



## Regional Workshops for OIE National Focal Points for Veterinary Products

*Abu Dhabi-United Arab Emirates*

*31 March – 2 April 2020*

During the 76th General Session in May 2008, the importance of the focal points (FPs) for information on animal diseases was re-iterated, and Delegates were also requested to nominate additional focal points for wildlife, veterinary products, animal production food safety, animal welfare and aquatic animals. OIE FPs, nominated by OIE Delegates and acting under their supervision, is an important mechanism for countries to satisfy their OIE obligations and to strengthen communication and collaboration between Member Countries (MCs) and the OIE.


Five Regional Workshops for OIE National Focal Points for Veterinary Products were held to date. These seminars provided the FPs with knowledge on rights, commitments, and responsibilities of the OIE National Focal Points in the standard-setting process and compliance of their countries with the OIE international standards. It also provided the more in-depth understanding of key issues such as antimicrobial resistance (AMR) including the Global Action Plan developed by WHO with the support of the OIE and FAO, Tripartite activities, the OIE database on the use of antimicrobial agents, and the OIE strategy on AMR, raise awareness on antiparasitical resistance, and quality of veterinary products including the challenge of falsified medicines, possibility on harmonisation/convergence of regulatory systems for registration of veterinary products .


The 6th seminar is planned to be held from **31 March – 2 April 2020 in Abu Dhabi-United Arab Emirates**. This seminar will build on the feedback received from previous seminars and focus on different aspects of quality of veterinary medicines and take into the recommendation of the **2nd OIE Global Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance and Prudent Use of Antimicrobial Agents in Animals Putting Standards into Practice**. (Marrakesh, Morocco 29-31 October 2018).

### Provisional programme

DAY 1	Tuesday 31 March, 2020	
8:00 - 8:30	Registration	
8:30 - 9:00	Official opening	
	Introduction and welcome by the OIE Delegate of UAE	OIE Delegate
	Address by the OIE Regional Representative	OIE RR/ME
	Address by the Head of the AMR and Veterinary Products Department (AMR&VPD)	Elisabeth Erlacher-Vindel, OIE
	Address by the Host Country: UAE	
9:00 - 9:30	Short self-introduction by participants	All facilitators and participants
	Objectives of the seminar	Elisabeth Erlacher-Vindel, OIE
9:30 - 9:55	Coffee break and group photograph	
9:55 - 10:00	OIE Video	
<b>VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCTS</b>		

10:00 - 10:20	Country presentations on recent activities carried out by Focal Points (10' each)	OIE FP OIE FP
10:20 – 10:30	Discussion	All
10:20 - 10:40	Update on the OIE standards and guidelines relevant to veterinary medicinal products	Mária Szabó, OIE
10:40 - 11:00	Aquatic animal vaccines	NVAL OIE CC-Japan
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> OIE GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON AMR</b>		
11:00 - 11:20	Brief introduction and presentation of the recommendations of the OIE Global Conference on AMR	Elisabeth Erlacher-Vindel, OIE
11:20 - 11:40	Member Countries' experience concerning autogenous vaccines	OIE RR/ME
11:40 - 12:00	Examples of existing guidance on autogenous vaccines	OIE Collaborating Centre, ANSES
12:00 - 13:00	Discussion	Coordinated by OIE
13:00 - 14:30	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>ACCESS TO QUALITY VETERINARY PRODUCTS</b>		
14:30 - 14:50	Update on VICH, focus on VOF including the update from the VICH 6 <sup>th</sup> Public Conference	OIE CC ANSES or FDA (TBC)
14:50 – 15:10	Applying VICH Quality Guidelines	Health for Animals, Rick Clayton
14:50 - 15:10	VICH Outreach Forum (VOF) Member Countries' experiences, benefit of being as member of VOF	Saudi Arabia (TBC)
15:10 - 16:00	Regulatory Authority perspective on harmonisation on technical requirements for registration of veterinary products	Jordan (TBC)
16:00 - 16:30	<b>Coffee break</b>	
16:30 - 16:50	Industry perspective on convergence/harmonisation	Health for Animals, Eric de Ridder
16:50 - 17:10	Results of the general questionnaire on the quality of veterinary products and pharmacovigilance	TBC (ADAFSA))
17:10 - 17:15	Video: The process of implementing OIE standards	
17:15 - 17:45	Discussion	Coordinated by OIE
19:00 - 21:00	<b>Welcome cocktail hosted by the OIE</b>	
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Wednesday 01 March 2020</b>	
<b>PHARMACOVIGILANCE</b>		
9:00 - 9:20	Introduction to pharmacovigilance (what is the role of the different stakeholders? National competent authorities, industry, and veterinarians)	CC OIE
9:20 - 9:40	Pharmacovigilance: presentation by a national competent authority	OIE FP (TBD)
9:40 - 10:00	Advantages of using the existing pharmacovigilance VICH guidelines in a smart way-Introduction of the Manual on the minimum requirements how to set up a basic pharmacovigilance system?	Ronnie Bhui, Elanco Animal Health Health for Animals
10:00 - 10:20	<b>Coffee break</b>	
10:20 - 10:40	Member Country experience: how could simple functioning pharmacovigilance systems be set up?	OIE FP (TBD)
10:40 - 12:00	<b>Working Group Session 1</b> Minimal requirements for pharmacovigilance 	Coordinated by OIE CC, Health for Animals and OIE HQ
12:00 - 13:00	Feedback from working group session 1	Rapporteurs
13:00 - 14:30	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>FALSIFIED AND SUBSTANDARD VETERINARY PRODUCTS</b>		
14:30 - 14:50	How to ensure the quality of veterinary medicinal products?	CC OIE, ANSES
14:50 - 15:10	Global surveillance and monitoring system for substandard and falsified veterinary medicinal products	Elisabeth Erlacher-Vindel et Rebecca Hibbard OIE

15:10 - 15:30	WCO and OIE collaboration. Future collaboration with Focal Points levels to fight against falsified veterinary products	World Customs Organisation (TBC)
15:30 - 16:00	<b>Coffee break</b>	
16:00 - 17:30	<b>Working Group Session 2</b> Global surveillance and monitoring system for substandard falsified products – feasibility in the veterinary domain 	Coordinated by OIE CC, HealthforAnimals and OIE HQ

<b>Day 3</b>		<b>Thursday 2 April 2020</b>
<b>FALSIFIED AND SUBSTANDARD VETERINARY PRODUCTS</b>		
9:00 - 10:00	Feedback from working group session 1 	Rapporteurs
<b>ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE</b>		
10:00 - 10:20	The Tripartite programme on antimicrobial resistance: Introduction	Elisabeth Erlacher-Vindel, OIE
10:20 - 10:40	WHO regional activities	WHO (TBC)
10:40 - 11:00	FAO regional activities	FAO (TBC)
11:00 - 11:10	Discussion	
11:10 - 11:40	<b>Coffee break</b>	
11:40 - 12:00	Antimicrobial resistance: current and future OIE activities	Elisabeth Erlacher-Vindel, OIE
12:00 - 12:20	Antiparasitic resistance	Mária Szabó, OIE
12:20 - 13:00	Discussion	
13:00 - 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:00 - 14:20	Achievements and future perspectives	Elisabeth Erlacher-Vindel, OIE
14:20 - 14:40	Evaluation of the seminar (questionnaire)	
14:40 - 15:10	Closing ceremony and award of attendance certificates	OIE Delegate Elisabeth Erlacher-Vindel
17:30	<b>End of the program</b>	