

Implementation of One Health in undergraduate education

Working together from curricula to practice

One Health is a concept that recognises interlinks between human health, animal health and the environment. The value of the One Health holistic approach is undisputed when it comes to tackling different challenges to public and animal health.

Academics, students, professionals and policy makers were engaged in lively discussions about One Health in Paris on 5 December 2018. Participants exchanged their views about the value and necessity for working together on a common understanding of the One Health concept and on promoting interdisciplinary collaboration starting from universities.

The European associations representing medical doctors, dentists, veterinarians and their students – among the Council of European Dentists – remain committed partners for future actions to be undertaken towards the implementation of the One Health approach in education and practice and call on academics and policy makers at national and European level:

- to work on the development of a clear definition to ensure a common understanding of the One Health concept;
- to foster exchanges between medical, dental and veterinary schools under the One Health approach;
- to work together on One Health Competences;
- to support and ensure the continuation of this open debate;
- to support the further investigation of implementation of One Health interdisciplinary education of doctors, dentists and veterinarians.

Source: Council of European Dentists (CED) ■

One Health Initiative



The One Health Initiative is a movement to forge co-equal, all inclusive collaborations between physicians, osteopathic physicians, veterinarians, dentists, nurses and other scientific-health and environmentally related disciplines, including the American Medical Association, American Veterinary Medical Association, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Nurses Association, American Association of Public Health Physicians, the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the U.S. National Environmental Health Association (NEHA). Additionally, more than 950 prominent scientists, physicians and veterinarians worldwide have endorsed the initiative.

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