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Dentists, Doctors and Veterinarians call for the implementation of a One Health culture in undergraduate education

The professional and student organisations representing medical doctors, the dentists and the veterinarians of Europe call on academics and policymakers at national and European level to foster exchanges between medical, dental and veterinary schools under the One Health¹ approach.

The organisations recognise education as the cornerstone to build their common One Health competences. The organisations believe that a true understanding of One Health requires an interdisciplinary approach. The integrated education of all future health professionals is fundamental for tackling current and future health challenges for our society.

Today, the conference 'Implementation of One Health in undergraduate education' is held in Paris and brings together academics, practitioners and students to exchange views on the concept of One Health. The debate identifies challenges and looks into best practices on how to facilitate interdisciplinary education for interdisciplinary collaboration.

The Council of European Dentists, the European Dental Students' Association, the Standing Committee of European Doctors, the European Medical Students Association, the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe and the International Veterinary Students' Association remain committed partners for future actions to be undertaken towards the implementation of the One Health approach in education and practice.

Outcomes of today's discussion will be shared after the meeting.

¹ <http://www.onehealthinitiative.com/>



The **Council of European Dentists (CED)** is a European not-for-profit association representing over 340,000 dental practitioners across Europe through 32 national dental associations and chambers in 30 European countries. Established in 1961 to advise the European Commission on matters relating to the dental profession, the CED aims to promote high standards on oral healthcare and dentistry with effective patient-safety centred professional practice, and to contribute to safeguarding the protection of public health. The CED is registered in the Transparency Register with the ID number 4885579968-84.

The **Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME)** represents national medical associations across Europe. We are committed to contributing the medical profession's point of view to EU institutions and European policy-making through proactive cooperation on a wide range of health and healthcare related issues.

- We believe the best possible quality of health and access to healthcare should be a reality for everyone.
- We see the patient-doctor relationship as fundamental in achieving these objectives.
- We are committed to interdisciplinary cooperation among doctors and with other health professions.
- We strongly advocate a 'health in all policies' approach to encourage cross-sectorial awareness for and action on the determinants of health.

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The **Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE)** is an umbrella organisation of 48 veterinary organisations from 39 European countries, representing over 250.000 veterinarians. FVE strives to promote animal health, animal welfare and public health across Europe. FVE is registered in the Transparency Register with the ID number 3959733732- 78. FVE www.fve.org
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The **European Dental Students Association (EDSA)** was founded in Paris in November 1988. Now, the EDSA represents over 65,000 dental students in the European region. More and more dental students do see the need of coming together and talk about their differences but even more about the things they have in common.

The goals of the organisation

- to inform students about the E.C. organisation and politics in relation to dentistry
- to promote, inquire and describe the standardisation of dental curriculum within European dental schools
- to promote exchange programs and encourage students to take part in these programs
- encourage national dental students associations to co-operate on a national level
- to create possibilities to encourage students to meet each other on an individual level

Twice a year, all the delegates of the European Dental Students Association come together to brainstorm for new projects and keep improving the existing. Furthermore, we discuss dental politics, social and domestic affairs. Representatives of the national members (full and prospective) attend these general assemblies.

The **European Medical Students' Association (EMSA)** is a non-profit NGO representing medical students across Europe. Founded 1990 in Brussels, it is the only voice of students within European Medical Organisations. EMSA is recognized by the European Parliament, the European Commission, and the United Nations. The association provides a platform for high-level advocacy, projects, trainings, workshops and international meetings. EMSA envisions a united and solidary Europe in which medical students actively promote health. We want to empower medical students to advocate health in all policies, excel in medical research, interprofessional healthcare education and the protection of human rights across Europe.

The **International Veterinary Students' Association (IVSA)** is a not-for-profit organization for veterinary students across the globe. The association was founded in 1953 in Germany and is voluntarily run by veterinary students since then. The mission of IVSA is to benefit the animals and people of the world, which is tried to accomplish by promoting and enabling international application of veterinary skills, education and knowledge. IVSA has approximately 30.000 members, who study at one-hundred different universities in over fifty different countries, representing every continent of the world.

IVSA is registered at the Transparency register with number 539959125869-16. IVSA www.ivsa.org
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