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The unicordobes professor, zootechnician veterinarian, World's Veterinary Association global animal welfare award winner in 2022, Juan Carlos Carrascal Velasquez, warned as a guest in the Colombian senate fifth commission, that the covid-19 pandemic is not the last pandemic, but, "there are several in a row" and that demands a holistic vision, a lot of collaborative work, inter and transdisciplinary work and good communication within the framework of the One Health approach proposal.

"We need coordination, infrastructure, inversion, alliances, change of mind and overall a lot of education, to know how to prevent and attend any pandemic. One health is that, work in coordination with construction of capacities within all disciplines, is a concept that invites to equity, inclusion, respect and that demands a lot of value also to animals, both those who are under our care and the ones that are not", Professor Carrascal said, attached to the program of veterinary medicine and zootechnics of the University of Córdoba.

The unicordobes professor was invited to the congress as funder and general coordinator of One Health Colombia, also as a co-funder of the One Health Latin-America, Iberic and Caribbean Network (OHLAIC), in the framework of the first debate of bill 294 of 2023, By means of which the One health concept is incorporated into the protection of the environment, animal welfare and public health and the guidelines for the formulation of the one health public policy are established. Where together with the legislative technical team of H. Senator Marcos Daniel Pineda Garcia they built and presented the proposed bill for the country.

"Data has established that in the year 2050 if we don't act, there are going to die close to 10 million people per year, is a problem that is latent, that's why we work for innocuousness, food safety, conservation of the biodiversity and the environment, to mitigate the impact of climate change, the actions related to risk management, and the response to emergencies and natural disasters, but also, art, culture and especially education, are tools to support and reach everyone with the same language", specified Professor Carrascal, PhD. in Veterinary Medicine, specialist in Animal Welfare.



The Professor of the university of Córdoba insisted on the One Welfare approach, which leads to talking about animal welfare thinking about the well-being of people and the well-being of the environment, from the physical and social aspects.

"Timely to reiterate the importance that we should give to any animal group and the respect they deserve, of course, being sentient beings also, we really have to work a lot, and a lot to know because this is a conjoint and collaborative work. The idea is to take this to fieldwork, sometimes we have norms, laws, documents, that we don't make action with, and that is what we do with the One Health Colombia Network and the Faculty of Veterinary medicine and Zootechnics of the University of Cordoba, since 2018 with our partner institutions, working for a better world", reiterated professor Carrascal during his intervention in the senate fifth commission.



In the socialization and presentation of this important project, was also present the IKOTEA foundation from Monteria, through its vice-president. Jorge H. González Meza, graduate of the Finance administration and international business of the University of Cordoba, most important ally of One Health Colombia.