Statement of intent

This letter serves to verify that I am willing to be committed to the position and expectations required of the President of the World Small Animal Veterinary Association. I believe that my career background as a veterinary practitioner/practice owner, lecturer in academia, advisor to government and non-government organizations and numerous roles in organized veterinary medicine nationally as well as internationally provides me with a broad perspective of the profession and its challenges. Coming from a small country in Southeast Asia that strives to develop itself, I also understand the obstacles and difficult path to making our profession stand out and reach its potential. And I have learnt that we need community to help each other. This is why I believe in the power of a Global Veterinary Community.

To me, the WSAVA is an old albeit young organization that can make that path easier, less cumbersome and full of possibilities. The WSAVA uplifts our veterinary community in a way no other organization can. This inspiration did not come from a central governing body but from our members who show in our daily lives that we believe veterinarians have an important role to play in the betterment of the world. A world of empathy and compassion. And our mission means that we are not doing this alone: ‘To advance the health and welfare of companion animals worldwide through an educated, committed and collaborative global community of veterinary peers.’

I therefore state my intent to lead this community of leaders with the following priorities:

1. Uphold our core values:

   - **Integrity**: We conduct our organization without conflicts of interest, by promoting transparency, honesty, fairness and consistency in honoring our commitments
   - **Professional**: Our organization reflects the character of our profession. We are passionate, competent, qualified, capable and we strive to represent and uphold the status of our profession
   - **Engaging**: We are an inclusive community, welcoming member associations, members, volunteers, committees, staff, strategic partners and are always accessible for those seeking opportunities for involvement.
   - **Empowering**: We believe that to lead the profession we must create leaders by welcoming the minority opinion while striving for consensus, and to provide support and capacity building with local communities and members to be key drivers of development according to their own determined needs and goals. All our partnerships must serve to strengthen this commitment and not take away the privilege of this responsibility.
2. Create a culture of inclusive and collaborative leadership in the veterinary healthcare team

3. Empower member associations to become flagships of WSAVA mission and support the development of new associations

4. Create a true “World knowledge” concept through our showcase activity – the World Congress but also expand online avenues not yet explored for a more diverse network capability.

5. Explore and prioritize new digital platforms of communication to fulfill our mission and expand our community reach

6. Move the direction of veterinary medicine to a one health approach and position the profession with more strength to create changes in human-animal-environmental health.

7. Be in partnership with other World organizations pairing our activities to get significant outcomes

And lastly, I forward my invitation to - *Celebrate our diversity in a way that unites and empowers our community to enable positive changes in the world*

To this I humbly present my vision and intent to lead our community of leaders as the President of the World Small Animal Veterinary Association.

Respectfully yours,

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