World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA)

Global Veterinary Development

Description

The World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) is an association of associations. Its membership is made up of veterinary organizations from all over the world, which are concerned with small companion animals. WSAVA fosters the exchange of scientific information, both between individual veterinarians and between their veterinary organizations for example, by holding an Annual WSAVA World Congress and running continuing education courses. WSAVA also works to enhance knowledge, underscore the significance of small animals within the global One Health initiative, and improve the health and welfare of animals throughout the world.

Purpose

WSAVA's mission is to foster exchange of scientific information between individual veterinarians and veterinary organizations with a primary purpose to advance the quality and availability of small animal medicine and surgery.

Scope

Global.

Primary Funders

Primary supporters of the WSAVA One Health Committee are: Bayer Healthcare Animal Health, Hills Pet Nutrition, Intervet Schering Plough Animal Health, Merial, Nestle Purina, Novartis Animal Health, Pfizer Animal Health, and Waltham.

Participants & Key Collaborators

Veterinary industry and veterinary associations representing over 75,000 individual veterinarians from around the globe. The WSAVA One Health Committee members come from four continents and include representatives of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Definition of One Health

'One Health' or 'One Medicine' proposes the unification of the medical and veterinary professions with the establishment of collaborative ventures in clinical care, surveillance and control of cross-species disease, education, and research into disease pathogenesis, diagnosis, therapy and vaccination. The concept encompasses the human population, domestic animals and wildlife and the impact that environmental changes ('environmental health') such as global warming will have on these populations.

Monitoring & Evaluation Strategy

No information regarding monitoring and evaluation strategies is available online.

Sources of Information

WSAVA Website and Brochure: http://www.wsava.org/
http://www.wsava.org/PDF/Misc/WSAVA_Flyer_EN-2007.pdf

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