



# **Regional Animal Welfare Strategy Coordination Group Meeting 4**



**Photo: RAWS Coordination Group and selected Animal Welfare Focal Points**

**9 November 2012**

**Palace of the Golden Horses Hotel  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

## **Report**

*'Ideas are cheap and abundant; what is of value is the effective placement of those ideas into situations that develop into action.'*

*Peter F. Drucker*

## MEETING SUMMARY

The fourth meeting of the Regional Animal Welfare Strategy – Asia, the Far East and Oceania Coordination Group (RAWS CG) was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 9 November 2012. The meeting was held to coincide with the OIE 3rd Global Conference on Animal Welfare held in Malaysia, 6-8 November 2012.

The Coordination Group currently comprises country representatives from Bhutan, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Republic of Korea and Thailand, a non-government organisation representative from the World Society for the Protection of Animals, World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) representatives from the Regional Representation (Tokyo), the Sub-Regional Representation (Bangkok) and the OIE Animal Welfare Working Group. The group is chaired by Dr Gardner Murray and the Secretariat is provided by the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Mark Fisher, Ministry of Primary Industries, New Zealand attended the meeting as an observer on behalf of the New Zealand and Australia Collaborating Centre on Animal Welfare. Apologies for this meeting were received from representatives from the European Commission which is an observer on the group. The list of attendees is at Attachment 1.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide RAWS CG members the opportunity to review the updated Regional Strategy which was edited following the RAWS CG Meeting 3 in Bangkok, in April 2012.

The meeting also reviewed and updated the RAWS Action Plan taking into account:

- the recommendations of the 3rd OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare
- members reports of regional animal welfare activities
- any revisions agreed by the RAWS CG.

The meeting featured presentations and discussions about animal welfare issues, developments and priorities at organisational, national and international levels; the report from the secretariat and activities such as communications and monitoring.

The deliberations of the RAWSCG were informed by the recommendations arising from the Third OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare.

The Chair noted that there had been impressive animal welfare developments in a number of countries including the launch of Malaysia's National Animal Welfare Strategic Plan 2012-2020 (NAWSP) on 6 November 2012. The

RAWSCG encourages countries in the region to continue to report on animal welfare activities.

The RAWs CG emphasised the importance of maintaining the balance of representation on the Coordination Group. It was most important that industry and NGOs were active participants. Equally important was the participation of key observers, for example the European Commission. In this regard, other observers (eg National Veterinary Association representatives) could be invited to particular meetings at their own cost depending on the nature of agenda and key issues to be discussed.

At meeting 3 of the RAWs CG it was agreed that the key elements, policies and principles of the 2008 RAWs remain valid and current but that, in view of developments, the RAWs be updated and, following agreement by OIE, be published as a RAWs (Edition 2). The draft revised RAWs reflects the achievements under the RAWs since 2008 and the goals and objectives of the RAWs for 2013 to 2015.

In developing the RAWs (Edition 2) the key strategic elements of the RAWs Implementation Plan (IP) have been included in the RAWs (Edition 2), and relevant parts of the IP have been included in a new RAWs Action Plan.

The RAWs CG 5 meeting is to be held in Bangkok in March 2013 to finalise the draft RAWs and discuss other RAWs related matters to be passed to OIE for consideration.

The agenda for the meeting is at Attachment 3

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Through the course of the meeting the following recommendations were developed and agreed.

### On the Committee

The RAWS CG

- **AGREED** to approach the OIE DG to consider appointing new members of the RAWS CG to cover the intensive industries (previously Dr Boonpeng), and the extensive livestock industries following the resignation of Cameron Hall.
- **AGREED** that observers such as those from FAVA, the NZ/ Australia Collaborating Centre for Animal welfare Science and Bioethical Analysis and the EU be encouraged to attend RAWS CG Meetings at their cost and that notice of meetings be advised as far in advance as practical.

### On the RAWS Newsletter

The RAWS CG:

- **NOTED** the circulation of the November 2011, February 2012, July 2012 and October 2012 editions of the RAWS News.

### On the Website

The RAWS CG:

- **REQUESTED** that OIE Paris assist in putting RAWS activities and actions on the OIE website with links to the OIE Regional Representation and Sub-Regional Representation websites.

### On Communications

The RAWS CG:

- **NOTED** that Mark Fisher (NZ) will provide the Secretariat with copies of the NZ Animal Welfare Toolkit for Veterinarians for distribution to RAWS CG Members.
- **NOTED** that the Secretariat will ensure all members of RAWS Coordination Group have access to SharePoint.

### On the RAWS

The RAWS CG:

- **AGREED** to provide comments to the Secretariat on the draft RAWS (Edition 2) by 31 December 2012.
- **AGREED** to redeveloping the draft RAWS Action Plan drawing on relevant parts of the RAWS Implementation Plan (IP).

### On national animal welfare Strategies

The RAWS CG

- **NOTED** good progress that is being made on animal welfare in a number of countries in the Region and **ENCOURAGES** countries to report on activities.

- **NOTED** the launch of Malaysia's National Animal Welfare Strategic Plan 2012-2020 (NAWSP) on 6 November 2012.
- **SUGGESTED** that consideration be given to translating the Malaysian NAWSP into English and Arabic.

### **On the OIE 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Conference on Animal Welfare**

The RAWs CG:

- **NOTED** the outcomes of the OIE 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Conference on Animal Welfare held in Malaysia, 6-8 November 2012 and **AGREED** that the RAWs CG will take into account Conference recommendations in its ongoing work.

### **Secretariat**

The RAWs CG:

- **REQUESTED** that the Secretariat work with OIE Paris to develop an agreed process for the planning, budgeting, organisation and administration of future Coordination Group meetings.
- **REQUESTED** that the Secretariat develop a paper for consideration at the next RAWs CG meeting on the future and nature of the secretariat including its likely functions and activities.
- **ENDORSED** that Australia continue in the role of Secretariat for a further 12 months.
- **NOTED** it is likely that DAFF funds currently held in the OIE Global Fund should be sufficient to finance 3 RAWs CG meetings before June, 2014.

### **Other**

The RAWs CG:

- **AGREED** that the RAWs CG Report of Meeting 4 be provided to OIE Paris, the OIE RR AFEO and the OIE SR SEA.

### **Next Meeting**

- **AGREED** that the next meeting would be held in Bangkok in March, 2013.

### **Acknowledgments**

The RAWs CG:

- **THANKED** both the RAWs Secretariat and OIE SR SEA for organizing a successful Meeting.
- **ACKNOWLEDGED** the contributions to support the RAWs CG through the Australian DAFF.
- **ACKNOWLEDGED** the contribution of WSPA in supporting a number of regional animal welfare focal points to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Conference on Animal Welfare and the meeting with RAWs CG.

## MEETING REPORT

3 - 4 APRIL 2012

### Welcome

Dr Gardner Murray welcomed Regional Animal Welfare Strategy (RAWS) Members to the 4<sup>th</sup> RAWS Coordination Group (RAWS CG) meeting, and thanked the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) Regional and Sub Regional Representations, OIE Headquarters and the RAWS Secretariat and Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) for planning, organising and funding the event.

The purpose of the Meeting was to review progress on the draft Regional Animal Welfare Strategy and Action Plan, discuss outcomes of the OIE Third Global Animal Welfare Conference and review Regional Animal Welfare Strategy activities since the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the RAWS Coordination Group in April 2012.

The form of the meeting included presentations, plenary discussion and conclusions and recommendations.

### Agenda Items and Presentations

#### **Report of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) World Assembly , May 2012**

*Dr Tomoko Ishibashi, OIE Regional Representation (Tokyo)*

(See presentation on page 13)

#### **Secretariat Report: Arrangements and Communications**

*Mr Jim Paradise, Animal Welfare Branch, Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Canberra)*

(See presentation on page 13)

Secretariat arrangements include provision of communications work, funding, meeting organisation and preparation of meeting recommendations and report.

#### Secretariat Arrangements

The implementation process of the RAWS has been coordinated by an interim Secretariat, funded and managed by the Australian Government Animal Welfare Branch. It is expected a more permanent arrangement will be established in the future. According to the Terms of Reference, DAFF was to provide Secretariat service for the initial 2 years of the Coordination Group at which point both the Group and Secretariat arrangements will be reviewed. The Secretariat will continue to provide administrative support in collaboration with OIE Paris and OIE AFEO regional representative offices.

The current arrangement is expected to be funded until June 2014. Options for future secretariat arrangements include

- Rotational secretariat provided by participating countries
- Participating countries cover their own participation costs
- Australia continue in role for a further 12 months

### RAWS News

The newsletter, titled the RAWS-News is a quarterly production designed to keep countries in the OIE Asia, Far East and Oceania Region fully informed of OIE animal welfare developments in general, and progress of the Regional Animal Welfare Strategy (RAWS) in particular.

The Secretariat is responsible for writing and distributing the newsletter and seeks regular input from member countries and organisations on regional animal welfare activities and initiatives. The RAWS-News is still in the early stages and the Secretariat welcomes feedback from RAWS Coordination Group members on its format, content and overall style.

The Secretariat has circulated RAWS-News in November 2011, February 2012, July 2012 and October 2012.

### SharePoint

SharePoint is an online collaborative service, originally launched under the Australian Animal Welfare Strategy and now available to RAWS Coordination Group members. This tool facilitates easy distribution of announcements and meeting materials, provides a calendar to advise of upcoming meetings, seminars, workshops, conferences and events, includes discussion areas, DAFF contacts and much more.

Members have been sent login details. Meeting materials including the agenda, travel and RSVP forms, presentations and summaries are currently available on SharePoint and, for future meetings, the Secretariat will be relying more heavily on SharePoint for distribution of meeting materials.

Please contact Ms Lee-Ann Swift on [lee-ann.swift@daff.gov.au](mailto:lee-ann.swift@daff.gov.au) if you are having any difficulties with SharePoint.

### RAWS CG and Selected Focal Points Joint Meeting

The RAWS CG meeting was followed by a joint meeting with selected national animal welfare focal points from the region. The meeting provided an opportunity for the two groups to exchange information on animal welfare initiatives. Dr Kate Littin provided a summary of the country reports provided by national focal points. The meeting discussed future priorities and opportunities as well progress on updating the RAWS and the action plan.

## **Country Reports**

### **Country Report - BHUTAN**

**Presented by Kinley Dorji**

#### **Legislative Developments:**

Based on the findings of OIE Legislation Review Mission fielded in April, 2009, OIE Legislation Meeting was held on September 4 - 5, 2012 in Thimphu. The meeting was conducted by Dr. John Woodford, OIE Expert on Veterinary Legislation. The Livestock Act of Kingdom of Bhutan, 2001 was reviewed and necessary amendments were made. The Chapter 10 of this act covers Animal welfare and necessary amendments and new provisions are also included.

A guidelines for Tshe-thar (setting animals free to accumulate merits) activity in Bhutan was jointly prepared by the Department of Livestock and Bhutan Agriculture and Food Regulatory Authority. The guideline is at present being translated in our national language -Dzongkha. Once approved, it will be included as an addendum to the existing Livestock Rules and Regulations of Bhutan 2008 as Annexure XVII.

#### **Government Initiatives:**

1. The Department of Livestock, Ministry of Agriculture and Forest organized one day seminar on Animal Welfare on August 1, 2012 in Thimphu. The seminar was attended by the following participants:
  1. Mr. Rahul Seghal, Director, HSI, Asia
  2. Ms. Jayasimha, Director, HSI, India
  3. Mr. R.M. Kharab, Major General (Retired), Chairman, Animal Welfare Board of India
  4. Ms. Jasjit Purewal, Board Member, Executive Committee, Animal Welfare Board of India
  5. Ms. Aarthi Gunnupuri, Media Focal Person, HSI, Asia
  6. Ms. Joy Lee, Consultant, HSI, USA
  7. Ms. Sarah Vallentine, Programme Manager, Companion Animals, Consultant, HSI, India.
  8. Mr. Karma Dukpa, Director General, Department of Livestock, Bhutan
  9. Mr. Tenzing Dhendup, Former Director General, Department of Livestock, Bhutan
  10. Officials from Department of Livestock, Bhutan
2. On August 12, 2012 , The Hon'ble Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forest declared Battery Cage Free Poultry Farming in Bhutan "Commitment and Promoting Animal Welfare".
3. Same day, The Hon'ble Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forest launched the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of National Dog Population Management and Rabies Control Project- "Towards Rabies Free Bhutan".



## **Training**

The HSI Project for National Dog Population Management and Rabies Control in Bhutan conducted a training of 17 new veterinarians in sterilization techniques of stray dogs for the duration of one month in July, 2012. These veterinarians will be actively involved in carrying out such activities in the country.

## **Other**

1. On August 6, 2012, we had live talk show on prohibition of Battery Cage Poultry Farming in Bhutan by Dr. Tashi Dorji on Bhutan Broadcasting Service (BBS) television.
2. On August 7, 2012, we had live panel discussion on Tshe-thar (setting animals free to accumulate merit) activities in Bhutan on BBS TV. The panel discussion was participated by Semchen Tshethar Tshogpa, Jangsa Animal Saving Trust Fund and Department of Livestock.

## **Country Report - CHINA**

**Presented by Li Weihua**

### **Summary**

In 2012, we drafted three farm animal welfare standards with the reference of "Good Practice for the welfare of Farm Animals", as follows: good practice for the production of farm animals, good practice for the transportation of farm animals, and good practice for the slaughter of farm animals. Now we have delivered the draft guidelines to stakeholders to get their comments.

In 2012, we have finished translating the RAWs and the draft implementation plan, and we will publish it at the end of this year.

## **Country Report - THAILAND**

**Presented by Dr. Pennapa Matayompong**

### **Legislative Developments**

The Bill on Cruelty Prevention and Animal Welfare Management has been approved in principle by the House of Representatives. Meanwhile, the Bill is under detailed consideration of the Commission of the House of Representatives. After that, the Bill will be sent to the Senate for final consideration. It is expected that the Act on Cruelty Prevention and Animal Welfare Management can be issued within the first semester of 2013.

### **Government Initiatives**

- **Draft Animal Welfare Strategy of Thailand:** The Animal Welfare Subcommittee has drafted five-year strategy (2013-2017) for animal welfare of Thailand which includes:
  - education, training, knowledge transfer and communication on animal welfare;
  - improvement and development of rules, regulations and standards for the protection and welfare of animals; and
  - sustainable improvements in animal welfare

- **Research collaboration with the European Union:** A specific request from the Department of Livestock Development (DLD) to the European Commission DG SANCO has been made on the research collaboration project between the EU and Thailand on the welfare of commercial poultry in Thailand. The project objective is to develop the research methods for establishment of poultry welfare standards that are appropriate to the environment and conditions of Thailand and similar countries of ASEAN. Following the request, the mission of an EU expert (Dr. Mohan Raj) to Thailand was conducted from 10-16 June 2012 to analyse the organisation of poultry production and official controls in Thailand in relation to the animal welfare and to draft the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the EU-Thailand research project on the welfare of commercial poultry in Thailand. The EU expert visited the commercial poultry farm and slaughterhouses.

The draft ToR has defined the study outlines in respect of broiler transportation to reduce the incidence of death on arrival at slaughterhouse and pre-slaughter electrical stunning parameters, particularly for wet broilers, to be complied with the animal welfare and Halal requirements and produce acceptable quality of carcass and meat. The implementation period of 24 months has been proposed with the specific activities on three missions of EU experts to Thailand to provide technical assistance in animal welfare research for DLD officers, university researchers and poultry industry, one study visit of a DLD officer and a university researcher to the EU to see the activity of a university on animal welfare research and to visit poultry farm and slaughterhouse, and one final workshop to draft guidelines for DLD inspectors and poultry industry on animal welfare in which representatives from relevant parties and stakeholders will be invited. Meanwhile, the draft ToR has been proposed to the DG SANCO, EU for consideration.

### **Training**

The training activities on animal welfare during April – November 2012 were:

- the training for the DLD meat inspectors (190 persons)
- the training for the DLD veterinary meat inspectors (50 persons)
- the training for the private veterinarians who will be the poultry farm veterinarians (120 persons)
- the training for the personnel of private meat plants (110 persons)
- the training for the personnel of private poultry slaughterhouses who will be the Poultry Welfare Officers (32 persons)
- the workshop for Halal supervisors and the DLD veterinary meat inspectors on the harmonization of animal welfare and Halal requirements at slaughter
- the seminar for the Scout Leaders on the welfare of animals through the activities of Boy Scouts which follow the 6<sup>th</sup> Scout Rule stating that “Scouts have compassion for animals”

In addition, four DLD officers participated in a 3 day workshop on EU Legislation on Animal Welfare, Seoul, South Korea organized by the EU for third countries.

### **Conference**

A DLD officer participated in the Conference on the protection of animals in the slaughterhouses: Getting ready for 2013, Brussels and gave a presentation on Poultry Welfare at Slaughterhouses in Thailand.

### **Country Report - AUSTRALIA**

#### **Presented by Jim Paradice**

#### **Australia's Livestock Exports**

In October 2011 the Australian Government announced a range of livestock export trade reforms. A key focus of these reforms was that Australian Exporters must now demonstrate they have an Exporter Supply Chain Assurance System (ESCAS) that delivers:

- internationally accepted requirements for animal welfare along the supply chain to the point of processing;
- control throughout the supply chain;
- tracking/accountability of animals throughout the supply chain; and
- independent auditing and reporting.

These reforms place animal welfare at the heart of the livestock export trade. The ESCAS regulatory framework seeks to ensure that adverse animal welfare incidents for Australian livestock are minimised, but when they do occur it provides a regulatory process to address these incidents that minimises the disruption to trade and improves animal welfare outcomes.

The ESCAS regulatory framework is being phased in with 75 per cent of trade covered as of 1 March 2012, 99 per cent covered as of 1 September 2012 and all markets covered by the end of 2012.

#### **Australia Animal Welfare Strategy (AAWS)**

The 6th Australia Animal Welfare Strategy national workshop was held in September 2012 in Canberra. Over 130 key stakeholders and experts attended this workshop. The workshop celebrated the good progress in implementing AAWS goals including an enhanced national approach and commitment to ensure high standards of animal welfare based on a concise outline of current processes; sustainable improvements in animal welfare based on national and international benchmarks, scientific evaluation and research, taking into account changes in whole of community standards; and effective communication, education and training across the whole community to promote an improved understanding of animal welfare. During the workshop the delegates also agreed on the need to produce a 'State of the Nation' report

on animal welfare in Australia as a benchmark. This report will allow Australia to measure progress and improve animal welfare in the future.

### **Developments under the Australian Animal Welfare Strategy**

The Australian Animal Welfare Strategy has been working on low stress stock handling of cattle and sheep. The *Facilitators' Guide: Best Practice Cattle and Sheep Handling Learning Resource*, is a working guide for trainers. The guide includes information, advice, assessment materials, and reference materials and can be downloaded from the home page of the Australia Animal Welfare Strategy's website at <http://www.australiananimalwelfare.com.au/>

### **Review of Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock**

The Australian Government is currently carrying out a review on the Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock and the role and function of the Livestock Export Standards Advisory Group. In a separate process, the government is also reviewing the livestock inspection processes for sheep prior to export at the port of Fremantle, Western Australia. These reviews are in line with the government's response to the recommendations made in the Independent Review into Australia's Livestock Export Trade by Bill Farmer, AO in October 2011. The Australian Government is consulting broadly and working closely with industry, state and territory governments, the veterinary profession and animal welfare groups for these reviews. The reviews were aiming to give Live Animal Export industry a strong, secure and long-term future.

### **Australia national standards for the transport of livestock**

New Australia national standards for the transport of livestock have been developed to protect the welfare of animals, and for the first time these standards will be the same in all States and Territories.

The Australian Standards & Guidelines for the Welfare of Animals – Land Transport of Livestock (LTS) was developed by industry, welfare organisations and government through the Australian Animal Welfare Strategy.

The new standards will bring consistency to the way livestock are transported across Australia and they aim to ensure good welfare practices for all livestock journeys.

### **Improved Animal Welfare Program (IAWP)**

The Australian Government has made an allocation of \$10 million over four years (2011-12 to 2014-15) of aid funding to support improved animal welfare outcomes in Official Development Assistance (ODA) eligible countries that import live animals from Australia, the Improved Animal Welfare Program (IAWP).

**Report of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) World Assembly , May 2012**  
*Dr Tomoko Ishibashi, OIE Regional Representation (Tokyo)*

2012/12/13

**Dr Tomoko Ishibashi**  
 Deputy Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific



**Report of the OIE World Assembly , May 2012  
 -and other key OIE and related developments since  
 last RAWs CG meeting**

"RAWs Coordination Group Meeting"  
 November 8, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



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  - The 28<sup>th</sup> Regional Conference



**Regional Commission Meeting in May 2012**

> Update of RAWs (discussion at the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> CG meetings) was reported. Points included are;

- ✓ Establishment of a drafting group to update the RAWs for 2012-2015 to reflect developments and changes;
- ✓ Importance of effective communications and networking (RAWs quarterly newsletter and improving linkages with Focal points, NGOs and Industry);
- ✓ Importance of tracking progress in animal welfare in the region (Regional Members should provide information on welfare developments so that progress can be documented and consolidated).

15 Members participated: Australia, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, P.R.China, China Taipei, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, S.P.R.Korea, P.O.Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam



**World Assembly in May 2012**

Report of the 10<sup>th</sup> Animal Welfare Working Group meeting by Dr Thiemann

"The importance of Regional Animal Welfare Strategies (RAWs), in facilitating implementation of standards nationally, was emphasised and the progress made in the different OIE regions reviewed. It was agreed that the RAWs approved for the Asia, the Far East and Oceania region continued to be a valuable model for strategy development."



**World Assembly in May 2012**

Resolution No 22 Animal Welfare

3. Delegates take steps to ensure that their FPs be nominated, and that FPs participate in regional training programmes organised by the OIE.
4. Within the framework of an agreed strategy and implementation plan, OIE Members play an active role in their regions with institutions, non-governmental organisations, the private sector and other international organisations in promoting the OIE international animal welfare mandate.
5. VS of each Member continue to take steps to implement the OIE AW standards, including the possible need to strengthen the regulatory framework for AW.
7. OIE Animal Welfare Collaborating Centres be encouraged to identify "winning" opportunities in accordance with OIE policy...
8. The DG continue to take steps to promote the inclusion of AW in veterinary teaching curricula and in continuing education programmes.
9. The DG continue dialogue with the Global Food Safety Initiative, GLOBALG.A.P. and the International Standardization Organization (ISO) to ensure awareness of OIE science-based animal welfare standards.



**Workshop on EU Legislation on Animal Welfare  
 Seoul, R.O. Korea 9 to 11 October 2012**

- > The workshop was organised under the framework of "Better Training for Safer Food," a European Commission training initiative covering food and feed law, animal health and welfare and plant health rules.
- > Around 80 participants, including international speakers, attended the workshop: nearly 40 from R.O. Korea and around 25 from Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taipei China, Thailand and Vietnam.



**Workshop on EU Legislation on Animal Welfare  
Seoul, R.O. Korea 9 to 11 October 2012**

- > Several speakers from Europe gave lectures about the EU's approach and legislation on animal welfare.
- > From the region, representatives from Australia, R.O. Korea and Thailand spoke about their practices.
- > A representative of Animal Welfare NPO in the USA, presented its 6-step Animal Welfare Rating Standard programme.
- > The workshop included a short visit to an Agriculture Cooperative operating slaughterhouse, where each participant tried to assess its performance using a mock checklist.



**3<sup>rd</sup> OIE Regional Seminar for National Focal Points**

- > Last week of August (26-30) 2013
- > Programme to be developed
  - 1<sup>st</sup> seminar: covered general topics
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> seminar: killing for disease control, religious slaughter and RAWs were picked up
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> seminar: any request?



**Thank you for your attention**



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## Secretariat Report: Arrangements and Communications

Mr Jim Paradise, Animal Welfare Branch, Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Canberra)

17/12/2012



### Regional Animal Welfare Strategy Secretariat Report

Jim Paradise, Secretariat to RAWS

Kuala Lumpur, 9 November 2012





### Presentation overview

- Secretariat
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### Secretariat: present arrangements

- DAFF interim secretariat for 2 years
  - Communications
  - Funding
  - Meeting organisation
  - Meeting recommendations





### Secretariat: future arrangements

- Currently funded until December 2012
- Options for future secretariat arrangements
  1. Rotational secretariat provided by participating countries
  2. Participating countries cover their own participation costs
  3. Australia continue in role – AAWS funding; 12 months





### Communications: RAWS-News

- Meeting 1 recommendation
- Quarterly
- Produced by secretariat with input from country representatives
- Open to feedback on format, content etc






### Communications: SharePoint

- RAWS Coordination Group is now on SharePoint – members should have all received login details and instructional presentation
- Share meeting documents
- Announcements
- Events



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Communications: Meetings   
and correspondence

- Bi-annual face to face meetings in AFEO region
- Regular email correspondence
- Teleconferences
- Potential for attendance at additional events eg OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare

Thank you 





**REGIONAL ANIMAL WELFARE STRATEGY  
COORDINATION GROUP MEETING  
PARTICIPANTS LIST**

- **CHAIR:** Dr Gardner Murray
- Dr Abdul Rahman, Chair, OIE Animal Welfare Working Group
- Dr Ian Dacre, WSPA Asia
- Dr Na Inji for Dr Jung Ji Won, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Republic of Korea
- Dr Pennapa Matayompong, Department of Livestock Development, Thailand
- Dr Weihua Li, Ministry of Agriculture, China
- Dr Kinley Dorji, Department of Livestock, Kingdom of Bhutan
- Dr Ira Firgorita, Directorate General Livestock Services, Indonesia
- Dr Mohd Zaid Che Zalina, Department of Veterinary Services, Malaysia
- Dr Ronello Abila, OIE Sub-Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific
- Mr Jim Paradice Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry
- Dr Tomoko Ishibashi, OIE Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific
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- Dr Rasto Kolesar, OIE Paris
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Apologies

- Dr Andrea Gavinelli, Health and Consumers Directorate General, European Commission (Observer)
- Dr Boonpeng Santiwattanatham, Charoen Pokphand Food Public Co. Ltd
- Dr Jung Ji Won, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Republic of Korea

## Attachment 2

### Recommendations from the Third OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare



**Third OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare**  
*Implementing the OIE Standards – addressing regional expectations*

**Kuala-Lumpur (Malaysia), 6–8 November 2012**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

##### **CONSIDERING THAT:**

- Global improvements in animal health and welfare are components of economic and social development and that a progressive implementation of OIE standards on animal welfare, adapted to the economic situation and capacities of Member Countries must be promoted;
- animal health is a key component of animal welfare;
- one of the objectives of the OIE is to facilitate safe international trade in animals and animal products;
- the OIE is the global reference organisation for the elaboration of international standards for animal health and welfare;
- the OIE Strategic Plans have included animal welfare since 2001 and that the current Strategic Plan contains provisions for integrated actions, coordination and planning on terrestrial and aquatic animal welfare at the national, regional and global level;
- the OIE has described Veterinary Services' responsibilities for animal welfare in the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code (Terrestrial Code)* and included appropriate references in the *OIE PVS Tool (Performance of Veterinary Services)*;
- a large majority of OIE Member Countries have already nominated national focal points for animal welfare;
- some private sector specifications for animal welfare are not consistent with the OIE standards;
- OIE regional strategies, based on global animal welfare standards, represent a shared vision between government and the private sector, built upon collaboration between interested parties, including animal health, public health, industry (production, transport and processing), academic and research sectors;
- animal welfare standards should be democratically and transparently adopted and based on both science and practical experience, bearing in mind the production systems and uses of animals of each Member Country and the relevant environmental, regional, geographic, economic, cultural and religious aspects;



- science should be the basis for the preparation of international standards and these should be appropriately evaluated and validated taking into account the different characteristics and contexts relevant to the Member Countries;
- the need to promote scientific research, capacity building, education and communication in the animal welfare area;
- the ongoing work of the OIE in reinforcing the capacity of Veterinary Services and Aquatic Animal Health Services, using the OIE PVS Pathway, standards on veterinary legislation, the OIE *Terrestrial Code* and the OIE *Aquatic Animal Health Code (Aquatic Code)* in general
- the global initiative of twinning programmes for OIE Collaborating Centres, Veterinary education establishments and Veterinary Statutory Bodies, based on the successful global initiative for twinning of veterinary laboratories;
- the OIE is working with global private sector organisations to harmonise public and private animal welfare standards;
- a number of important and relevant topics and issues were identified at the 3<sup>rd</sup> OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare including the critical importance of communities and their leaders and religious leaders in raising awareness and support for implementation of OIE animal welfare standards.

**OIE MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE REQUESTED TO:**

1. take steps to comply with the OIE standards, particularly those for quality of Veterinary Services and Aquatic Animal Health Services. To this end, Members should consider requesting relevant missions under the PVS Pathway;
2. Members that have not already done so should quickly nominate national Focal Points for Animal Welfare (and other topics nominated by the OIE) under the authority of the National Delegate;
3. take into account the OIE standards for veterinary legislation in their veterinary legislation, create or update (as appropriate) a national legal framework that includes provision for national animal welfare programmes;
4. consider participation, if appropriate, in OIE twinning programmes for Collaborating Centres, Veterinary education establishments and Veterinary Statutory Bodies;
5. support the development of national programmes for raising awareness of animal welfare and educating key players, particularly veterinarians, livestock owners, animal handlers, religious and community leaders and other key groups, such as school children and women;



6. take steps to ensure that prescriptive animal welfare requirements do not create trade barriers non consistent with OIE standards, including by encouraging and supporting decisions on the equivalence and reciprocity of different animal welfare measures, while respecting the right of OIE Member Countries to determine the level of their national science-based measures;
7. encourage the private sector to respect OIE standards;
8. promote the adoption by the United Nations of a Declaration addressing animal welfare, including close compliance with OIE animal health and welfare standards; and
9. consult religious and community leaders, and local authorities (with appropriate use of OIE delegates and focal points) in determining their countries official positions on development and implementation of OIE standards.

**THE OIE IS REQUESTED TO:**

1. continue to develop global standards according to the priorities set by the World Assembly of Delegates. In the field of animal welfare, standards for livestock production systems (including broiler chickens, and dairy cattle) should be the first priority;
2. work closely with donors and international and regional organisations, and continue to provide appropriate technical support to Member Countries, especially developing countries, to meet the OIE standards for quality Veterinary Services and Aquatic Animal Health Services through the OIE PVS Pathway;
3. develop its capacity building activities including through negotiation with donors, to help Delegates, supported by nominated Focal Points, to comply with the obligations and responsibilities of OIE membership, including participation in the standard-setting process;
4. promote the role and responsibility of the Veterinary Services (including public and private sector veterinarians) in animal welfare; promote coverage of animal welfare in veterinary education and contribute to the provision of information on animal health and welfare, particularly to animal owners and handlers;
5. collaborate and form partnerships with organisations representing all relevant sectors of the production and distribution chain for animals and animal products, to develop and promote the OIE animal welfare standards, as the key reference for national, regional and international trade;
6. continue to collaborate with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) to promote the development of the proposed ISO Animal Welfare technical specifications consistent with OIE animal welfare standards;
7. influence those responsible for making decisions on scientific research to develop new programmes addressing research priorities in animal welfare;



## Attachment 3

Regional Animal Welfare Strategy Coordination Group			
Meeting 4			
Kuala Lumpur - 9 November 2012			
Friday 9 November 2012			
Time	Item	Subject	Chair / Speaker
0800		Registration of participants	
0815	1	Opening Ceremony Welcome - Introduction and Purpose	Dr Gardner Murray
0825	2	Report of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) World Assembly , May 2012 - And other key OIE and related developments since last meeting	Dr Tomoko Ishibashi
0840	3	Recommendations and progress since Bangkok Meeting (RAWSCG3) • Secretariat Report: Arrangements and Communications	Chair - Dr Pennapa Matayompong
0900	4	Key Reports on Activities - Country / Industry / NGO Presentations	Members/Observers
0930	5	RAWS 2012-15 – development and finalisation of draft	Chair - Dr Abdul Rahman
1000	6	Action Plan – details and discussion	Chair - Dr Li Weihua
1030	7	Conclusions/recommendations	Dr Gardner Murray
1045		Coffee Break	
1100		Joint RAWS CG/Selected Focal Point Meeting	Joint Session
13.00		Meeting Close and Lunch	