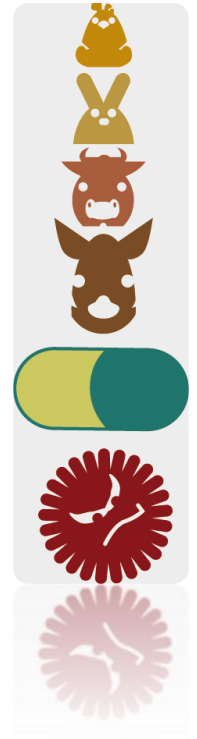


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# History of Focal Point workshops and Terms of Reference for OIE Focal Points for Veterinary Products



# Introduction

- The OIE has a global programme of capacity building for OIE Delegates and OIE National Focal Points.
- One of the objectives is to provide good governance concepts to the main actors of National Veterinary Services.
- Among the elements of governance, the OIE grants great importance to **the good management of veterinary products, from both animal and public health points of view.**

# The Delegate

*National Representative for the OIE*



- Responsible for negotiating international veterinary standards
- Notification to the OIE of the national animal disease situation
- National representative for international disease status

**Appointed by the national government**

*(most frequently, the country's Chief Veterinary Officer)*

# National Focal Points

*8 areas of expertise*

Aquatic animals

Communication

Wildlife

Animal welfare

Animal disease notification

Animal production food safety

Veterinary products-AMR

Veterinary Laboratories

**Appointed by the Delegate**

# Focal Points

- Veterinary products
  - include diagnostics, vaccines and veterinary drugs
  - are key elements that enable detection, prevention and control of animal diseases
  - **Antimicrobial resistance is currently the main focus**

# Focal Point Seminars (regular WHO and FAO participation)

- **OIE Conference on Veterinary Medicinal Products in Africa**  
**Dakar (Senegal), 25–27 March 2008**

An advertisement for the OIE Conference on Veterinary Medicinal Products in the Middle East. It features a small image of a white plastic jar with a label on the left. The main title is "OIE Conference on Veterinary Medicinal Products in the Middle East" with the subtitle "Towards harmonisation and improvement of registration, distribution and quality control". The location and dates are "Damascus, Syria 2-4 December 2009". The OIE logo and "World Organisation for Animal Health" are at the bottom. A table of contents is on the left, and three green dots are at the bottom right.

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- **OIE Conference on Veterinary Medicinal Products in the Middle East**  
**Damascus (Syria), 2–4 December 2009**

# History of Focal Point Seminars:

## ➤ First cycle

- Training workshops (**first cycle**) for OIE National Focal Points for Veterinary Products have been organised:
  - Europe, (Serbia), July 2010
  - Americas, (Colombia), September 2010
  - Africa, (South Africa), November 2010
  - **Asia (Cambodia), June 2011**

## ➤ First cycle

The first cycle training provided basic knowledge

- on the **mandate and activities** of the OIE;
- **on the rights and responsibilities** of the OIE Delegates and their Focal Points;
- on the **Terms of Reference** of Focal Points;

and also addressed the needs and expectations of Focal Points on Veterinary Products.



# History of Focal Point Seminars:

## ➤ Second cycle

- **Second cycle** for OIE National Focal *Points* for *Veterinary Products*
  - Africa (Senegal), Septembre 2011
  - Middle East and Africa (Morocco), Dec.2011
  - Africa (Kenya), Mars 2012
  - **Asia (Thailand), July 2012**
  - Americas (Brazil), October 2012
  - Europe (Austria), November 2012

## ➤ Second cycle

- **VICH** (International cooperation on harmonisation of technical requirements for Registration of Veterinary Products).
- The use of veterinary products and the issues of **residues** and **antimicrobial resistance** (AMR).
- The **control of drugs** and the **quality of vaccines**.

# History of Focal Point Seminars

## > Third Cycle

- Algiers (Algeria), 1 - 3 October 2013
- Maputo, Mozambique, 3 - 5 December 2013
- Ottawa, Canada, 25 - 27 August 2014
- Ohrid, Macedonia, 18 - 20 November 2014
- Tokyo, Japan, 3-5 December 2014

## ➤ Third Cycle

- Diagnostic test validation methods and kits
- **Antimicrobial resistance**
- **Collection of quantitative data on the use of antimicrobial agents and the establishment of an OIE database**
- Anti-parasitic drugs
- Veterinary products in general and good governance

## ➤ Forth cycle

- 4<sup>th</sup> cycle OIE Focal Points for Veterinary Products training seminars :
  - December 2015, Uganda ➔ Africa EN
  - March 2016, Japan ➔ Asia/Pacific
  - April 2016, Senegal ➔ Africa FR
  - October 2016, Hungary ➔ Europe
  - November 2017 Lebanon ➔ Middle East

## ➤ Forth cycle

- **antimicrobial resistance** including the **Global Action Plan and Tripartite activities**,
- the **OIE database on the use of antimicrobial agents**, and the situation in the aquatic sector;
- **antiparasitics and challenges**
- **quality of veterinary medicinal products**
  - counterfeit medicines,
  - registration/authorisation system
  - implementation of VICH guidelines

## ➤ 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle

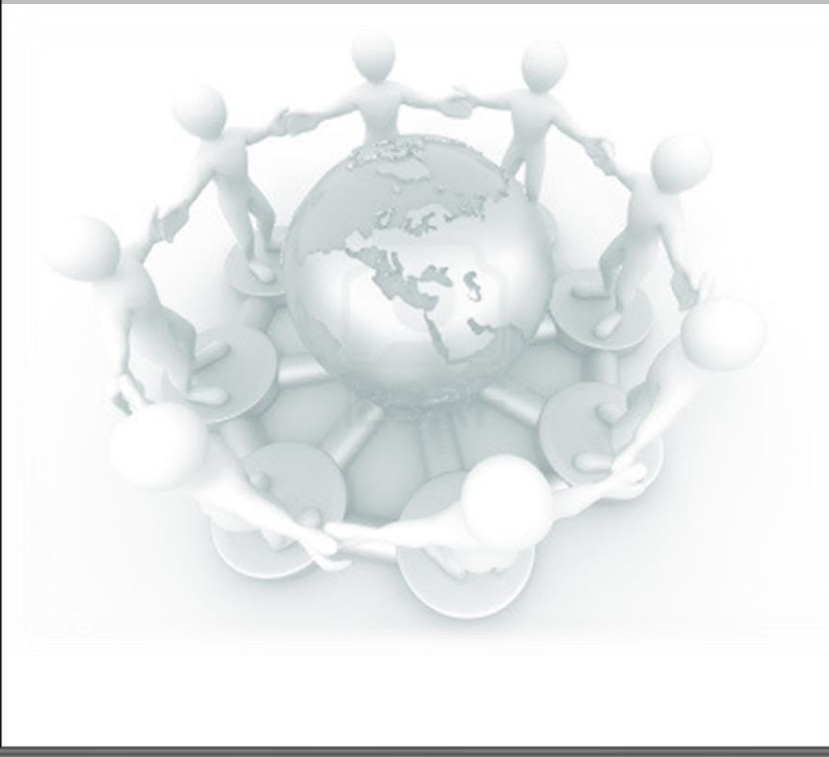
- **Antimicrobial resistance**
  - update on Tripartite activities,
  - implementation of National Action Plans,
  - Relevant Resolutions and OIE strategy,
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> round OIE database on the use of antimicrobial agents in animals
- **Registration/authorisation of Veterinary Medicinal Products**
  - regulatory convergence
  - VICH: general principles, guidelines, update on Outreach Forum.
- **Antiparasitic resistance and challenges**
- **Quality of veterinary products**

## ➤ 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle

- 5<sup>th</sup> cycle OIE Focal Points for Veterinary Products training seminars:
  - December 2017, Swaziland ➔ Africa EN
  - December 2018 Ivory Coast ➔ Africa FR
  - March 2018 Bangkok ➔ Asia and the Pacific
  - April 2018 Mexico ➔ Americas
  - October 2018 ➔ Europe -TBC



# Terms of Reference for OIE Focal Points for Veterinary Products



# Termes of Reference: General part

The responsibilities of the focal points are under the authority of the OIE Delegate.

- Any information transmitted to the OIE from the different focal points needs to be transmitted under the designated authority of the OIE Delegate
- This practice would equally apply, if focal points are located in other Departments or Ministries
- From a legal perspective the OIE considers the official OIE Delegate to be the unique representative of the country.

# Terms of Reference: Specific tasks

- **Establish a network of veterinary product experts** within his/her country or communicate with existing network;
- Establish and **maintain a dialogue with the Competent Authority** for veterinary products in his country, and to facilitate **cooperation and communication among** several authorities where responsibility is shared;

# Terms of Reference

- Under the authority of the OIE Delegate of his/her country, **monitor legislation** on and **control of veterinary products** to ensure that these are in support of OIE international standards, guidelines and recommendations;
- **Act as a contact point with the OIE** on matters related to veterinary products;

# Terms of Reference

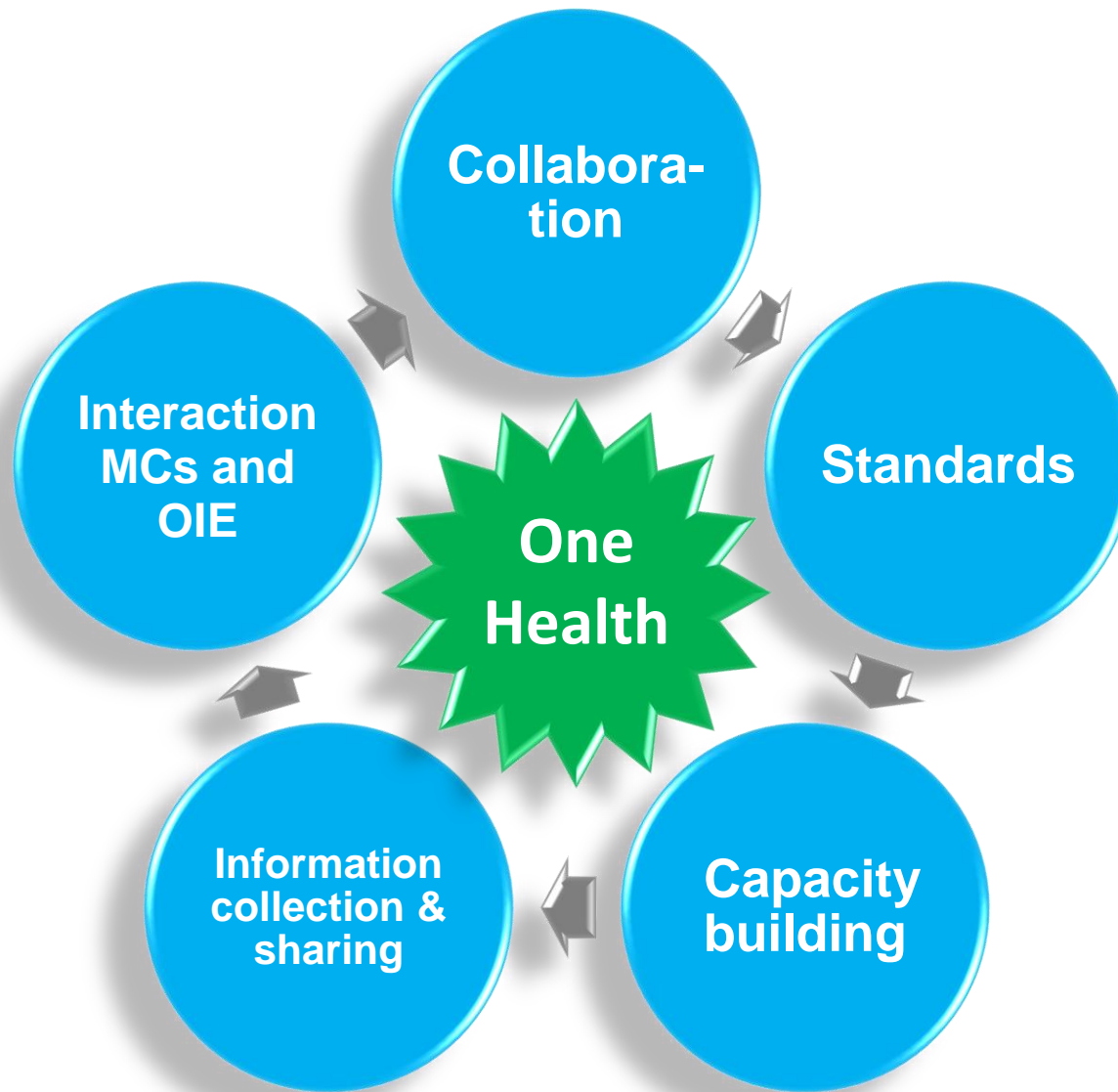
- **Receive** from the OIE Headquarters information **on VICH (1) activities and copies of the reports of the Biological Standards Commission** and other relevant reports, should they address discussion points on veterinary products;
- **Conduct**, on request, the **in-country consultation process** with recognised veterinary product experts on draft texts of standards and/or on guidelines and recommendations proposed in those reports.

(1) VICH: International cooperation on harmonisation of technical requirements for Registration of Veterinary Products :

# Terms of Reference

- **Prepare comments for the Delegate** on each of the relevant meeting reports reflecting the scientific view and position of the individual OIE Member Country and/or the region, including comments on the proposals for new or revised **OIE standards**, guidelines and recommendations **related to veterinary products**.

# Conclusion



# Thank you for your attention



## Any questions ?



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