



WORLD VETERINARY DAY AWARD 2016

30 APRIL 2016

To celebrate the **World Veterinary Day (WVD)** that will take place globally on **30 April 2016**, the World Veterinary Association (WVA) and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) are organising the **World Veterinary Day Award 2016** to reward the most successful contribution by the veterinary profession on the selected theme for 2016: ***Continuing Education with a One Health focus***.

The competition is open to **all WVA member associations**, alone, or in cooperation with any other selected body.

The winner association of the 2016 Award will be presented at the Opening Ceremony of the OIE 84th General Session to be held in Paris, France on 22nd May 2016.

SELECTED THEME 2016

CONTINUING EDUCATION WITH A ONE HEALTH FOCUS

Veterinarians play a crucial role in protecting global health. In all areas of the profession, they have opportunities and responsibilities to improve the health and welfare of animals, and therefore, to improve the health of humans.

In the current era of globalisation, the emergence or re-emergence of unexpected sanitary events is accelerating. It is estimated that five new emerging infectious human diseases appear each year, of which three are zoonotic. The recent Ebola epidemic as well as the too numerous human deaths caused each year by rabies, dreadfully remind us of the strong links existing between the health of people, animals and environment and consequently the need for multi-sectoral approaches illustrated through the 'One Health' concept.

All countries depend on the performance of their national Veterinary Services, in their public and private components, not only to successfully control these diseases, but also to tackle food safety issues and to effectively prevent and control any biological disasters. Therefore, veterinarians should be well trained to preserve animal health and welfare, as well as to tackle public health issues.

Provided that the Veterinary profession and science are constantly evolving, continuing Education is essential for veterinarians to keep their knowledge updated with the latest developments, skills, and new technologies required to enable them to efficiently control health risks at their animal source.

Therefore, this year, the WVD's theme focuses on how veterinarians continue their education efforts to increase their expertise on One Health topics, such as zoonotic diseases, food safety or antimicrobial resistance, and how they collaborate with the human health sector to tackle these issues.

The organisers will select the winners according to the quality of their project and activities, their ability to raise awareness on the topic, through communications materials and media coverage in their country, as well as their capacity to demonstrate a concrete implementation of the 'One health' approach

For the first time this year, entrants have the possibility to present activities that took place before World Veterinary Day 2016, that are still on-going, or that are planned to take place in the future.



WORLD VETERINARY
ASSOCIATION



SELECTION PROCESS

ELIGIBILITY

World Veterinary Association member associations that contribute to the World Veterinary Day theme alone or in cooperation with other veterinary bodies can participate in the competition of being selected as the WVD 2016 Award winner.

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

All fields in the application form (attached to this document) shall be properly filled out and emailed at secretariat@worldvet.org no later than **10 May 2016**.

Applications received after the deadline will be automatically rejected.

CRITERIA

The WVD 2016 Award will be given to the veterinary association who will best promote the theme of *“Continuing Education with a One Health focus”*.

NEW

For the first time this year, the organisers will also consider activities that took place in the past, still on-going, or are planned to take place in the future.

Main criteria for evaluation are:

- Contribution and achievements on the WVD 2016 theme;
- Involvement of veterinary students, relevant stakeholders and general public;
- Collaboration with the human health sector;
- Media coverage;
- Follow up initiatives.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

Examples of activities (the list is not exhaustive):

- Seminars and workshops for veterinarians/physicians/public health workers on WVD 2016 theme.
- Release studies, statistical data, surveys related to the WVD 2016 theme.
- Education sessions for the general public on WVD 2016 theme.
- Celebrate the works of a notable researcher or veterinarian on WVD 2016 theme.
- Create an online source containing general information about WVD 2016 theme.
- Concerts, public performances, fairs, (etc.), organised for the WVD.
- Media involvement such newspaper articles, radio and television discussion on WVD theme, etc.).
- Promote activities on WVD 2016 theme through social media.
- Distribution of promotion materials related to WVD 2016 theme.
- **Any other initiative will be most welcome!!!**

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