Award is, for a second year, the Standing Committee on One Health (SCOH) of the International Veterinary Student Association (IVSA) Chapter at the Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University in Pookode, Kerala, India. This team of 20 students from 4 different disciplines met all the competition criteria and received the highest evaluation score from the One Health Day Student Events Judges. The title of their project was Socializing One Health via Social Media. It consisted of 10 successful sub-events held over the entire month of November, 2021.

Today the <u>One Health Commission</u> and the <u>One Health Initiative</u> Coordinating Team for One Health Day is reaching to the Global One Health Community in a 'Call to Action' encouraging more events than ever to be brought forward in 2022. Since COVID-19 is still impacting the world, virtual events are encouraged; in person events must be carefully planned for safety against the SARS-CoV-2 virus. In 2022 there will be one Student Event cash award of \$1,000.

Any questions about One Health Day 2022 should be directed to your <u>Regional One Health Day Point of Contact</u>. More information about One Health Day is available online at <u>www.onehealthday.org</u>

*About One Health

One Health is an integrated, unifying approach that aims to sustainably balance and optimize the health of people, animals and ecosystems. It recognizes the health of humans, domestic and wild animals, plants, and the wider environment (including ecosystems) are closely linked and inter-dependent. The approach mobilizes multiple sectors, disciplines and communities at varying levels of society to work together to foster well-being and tackle threats to health and ecosystems, while addressing the collective need for clean water, energy and air, safe and nutritious food, taking action on climate changes and contributing to sustainable development. The One Health paradigm forges co-equal, all-inclusive collaborations between animal, plant, environmental and human health arenas, i.e. chemical, engineering and social scientists, dentists, nurses, agricultural/horticulturalists and food producers, wildlife and environmental health specialists and many other related disciplines that fall under its purview.

The reader can review a compilation of <u>organizations that are actively working</u> to advance the One Health paradigm shift and many additional <u>organizations and individuals</u> that declare support for the concept.

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