



Mr. President,  
Dear colleagues,

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and Industry

Thank you for your confidence.

I would also like to thank the candidates who stood up for Vice Presidents and Were not elected. This shows their interests for FVE, and be sure that we will make good use of it.

Thanks also to my French colleagues for their support and their friendship. Becoming President is an honor and certainly not originally a personal Aspiration. It is a new step in my commitment to the FVE and our profession. And I am also the next link in the chain of my distinguished predecessors, T Jorna and W Winding.

Walter mentioned at the Muppet museum that new directions will be taken. Don't worry, no revolution will happen, may be some new things, but it will be the continuity in the action that both T and W initiated.

It certainly is an important challenge but with the quality of the staff in the office and of the vice presidents, it will not be a problem.

What are briefly my main goals and wishes for this mandate?

I have listed 6 of them:

1. make sure that the FVE remains independent as well as proactive, and takes the leadership whenever it is possible. We must not let people decide for us. Walter mentioned the strings of the puppets at the museum. He said that he didn't want us to be a muppet. I would add that I also want you and the FVE to pull the strings, and especially the strings of the politicians.
2. Our strength is our diversity, diversity of knowledge, of culture, of Competence. This can indeed create conflicts but if we are open minded for discussion, and if we respect each other, it is indeed our strength. The FVE has always overcome difficulties, and we have always managed to find a consensus in order to implement our slogan « OP, OV, OV », and to remain a strong federation.
3. We have five big issues coming up, that I am not going to detail: undergraduate education with DPQ, directive on medicines, AMR which is very high on our list, AHL and AWL, with the overarching « one health » concept.
4. Communication is an important tool and topic. Communication must be performed in two directions : stakeholders and politicians, and the FVE delegations. Everybody must know what we think and what we do, and

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delegates must disseminate this information. In order to be efficient, we will need to clarify our priorities. Last request about Robert Huey.

5. Develop our network at the Commission level and also in the Parliament and with other stakeholders, like the OIE, AVMA, etc. We must be able to rely upon people to convey and support our positions.
6. Last, and as a conclusion, I want to make sure that our profession is recognized and valued by the EU society, because I am deeply convinced that the vet is the best qualified person as far as AH, AW and PH are concerned. In order to achieve this goal, we must all strive our forces. And being an optimistic person, I would like to quote, president Obama, the President of the USA, and say: «Yes, we can ! Yes, we can make it altogether!»