



WVA newsletter

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President
John de Jong

President's Message

Advancing Veterinary Medicine: One Health, New Leadership, and a Shared Commitment to Progress

Yesterday we celebrated World Wildlife Day on March 3 and in anticipation of our WVAC 2026 in Tokyo, Japan in April, I can share that we will be hosting the 12th One Health Summit dedicated to **Wildlife and One Health: Integrating Health, Food Security, and Environmental Resilience**. We will also be hosting our seminars on Veterinary Education, Animal Welfare, and Medicine Stewardship as well, something we always take great pride in.

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Join the OH Summit on Wildlife at the WVAC2026 in Tokyo Japan



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CONGRESS 2026
APRIL - TOKYO, JAPAN

12th WVA
Global One Health Summit

**Wildlife and One Health:
Integrating Health,
Food Security,
and Environmental Resilience**

22nd April 2026, 9h-15h Hall D

Wildlife health is not separate from our own. It is deeply connected to animal health, food security, and the resilience of our environment.

That's why we are hosting the Summit on Wildlife and One Health: Integrating

Health, Food Security, and Environmental Resilience — bringing together global leaders to explore practical solutions at the wildlife–livestock–human interface.

Programme Highlights:

- ◆ Chair: Dr Mark Schipp
- ◆ Opening remarks by Dr Isao Kurauchi
- ◆ Keynote: Dr Emmanuelle Soubeyran, WOAHA Director General

From wildlife trade to climate change, from pandemic prevention to food security, this Summit reflects the true meaning of One Health — collaboration across sectors to protect ecosystems, animals, and people.

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WVA Announces Council for the term 2026–2028

PRESIDENT ELECT

WVA



Dr Olatunji Nasir



The **WVA** is pleased to announce the outcome of its recent elections and introduce the newly elected Council for the term 2026–2028. Following the second round of voting for the position of President-Elect, **Dr Olatunji Nasir** has been elected as WVA President-Elect. At the end of April, **Dr Isao Kurauchi** will assume the Presidency of the WVA, working alongside the newly elected Council to advance the voice and impact of the veterinary profession worldwide.

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WVA Publishes Position Statements on Veterinarians as Healthcare Professionals and the Environmental Pillar of One Health

Two New WVA position statements

Veterinarians as Healthcare Professionals

Environmental Pillar of One Health



One Health Working Group



WVA has published two new Position Statements developed by its One Health Working Group, reinforcing the profession's role within the global One Health framework.

The first statement affirms that veterinarians are healthcare professionals, recognising their essential contributions to animal health, public health, food safety, environmental health, and the well-being of communities worldwide. It highlights their critical role in disease prevention, zoonotic risk reduction, and sustainable food systems.

The second statement focuses on the Environmental Pillar of One Health,

calling for stronger integration of climate action, biodiversity protection, pollution control, and ecosystem restoration into health strategies.

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WVA theme for World Veterinary Day 2026 – Veterinarians: Guardians of Food and Health



WVA is happy to celebrate World Veterinary Day (WVD) 2026 with the theme “Veterinarians: Guardians of Food and Health” will be the official observed globally on 25 April 2026. Selected by the WVA Council, the 2026 theme highlights the critical and systemic role veterinarians play in safeguarding food

safety, food security, public health, and animal health worldwide. From farm to fork, veterinarians are on the frontline of ensuring that food of animal origin is safe, nutritious, and responsibly produced.

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WVA moderates UN dialogue on prevention and One Health ahead of the 2026 High-Level Meeting on PPPR



The World Veterinary Association (WVA) co-hosted the side meeting “Multisectoral Perspectives on Preventing the Next Pandemic” on 23 January 2026 at the Baha’i International Community’s UN Office in New York, contributing to preparations for the 2026 UN High-Level Meeting on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response (HLM-PPPR). WVA Councillor for North Africa and Middle East, Dr Anis Bouraba, moderated the exchange between Member States and institutional partners, guiding a structured discussion on how prevention and the One Health approach are currently prioritised and operationalised within national and multilateral PPPR efforts.

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Publications from Partners

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