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Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are delighted to welcome you to the second International One Health Symposium in Berlin under the overarching topic “Challenges in a rapidly changing environment”.

Following the further development of the German Research Platform for Zoonoses, which was founded in 2009, into the One Health Platform (OHP), we are delighted that the path to establishing an interdisciplinary One Health research community has been a successful one. After almost two years of funding, the OHP has around 1700 members from various disciplines such as veterinary medicine, human medicine, biology, environmental as well as social sciences. The first pilot and inter- and/or transdisciplinary networking projects have now been launched and the enormous number of applications submitted shows us both your wealth of ideas for exciting One Health topics and the urgent need for research in this area.

In particular, networking with the environmental sector is a central concern of OHP in order to be able to address the topic of One Health in its entirety. This applies not only to the outlook for national research cooperation. Strengthening international networking in particular is a major task that OHP will continue to focus on in the coming years. This networking begins not only with the initiation of contacts between established scientists, but above all in the area of young scientists, the strengthening of which is also one of the major priorities on the OHP’s agenda.

This year’s conference will showcase the lively discourse between the various One Health disciplines in an exciting program.

We wish you many interesting discussions over the next few days and look forward to an exciting meeting with you all.

On behalf of the Office of the One Health Platform

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