

MISSION REPORT
Dr. Ghazi Yehia
Veterinary Gathering Day
Sundus Rotana Hotel
Muscat Oman
2-3 May 2018

Purpose of the mission:

Responding to the invitation of the delegate of Oman to attend and participate in the 2nd veterinary profession forum, held in Muscat-Oman, 2-3 May, 2018, under the patronage and the presence of his Excellency the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries in the Sultanate of Oman.

Summary of the meeting:

- The Forum gathered an important number of veterinarians, from the public and private sectors as well as many stakeholders working in the animal health and production fields, celebrating the world veterinary day and discussing means for improvement of the services provided by the veterinarians to safeguard animal health, public health and food safety.
- The Director General of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, started the speeches by welcoming the audience and presenting a summary of the veterinary services department and the vision of the Ministry.

The OIE regional representative seconded by addressing a presentation on the role of the veterinarian, After promoting the role of the veterinarian as the first battlefield against animal diseases, which are considered in 70% the source of human diseases.

Dr Yehia, also described the activities of the Veterinary Services, recognized as a global public good because of their role in protecting animal health and welfare, and as key players in ensuring food security through the primary production of animals, safeguarding public health and ensuring food safety (milk, eggs, meat, etc.) and the sanitary safety of international trade.

The Veterinary Services contribute in reducing poverty among rural populations in developing countries by helping them to preserve their precious livestock capital, so crucial to their survival.

- Also the RR, present the OIE vision and its mandate and goal for the improvement of animal health and welfare worldwide, regardless of the cultural practices or the economic situations in member countries. In addition to its activities aimed at developing health standards for disease control methods and international trade in animals and animal products, collecting, analysing and disseminating veterinary scientific information, and guaranteeing transparency of the world animal health situation, the OIE has set up support programmes for countries seeking to improve the capacities of their public and private components of national Veterinary Services.

Dr Yehia ended by the OIE calls upon veterinarians all around the world to support celebrations of the World Veterinary Day, recalling what was said: “If the physician treat human being, the veterinarian treat humanity”.

After presenting rewards at the occasion of the world veterinary day, a workshop on the role of the veterinarians in food control and biosafety, started with three groups discussing 3 main topics:

- 1- Means of improvement of the veterinary profession
- 2- Principles and quality of the veterinary profession
- 3- Investment in the field of veterinary medicine.

Comments:

It was obvious the increase, among the national community in Oman, of understanding the important role of the veterinarians and the veterinary services in protecting public health and livelihood, by protecting animal health and welfare. It was demonstrated that the veterinary profession is an added value to the future prosperity and we should invest in it.

