In 2007 the Kyrgyz Government invited OIE experts to evaluate the Kyrgyzstan Veterinary Services (VS) and make recommendations for their improvement.

OIE experts’ recommendations formed the basis of the Strategic Plan for the development of the VS of Kyrgyzstan in 2008-2012. This plan was approved by Government (# 62 dated February 25, 2008).

The Strategic Plan provides for the establishment of an independent body to regulate veterinarians and veterinary paraprofessionals.

In 2011, the Ministry of Agriculture organized a founder’s meeting and it was decided to create the Veterinary Chamber – an independent body that has, as its main goal, the organization and conduct of preparatory work to establish a VSB that would comply with the OIE definition in the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*.

Financing of the activities of the Veterinary Chamber was included in the budget of the World Bank Agricultural Investments and Services Project.

In order to achieve its goals, the Veterinary Chamber has carried out following activities:

- An information campaign to explain the role of a VSB is under way
- A legal framework for proper functioning of the VSB has been developed with assistance of OIE experts
- A draft Code of Ethics for veterinarians has been developed
- A Veterinary Chamber Internet website has been developed
- A database of veterinarians and veterinary paraprofessionals has been created

In the course of this work, it was necessary to consider the following issues and questions:

1. Should there be a requirement for public sector veterinarians to be registered by the VSB?
2. What is the difference between the Code of Veterinary Ethics and a Code of Professional Conduct?
3. Is the Veterinary Chamber part of the veterinary system of the country?

In this conference we will discuss these questions and share our experience, vision and ideas. We believe that our experience in the development of VSB will be useful for countries with economies that are ‘in transition’, where there is no established VSB and there is interest in establishing one in compliance with OIE recommendations.

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