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Presentation and round table of the Chinese translation for the book *One Welfare: a framework to improve animal welfare and human wellbeing*

The official presentation of the Chinese translation for the book *One Welfare: a framework to improve animal welfare and human wellbeing* was held in two events that took place on the first week of November in Beijing, China:

- **The World Conference on Animal Welfare in Sustainable Agri-Food Systems** organised by the International Cooperation Committee on Animal Welfare (ICCAW) and the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO).
- **A round table at the Institute Cervantes in Beijing**, held in collaboration with the Spanish Embassy in China, China Agricultural Press, China Animal Health & Food Safety Alliance and RSPCA international.

The book was written by veterinarian Dr. Rebeca García Pinillos, Founder and Director of One Welfare CIC (UK) following a global consultation launched by her independently were around 200 individuals and organisations provided responses and contains the One Welfare definition and One Welfare Framework. The book translators were Ms. Xiaohong Wu and Mr. Lan Yu. The translation of the book to Chinese was sponsored by RSPCA International, under the leadership of Mr. Paul Littlefair and the translated book was reviewed by Zhongchao Sun and Paul Littlefair.

World Conference on Animal Welfare in Sustainable Agri-Food Systems

Around 500 attendees participated in this event, held in Pinggu District, Beijing to discuss topics such as animal health and welfare, food safety, and innovation under the concept of sustainability. 19 domestic and international organizations have reached a consensus “Towards a Sustainable Future for All: A Consensus on Animal Welfare in Agri-Food Systems”. This consensus, introduced by Daniela Bataglia from FAO, consists of eight approaches: strengthen the scientific foundation, implement gains from scientific research, raise consumer awareness, share information through stakeholder platforms, increase capacity building, promote policy support, promote legislation and enforcement, and improve standards, traceability and labelling. As part of this consensus the parties agreed to work together by supporting the One Welfare approach.



Round table at the Institute Cervantes in Beijing

Over five hundred attendees joined the event in person and online. An opening session was held by the director of the Instituto Cervantes Beijing, **Ms. Isabel Cervera Fernández** followed by a round table chaired by **Mr. Afonso Pino Maeso**, Counsellor of Agriculture from the Spanish Embassy with **Dr. Zhongchao Sun**, Executive Secretary of China Animal Health & Food Safety Alliance, **Ms. Xiaohong Wu** from RSPCA International and the book author, **Dr. Rebeca García Pinillos**.

The round table emphasised the importance of the One Welfare concept and framework, which provide a holistic approach to animal welfare and human wellbeing, supporting social improvements and the sustainable development goals.

Dr García Pinillos highlighted how the essence of the One Welfare concept is embedded within cultural history, reciting the chapter named 'Paseo' from the poem 'Platero y Yo' by Juan Ramón Jiménez (Spain, 1881-1958) which takes us alongside a donkey, Platero, and his owner, through a bucolic forest walk, enjoying the blue skies, fresh orange blossom smells and simple things like drinking fresh spring water, whilst noting black fire clouds in the distance, a reminder of the impacts of natural disasters.

Those attending the event had the opportunity to listen and discuss the topics presented with Dr. Zhongchao Sun, Ms Xiaohong Wu and Dr Rebeca García Pinillos, who reminded everyone how animal welfare is one of the key pillars and basis for developing a 'One Welfare' approach.

These events represented the first time in history where a One Welfare book has been published in Chinese language, uniting global pioneers who are working tirelessly to advance the welfare of animals and contributed to societal development.

The book provides a definition of the concept of One Welfare: the interconnection between animal welfare, human wellbeing and the environment. The book establishes a conceptual framework, in five sections, resulting from a three-month global consultation on a draft proposal comprising nine areas. The book contains:

- A one welfare approach which complements and extends the existing one health approach
- A range of prestigious contributions from key opinion leaders in the field of animal welfare which help to define the framework
- A platform for the development of more collaborative and integrated animal welfare standards and policies

One Welfare complements the One Health and Eco Health approaches, enabling full integration of animal welfare within other disciplines; a much-needed tool to help improve animal welfare, human wellbeing and environmental components and support worldwide sustainable development goals. Integrating this concept into existing projects could help to foster collaboration to improve human and animal welfare



globally. The book is of interest to those working in the fields of animal and human welfare, sustainability and conservation, international development and to all those keen to extend the one health approach to animal welfare and human wellbeing.

The book Chinese mandarin version can be purchased at <http://www.ccapbook.com/fg/book/bookinfo.html?bookid=4affaa4684ec6e7d0190effc97a1063e>

A review of the Mandarin Chinese translation by Professor Donald Broom is available in English <https://www.repository.cam.ac.uk/items/33dcb12a-3974-4a06-aefc-f8ebec897829>

The English book can be purchased at <https://www.onewelfareworld.org/shop.html>

The organisation is currently looking for sponsors to launch the next One Welfare World Photo Contest <https://www.onewelfareworld.org/photocontest.html>

For more information you can visit the organisation's website at www.onewelfareworld.org

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Notes for editors

Key messages

- The One Welfare concept describes the interrelationships between animal welfare, human welfare and the environment, the physical and social environment.
- The One Welfare framework consists of five sections that aim to capture the different multidimensional aspects of the concept.
- Dr. Rebeca García Pinillos, a veterinarian from Burgos, founder and director of One Welfare CIC published in 2018 the first definition of One Welfare and the first One Welfare framework.
- The General Council of Veterinary Colleges of Spain concluded after its international conference on animal health and welfare held in Cordoba in 2023 that the veterinary profession should adopt the One Welfare approach.
- 19 national and international organisations signed a consensus on agri-food systems in Beijing in November 2024 to support the One Welfare approach.

One Welfare is a concept that describes the interconnection between animal welfare, human wellbeing and their physical and social environment. You can see the video here (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IzHlknHGGL0&t=1s>) The concept and approach has spread worldwide and, earlier this year, the General Council of Spanish Veterinary Colleges concluded after the recent international animal health and welfare conference in Cordoba, Spain. A number of universities have already incorporated theoretical teaching of the One



Welfare concept at graduate and postgraduate level and so far 2 countries, Ireland and Wales, have embedded this concept within their animal health and welfare strategies at country level.

The One Welfare Framework encompasses five distinct sections that aim to bring together professionals of different disciplines for the benefit of animal welfare, human wellbeing, the environment, and overall, our society and the world we live in. You can read more on the OW Framework here (<https://www.onewelfareworld.org/book.html>)

Rebeca García Pinillos, a veterinarian from Burgos, is the founder and director of One Welfare CIC. She published the first ever 'One Welfare' framework in 2018, followed by her second book One Welfare Animal Health and Welfare, Food Security and Sustainability - One Welfare co-edited with Dr. Stella Maris Huertas from Uruguay, published at the end of 2023. November.

One Welfare Community Interest Company

One Welfare CIC is a non-profit community interest company set up in 2018 with the purpose of promotion, education, research and dissemination of the concept of One Welfare and the One Welfare Framework.

The organisation's stakeholders are all of those working on animal welfare, human wellbeing, environmental, conservation, biodiversity or global objectives related to the sustainable development goals with elements comprising any of those. They include academia, NGOs, civil society organisations, governments and global organisations.

There are currently 3 main projects, One Welfare Phoenix, exploring the interconnection between animal and human abuse in relation to their environment; One Welfare Learning, supporting the inclusion of One Welfare in Academia and networking of institutions with an interest on One Welfare and the more recently launched One Welfare Photo Competition, alongside a team of photographers, designed to engage the whole population through the visual medium, with images that capture the essence and good practices of One Welfare.

For further information about One Welfare CIC visit our website: www.onewelfareworld.org

Links to the projects:

One Welfare Phoenix <https://www.onewelfareworld.org/phoenix.html>;

One Welfare Framework <https://www.onewelfareworld.org/book.html>;

One Welfare Learning <https://www.onewelfareworld.org/owl.html> (Includes One Welfare Stars Pilot and the One Welfare Science Slam (OWSM) University Challenge)

One Welfare Photo Contest <https://www.onewelfareworld.org/photocontest.html>

Event images

World Conference on animal welfare in the sustainable agri-food systems

Dr. Rebeca García Pinillos delivering her Keynote talk at the conference





Cervantes Institute Round Table

Ms. Isabel Cervera Fernandez opening the event



Dr. Zhongchao Sun introducing the relevance of the One Welfare book within China



Ms. Xiaohong Wu providing insights into the translation of the One Welfare book to mandarin Chinese.



Dr Rebeca Garcia Pinillos introducing the One Welfare Framework book.



Mr. Alfonso Pino Maeso introducing the round table and panellist.



From left to right: Mr. Alfonso Pino Maeso, Dr. Rebeca Garcia Pinillos, Ms. Isabel Cervera Fernandez, Dr. Zongchao Sun and Ms. Xiaohong Wu.

