

Internship report

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Position: Graduate Student

Dates of the Internship: (1) 2024.06.01 – 2024.07.22; (2) 2024.09.16 – 2024.09.20; (3) 2025.08.07 – 2025.09.01



What did I do?

During my three internships, I primarily supported the preparation of several regional meetings and workshops. Together with other interns, I prepared presentation slides on multiple occasions, including summaries of pre-meeting questionnaires, annual reports, and presentations from participants of the previous year. I also assisted with organizational

tasks, such as preparing name tags, supporting participant registration and transportation, taking photos, and addressing different small issues as they arose. In addition, I helped with venue set-up and clean-up to ensure that the events ran smoothly.



What did I learn?

During the internship, I learned a lot about WOAHA as an organization and its role in creating a platform for intergovernmental cooperation and communication. I also gained insights into the daily work at WOAHA and had the opportunity to meet many inspiring people,

which made the experience even more memorable. I came to better understand the importance of regular meetings, as they not only keep participants motivated but also ensure that their knowledge remains up to date. I also learned how valuable networking is during these meetings. It gives members greater confidence, strengthens their sense of belonging to a global community, and opens new opportunities for collaboration. For me, it was also a chance to expand my own network, leading to new meetings and experiences. Finally, I saw how sharing information, research data, and collaboration between countries leads to improvement in control of animal and zoonotic diseases.

Message to future interns

If you are reading this, you are ready to contribute!

An internship with WOAHA is a unique opportunity to learn about importance of global cooperation in animal disease control. You will meet passionate professionals from around the world, expanding your own network and opening new opportunities for your future. Do not hesitate to be active and propose your assistance, show your passion and dedication, because every detail matters for the success of WOAHA's mission. Be flexible, patient, and, most importantly, open-minded. In an international organization, you will meet people with diverse backgrounds and perspectives. Seeing how these people come together to address important challenges for both animal and human health is a truly inspiring experience that will stay with you forever.

