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## ARAB SCIENTIFIC VETERINARY ASSOCIATION

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The Egyptian Veterinary Medical Association (EVMA) held its 25<sup>th</sup> Arab Veterinary Congress in Cairo from 6-9 May 2001. The Congress concluded with the establishment of the Arab Scientific Veterinary Association.

The aims of the Arab Scientific Veterinary Association is as follows:

- 1. To form a union of all engaged in veterinary field in the Arab world, including doctors, universities, institutes and veterinary companies.
- 2. Develop and enhance veterinary services in the region for transboundary, infectious and zoonotic diseases. Also to make a database for Arab Scientific Veterinary Association.
- 3. Also to help the Arab and expatriate doctors to find opportunities in Arab countries as doctors and consultants.
- 4. To cooperate with scientific institutions and colleges to provide training and exchange of scientific knowledge.

Egypt was chosen to be the headquarter of this Association because it has about 18,000 veterinary doctors, 11 veterinary colleges, the location, history and experience has added to its merits.

Further Professor Dr. Farouk El Dessouky of Egypt has been chosen as President being a very experienced person in this field and Dr. Sultan A.S.Al-Khalaf as Secretary being the President of OIE Regional Commission for the Middle East, Assistant Undersecretary and Deputy Director-General for Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources of Kuwait.