

Session 7:

Towards global harmonisation and evaluation of the veterinary curriculum, and an internationally recognised diploma

Students' contribution

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The key slogan retained for the European Union (EU) Veterinary Week 2009 was 'Animals + Humans = One health', which stressed the link between animal and public health. This second edition of the EU Veterinary Week (28 September to 4 October 2009) was organised by the European Commission in partnership with the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe, the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). In addition to a number of central events in Brussels, national events were organised by veterinary students of several EU Veterinary faculties. These events included conferences to facilitate discussions between veterinary and medical students on topics related to One Health. In addition, in a number of countries, veterinary students visited primary schools to explain to children the work of veterinarians and how zoonoses could be transmitted. As the EU Veterinary Week also coincided with World Rabies Day (28 September), events were also organised to increase public awareness of the disease, by for example offering free pet vaccinations.

