OIE Collaborating Centre for Animal Welfare Science and Bioethical Analysis (Asia, the Far East and Oceania)

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- Founding partner – Animal Welfare Science and Bioethics Centre
- OIE Collaborating Centre for Epidemiology and Public Health: Massey University EpiCentre and mEpiLab
Current focus

- OIE scientific and technical review series publication *Animal welfare: focusing on the future*
- Cooperative Project (Queensland and Putra universities)
- European Commission Callisto
- Residential animal welfare training programme
Cooperative project...

- Cooperative Project (Queensland and Putra universities) training programme to assist with implementation of OIE animal welfare standards, especially transport and slaughter, in Malaysia, China, Thailand and Vietnam (latest summary attached)
Cooperative project aims...

• Enhance knowledge of OIE slaughter and transportation standards in South East Asia.

• Use experts to provide training for key personnel involved in transport and slaughter in South East Asia, to improve animal welfare standards.

• Conduct social research on attitudes to slaughter and transport, and perceived motivations and barriers to improved welfare practices.
Cooperative project management...

Management Advisory Committee

• Prof. Clive Phillips and Michelle Sinclair (University of Qld, AU)
• Prof. Zulkifli Idrus (Universiti Putra Malaysia)
• Dr Mark Fischer (Ministry for Primary Industry, NZ)
• Dr Andrea Gavinelli and Katherine Quineros (European Commission, EU)
• Dr Ian Dacre and Dr Kate Blaszak (World Animal Protection, SE Asia)
• Dr Kiran Johar (Department of Agriculture, AU)
• Dato’ Dr Quaza Nizam (Department Vet Services, Malaysia)
CALLISTO

• Contribution to European Commission programme identifying knowledge and technology gaps and recommending actions to reduce risk of zoonotic diseases being transferred from companion animals to humans and farm animals (Callisto http://www.callistoproject.eu/joomla/index.php/about-callisto)
Residential training programme

• Residential animal welfare training programme planned but postponed until content evaluated with the completion of Cooperative Project.
Some key animal welfare issues in our region

- Dogs
- Human-wildlife conflict
- Transport
- Slaughter
- Religious and cultural requirements and practices
- Intensive housing
- Fish farming
- Ornamental reef fish capture
- Climate change
- Wildlife trade
Some key animal welfare issues affecting implementation in our region

• Religious and cultural requirements and practices
• Government resourcing and communication
• Language barriers
• Concepts of animal welfare