



Who's Who in One Health



1. Organization/ Group Name and website url:

World Veterinary Association (WVA)

<http://www.worldvet.org/>

2. Description and Scope of One Health Activities

The WVA represents around 500.000 veterinarians around the world through its 95-member associations and is a broad global veterinary community that offers advocacy, support, and education with a variety of partners for focused global veterinary issues.

The 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.

To achieve its mission, the WVA implementing the One Health approach encouraging veterinarians all over the world to work together with other health professionals at the local, national, and international levels to advance the health and well-being of people, animals and the environment.

WVA Activities in the field of One Health (the list is not exhaustive. More information can be found on the WVA website):

- The WVA adopted and published a number of position papers on [One Health](#) and [related issues](#).
- The WVA has collaboration agreements with a number of Global Organizations including action plans to tackle global One Health concerns.
- Together with the World Medical Association (WMA), the WVA published a number of joint statements and supported each-other on various One Health issues such as rabies control, Antimicrobial Resistance and the regular availability of Ketamine.
- The WVA and WMA also organized two Global Conferences on One Health. One in Spain in 2015 with the collaboration of the Spanish Medical and Veterinary

Associations and a second one in Japan, assisted by the Japanese Medical and Veterinary Associations. The main outcome of this conference was the historic signature on the Memorandum of Fukuoka by WVA, WMA, JMA and JVMA on One Health approach. The WVA/WMA initiatives 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.

- WVA collaborates and organizes Global Summit conferences on One Health issues together with the FAO, OIE and WHO Tripartite to tackle different One Health Concerns. By now, five Summit meetings took places around the world.
- Since 2000, WVA celebrates the World Veterinary Day on the last Saturday of April to recognize the work of veterinarians around the world for their contributions to improve animal health and welfare, as well as public health. Since 2008, with collaboration with the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), the WVA organize the World Veterinary Day Award to reward the most successful contribution by the veterinary profession on the selected annual theme. Many of the selected themes are important One Health issues such as *One World, One Health: more cooperation between veterinarians and physicians* (2010), *Rabies control* (2011), *Antimicrobial resistance* (2012), *Vector-borne Diseases with a Zoonotic Potential* (2015), *Continuing Education with One Health Focus* (2016) and *Antimicrobial Resistance-from Awareness to Action* (2017)
- WVA and HealthforAnimals launched [Animal Health Matters](#), a new online resource that aims to educate and build greater awareness of the most pressing issues in animal and human health, including AMR.

3. Key Collaborators / Participants and contact information (Email address, Telephone, and if they agree to share contact information on this posting in case One Health stakeholders want to contact them)

WVA believes in working in partnership. WVA signed a Memorandum of Understanding and effectively collaborates with relevant global partners such as OIE, WHO, FAO, WMA, WSPA, IDF and WFO on various veterinary issues related to Animal Health and Welfare, Public Health and Food Safety. See hereafter link to the list of WVA partner organisations: <http://www.worldvet.org/about.php?sp=partnership>

4. Type of Organization

- Private, Non-Profit Organization

5. Address of Organization/ Group

World Veterinary Association
Avenue de Tervuren 12
B-1040 Bruxelles - Belgium

6. Sources of funding for Organization/Group

Membership fee.

7. One Health Course/Certificate/Training Offered by Organization or Group

Title of Course/Certificate/Training:

Contact person's name and email:

Link to informational web page:

8. Other One Health Activities/Initiatives

(Symposiums, Summits, Workshops, Discussion Series, etc)

Title/description of program: see question 1

Link to program informational web page: <http://www.worldvet.org/search.php>

9. Brief History of Your Organization's One Health Involvement

See question 1