



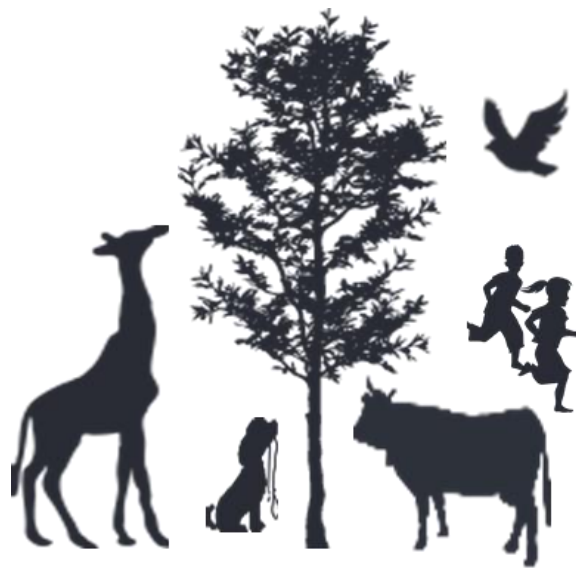
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2nd WVA/WMA GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON ONE HEALTH

*Moving forward from One Health Concept to One
Health Approach*

10 -11th November 2016
Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan



Summary

On 10 and 11th of November 2016, in Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan, the World Veterinary Association ([WVA](#)) and the World Medical Association ([WMA](#)) in collaboration with Japan Medical ([JMA](#)) and Veterinary ([JVMA](#)) Associations held the 2nd Global Conference on 'One Health' with the theme: *Moving forward from One Health Concept to One Health Approach*".

The conference was attended by more than 600 participants from 44 countries around the world with approximately 30 lectures covering different One Health issues.



The aim of the 2GCOH was to strengthen the links and communications and to achieve closer collaboration between Physicians, Veterinarians and all appropriate stakeholders to improve the different aspects of health and welfare of humans, animals and the environment.

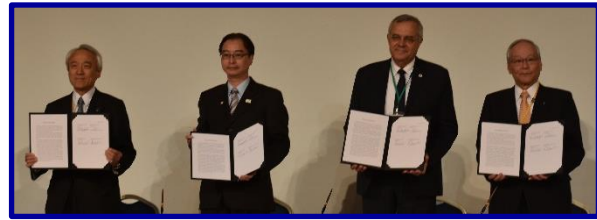
The Opening Ceremony of the 2GCOH was opened with the remarkable presence of their Imperial Highnesses, Prince and Princess Akishino. In his address to the 2GCOH delegates, Prince Akishino highlighted the importance of the One Health approach to address public and animal health challenges.

After short welcome speeches session by the representatives of WVA, WMA, JMA, JVMA, the FAO/OIE/WHO Tripartite, Japan Ministries of Health and Agriculture and from the directors of Fukuoka region and Kitakyushu City, the conference started with different sessions on the One Health Concept, Zoonotic diseases, Antimicrobial resistance, Veterinary Education of One Health Concept and other aspects One Health.

Summarizing the two full days of lectures and presentations, the WVA and WMA emphasised the need for:

- ❖ **More advocacy for sustained political attention** in particular at national level, on One Health issues to ensure health (human, animal, and environment) is the priority when developing policy.
- ❖ To ensure a focus on **environmental health** is included in One Health discussions moving forward (e.g. antimicrobial contamination from aquaculture, agricultural uses, contamination resulting from human uses).
- ❖ To encourage further development of **educational and experiential training programs** in One Health that are multidisciplinary in nature and bring together students of human and veterinary medicine.
- ❖ To support more **cross disciplinary continuing professional development programs** for human and animal medical practitioners that address One Health.
- ❖ To encourage **additional resources for research in preventative strategies** to enhance One Health concept and approach.

The 2GCOH resulted in the historic signature on the [Memorandum of Fukuoka](#) by WVA, WMA, JMA and JMVA. The 4 associations agreed to move from the validation and recognition stage of the “One Health Concept”, to the practical implementation stage:



- i. Physicians and veterinarians shall promote the exchange of information aimed at preventing zoonotic diseases and strengthening cooperative relationships, as well as to undertake further collaboration and cooperation aimed at creating a system for zoonosis research.
- ii. Physicians and veterinarians shall strengthen their cooperative relationships to ensure the responsible use of important antimicrobials in human and animal healthcare.
- iii. Physicians and veterinarians shall support activities for developing and improving human and veterinary medical education, including understanding the One Health concept and approach to One Health challenges.
- iv. Physicians and veterinarians shall promote mutual exchange and strengthen their cooperative relationships in order to resolve all issues related to the creation of a healthy and safe society.

Following the successful 2GCOH, the WVA and WMA received a number of proposals from Veterinary and Medical Associations to hold the 3rd Global Conference on One Health in their countries showing their great interest to enhance the collaborations between the veterinarians and physicians to work together on One Health issues.

Conference material and presentations

Click on the following for the:

- [Program of the Conference](#) (click on the presentation titles to access the presentations).
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To be continued at the 3rd GCOH...

