LETTER OF INTENT FOR POSITION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD SMALL ANIMAL VETERINARY ASSOCIATION

Dear members of WSAVA,

Today I bring before you my request to be considered for the position of vice president of the WSAVA. Throughout the years I have had a chance to be part of several committees and of the Executive board of WSAVA and I have seen and helped in the many efforts to bring the association to a sustainable growth through the empowerment of its members. This has meant changing many processes and, as always, change is sometimes uncomfortable; but I believe we are moving in the right direction.

Since my joining of the board in 2013 it has always been my wish to make the WSAVA inclusive of all its members. I have focused primarily on Latin America in the last few years, and I hope I can widen that focus to other areas if I am voted on as a part of the WSAVA leadership. It is not enough for each of our members to know they are a member, they also need to know and feel why that is important and beneficial to them. As the largest association of small animal veterinarians worldwide, we have a chance and a responsibility to change this world to be a better place for those we care about most: companion animals worldwide.

I feel this position would be one that I can fill adequately, not only because of my recent experience on the WSAVA leadership team, but also because of my background in different cultures and languages which makes me sensitive to cultural differences that exist amongst us. It is my wish that nobody in the WSAVA, or supporting the WSAVA, feels like they are an unimportant minority. Every voice is important and must be heard, and decisions must be best for all involved, in the end to the advantage of the companion animals we strive to help. I hope to count on your support and would be happy to discuss or answer any questions if you wish,

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