



Olafur Oddgeirsson vision:

I graduated in 1977 from the Veterinary University in Hannover, Germany and finished my post-graduate training in 1980 at the same university studying food safety.

For 10 years, I was director of the dairy research institute in Iceland and for 7 years senior veterinary officer at the EFTA Surveillance Authority. There, I was responsible for verifying the application of EU veterinary legislation within EFTA countries. Since 1999, I manage my consulting company, Food Control Consultants Ltd, based in Scotland but working internationally.

During my initial position as a council member at the WVA, I worked to promote the Association to its members and their veterinarians, in close cooperation with my fellow Council representative for Europe, Maaïke van den Berg. WVA has been active in working on specific veterinary topics such as animal welfare awards, guidelines on antibiotic use and the One Health approach, to mention only a few. For the full list of new WVA position papers, please visit our [website](#).

In my work for WVA, I emphasise the importance of the worldwide scope of the veterinary field, both geographically and professionally where the profession has a critical role to play.

I believe WVA should be more visible and relevant to all veterinarians making up our Member Associations, and this will be one of my main topics for the next mandate. In this context, I will support the increased WVA presence on social media, including asking the European veterinary associations and language groups to contribute regularly, both through new articles of interest and discussions on online forums.

As FVE, we are extremely proud of having Olafur elected and we wish her the best leading the global veterinary profession.