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Re: One Health Colombia's (OHCol) Listing on the One Health Commission's [Who's Who in One Health – Organizations Webpages](#)

Dr. Juan Carlos Carrascal Velásquez, Mr. Jorge Humberto González Meza, and Mrs. Saray Vanessa Ayola Carrascal:

Thank you for your leadership for [One Health](#) there in Colombia and welcome to One Health Colombia's inclusion in the [One Health Commission's](#) listing of Who's Who in One Health Academic Organizations around the world that are actively working to implement One Health thinking and acting.

As revealed on the [OHCol overview document](#) and the OHCol [Facebook social media pages](#), One Health Colombia is a shining example of how One Health can and should be implemented at local level. The integrated educational and community intervention toolkits developed and led by OHCol in several municipalities in the State of Córdoba, including wellbeing clinics focused on human-animal-ecosystem interfaces, educational theater and art sessions, symposia and conferences, and programs in both primary and secondary schools, all aimed at improving health not only of humans but also of animals and ecosystems, provide powerful demonstrations and lessons of just how interconnected animals, humans and their shared environments really are.

Many countries are developing [National One Health Strategic Action Plans](#) which require deep understanding of One Health and significant actions to make it the default way of operating at all levels of academia, research, industry, government and policy. The One Health Commission endorses the work of One Health Colombia, takes pride in shining a light on and sharing that work with the world, and looks forward to following future One Health Colombia programs and endeavors.

Carry on.

Warmly,

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