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OIE Guidelines on the Welfare of Laboratory Animals

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Presentation Outline

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Introductory Comments

- Guiding Principles for Animal Welfare
- Scientific Basis for Recommendations
- Initial Animal Welfare Priorities
- 2004 Paris Conference
- 2005 AWWG & Strategic Priorities
- 2006 General Session Endorsement

Initial Issues & Options Paper

- Recognition of current international players
- ? Unique role for OIE
- Animals in animal health research
- Animals in diagnostic testing
- Animals in veterinary teaching
- Animals in regulatory testing

Dialogue with Key International Stakeholders

- ICLAS
- ILAR
- IACLAM
- AALAS
- FELASA
- VICH
- AAALAC International

Ad Hoc Group Establishment & Membership

- Dr David Bayvel (chair) – New Zealand
- Dr Kathryn Bayne – United States of America
- Dr Gilles Demers – Canada
- Dr Tsutomu Miki Kurosawa – Japan
- Dr Christophe Joubert – France
- Dr Judy MacArthur Clark – United Kingdom
- Professor Souilem Ouajdi – Tunisia
- Dr Ekaterina Rivera - Brazil

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Chapter 7.x: Use of Animals in Research and Education - Preamble

- A system of animal use oversight
- Vital role played by use of live animals in research and education
- Importance of the Three Rs of Russell and Burch (1959)
- Good quality science depends on good animal welfare
- Standards based on outcomes for the animal
- Significant role of veterinarians in animal-based research
- Records on animal use should be maintained at an institutional level

Chapter 7.x: Use of Animals in Research and Education Chapter - Overview

- Definitions
- Scope
- The Oversight Framework
- Assurance of Training and Competency
- Provision of Veterinary Care
- Source of Animals
- Physical Facility and Environmental Conditions
- Husbandry

Other Laboratory Animal *Ad Hoc* Group Priorities

- Air transport of laboratory animals: OIE/IATA Task Force
- Veterinary training in laboratory animal medicine (ILAR, FELASA, OIE initiative)
- Animal use in regulatory testing (VICH)

Concluding Comments

- Regulatory framework (based on international experience) for those countries with no current system
- Need for specialist post-graduate veterinary training
- Scientific advances – *in vitro* & *in silico* tests
- Alignment with VICH (? ICH)
- Conservative/resistant to change regulators
- Veterinary leadership & the Three Rs
- Strong support for OIE involvement

Thank You

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