

Study Association Hygieia

Dutch study association for One Health



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Study association Hygieia focuses on supporting students in the development of their knowledge and skills regarding One Health: the interdisciplinary, collaborative and multisectoral approach in achieving optimal health and well-being for people, animals, plants and their shared environment.



Vision

For all professionals in the field of One health it is of vital importance that they can connect with each other and share their knowledge base and skills. Study association Hygieia aims to facilitate this interaction and offers students and professionals the opportunity to meet, exchange knowledge and debate topics concerning One Health. One Health is characterized by interdisciplinary collaboration. The study association strives to create awareness for and engagement in this collaboration amongst students. The primary objective is the creation of a stronger, thriving interdisciplinary alliance for the future.

Mission and Strategy

Study association Hygieia considers our students to be the professionals of the future and organises and facilitates educational gatherings concerning One Health for those students. During lectures, workshops, excursions and symposia, topics such as veterinary public health, food safety, the environment and animal welfare are covered. In addition, the study association publishes articles monthly on its social platforms covering One Health related topics. Every six months these articles are bundled together and published in a magazine called “Mens en Dier”, which is distributed amongst our members, associated professionals and other interested parties.

Origin

Study association Hygieia was founded in 2005 by three Veterinary Medicine students. It originated from the feeling that the concept of One Health required more attention within the student body. After all, the concept is an important element in all aspects of health care. In light of this multidisciplinary concept of One Health, students of Veterinary Medicine worked together with students of Medicine, Biology and Biomedical Sciences to congress and compare ideas and insights. This became the foundation of our association.

Structure

Study association Hygieia is represented by a board of six students. Every year, the entire board is replaced during the General Members Assembly. The board is supported by several committees, which consist of mostly Veterinary Medicine students. In order to increase the interdisciplinarity of the association and honour the beliefs of One Health, the association strongly encourages the enrolment of students from multiple faculties at Utrecht University in the committees and the board. Study association Hygieia is a rapidly growing association with an expansive audience. It is financially supported by its partners and “Friends of Hygieia”.

Connections

Study association Hygieia is tightly connected to the students in Utrecht, especially the Veterinary Medicine students. However, in order to increase and promote interdisciplinary collaboration, the association strives to establish links with students outside of the Veterinary faculty. Several activities have already been organised in collaboration with other associations and studies. Furthermore, study association Hygieia maintains strong ties with professionals in the field of One Health.



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