IVSA Standing Committee on One Health (SCOH): From Theory to Practice

INTERNATIONAL VETERINARY STUDENTS’ ASSOCIATION

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History

**International Veterinary Students’ Association (IVSA)** established in 1950’s in Europe.

Due to the need of the time, the International Veterinary Students’ Association founded the **IVSA Standing Committee on One Health (SCOH)** in The Netherlands in August 2013.

The committee is dedicated to **One Health** in contrast with the other students’ associations, which have committees/chairpersons dedicated to pure Public Health

*ie. Standing Committee on Public Health (SCOPH) | International Federation of Medical Students’ Associations (IFMSA)*

*ie. Chairperson in Public Health | International Federation of Pharmaceutical Students (IPSF)*
The Need of the Time | Why this committee?

✓ new emerging diseases which are originated from animals (zoonoses)
✓ the modern perspective of interdisciplinary collaboration
✓ the existence of such committees in medical/pharmaceutical students’ associations
✓ the lack of education and information of veterinary students concerning applications of One Health
✓ the lack of awareness of non-vets about the role of veterinarians in controlling zoonoses
The globalized character of the committee
The first committee 2013/2014

10 members

1 from AFRICA (Tunisia)

4 from ASIA (India, Nepal, Japan, Indonesia)

4 from EUROPE (Greece, Norway, The Netherlands)

1 from AMERICA (USA)

The current committee 2014/2015

9 members

2 from AFRICA (Tunisia, South Africa)

2 from ASIA (Nepal, South Korea)

2 from EUROPE (Ireland, Portugal)

3 from AMERICA (USA)
Permanent projects

“the lungs of the committee”
Global Veterinary Public Health Network (LoVPHOs)

We called every IVSA Member Organization to create a position named “Local Veterinary Public Health Officer (LoVPHO)” at their local board.

Registered on an online database

**ROLE**
- Materialize global One Health projects
- Collaborate with local medical, pharmacy, or other students,
- Invent new ideas and globalize them

**IN NUMBERS**
- Reached **22** LoVPHOs from **18** countries in year 1, **24** from **20** countries in year 2
- Published their work online:
  - IVSA UK&Ireland VPH Bulletin
  - IVSA Tunisia Lecture on One Health
We established a **permanent quarterly publication** of IVSA Standing Committee on One Health within the IVSA Newsletter.

**ROLE**
- Students contribute to express themselves within One Health
- Read and learn about One Health in different countries
- Present One Health local projects

**IN NUMBERS**
- Published 3 issues
- 16 articles
- 9 student authors from 9 countries
- 5 international/continental organizations participated (OHC, GARC, IPSF, IFMSA, FVE)
Permanent projects

One Health Workshops (OHW)

OHW Greece
2nd Hellenic Veterinary Students' Congress 2013
- Simulation Game
- 30 participants

OHW Indonesia
63rd IVSA Congress Indonesia 2014
- One Health Management at a local level
- 13 participants
IVSA has an official representative in the Joint Working Group of WHSS 2015 organized by medical, dental, pharmaceutical, physical therapy and now veterinary students throughout the world. WHSS 2015 will be hosted by the medical students’ association of FYROM!
Temporary projects
IVSA Campaign on World Rabies Day 2013

Our first Awareness Campaign on World Rabies Day (28th September 2013)

Informal support of Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC)

The scope of the project was to increase awareness of the local member organizations of IVSA about rabies and to coordinate them in order to make local projects (Dog Vaccinations, Lectures, Street Actions & Online Campaigns)

**IN NUMBERS**

- 12 member organizations from 10 countries participated
- Published an “Event Guide”
The events

The publication
The events
The IVSA Stop TB Campaign was held on 24th March 2014, World Tuberculosis Day.

The **scope** of this campaign was to increase awareness about tuberculosis and especially to inform non-vets (farmers or other scientists) about the importance of Bovine TB within the transmission of Human TB.

Officially supported by the **STOP TB Partnership**.

**IN NUMBERS**

- 11 member organizations from 10 countries participated
- Published an “Event Guide” and an “Informative Leaflet”
- Posted 2 promotional videos
The events

Partner of the Stop TB Partnership
The publications
Global One Health Challenge by GARC, IFMSA & IVSA

We co-organized a joint Global Alliance project within World Rabies Day 2014 named “Global One Health Challenge”. This is a contest of the best local event related to rabies and organized by IFMSA-IVSA local chapters.
The **scope** of this project is to bring vet students & medical students together in order to collaborate and show the importance of collaboration when coming up against a global issue such as rabies.

**IN NUMBERS**

40 entries !!!

http://www.rabiesalliance.org

*Theofanis Liatis* (Chair 2013/2014) with *Dr Deepashree Balaram* (Campaigns Director of GARC & focal point between IVSA and GARC) in Edinburgh
Collaborations

“collaboration is everything”
Collaborations

Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC)
The major partner for 2013/2014 within the Global One Health Challenge 2014

StopTB Partnership
Official partners since January 2014 for the IVSA Stop TB Campaign 2014

International Federation of Medical Students’ Association (IFMSA)
MoU and Collaboration with Standing Committee on Public Health (SCOPH) Director within Global One Health Challenge 2014

International Pharmaceutical Students’ Federation (IPSF)
Collaboration with the Chairperson on Public Health and External Relations, and upcoming MOU

World Healthcare Students’ Symposium (WHSS) Partners
MoU and IVSA Representation by Rachel Dalton in the upcoming WHSS
The handover
Upcoming projects

- Continuing coverage of rabies control activities in Nepal and beyond
- VPHj issue 4
- Antibiotic Resistance Day on November 18th, in collaboration with IPSF
- Expanding communication between IVSA LoVPHOs and IFMSA NPOs by the leadership of European and Asian Coordinators
- Stop TB Campaign on March 14th
- Other outreach projects and publications
Other International One Health Students’ Groups
Other International One Health Student’s Groups

AMERICA

❖ Future Leaders on One Health (LinkedIn)
❖ Students for One Health (facebook)
❖ Texas A&M One Health Student Association

EUROPE

❖ University College of Dublin One Health Society

AFRICA

❖ University of Nairobi, Kenya One Health Students’ Association
Important Info

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oh_annual_report_2013-2014