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**4TH OIE GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON ANIMAL WELFARE**  
**Guadalajara (Mexico), 6-8 December 2016**

**Oie** WORLD ORGANISATION FOR ANIMAL HEALTH  
*Protecting animals, preserving our future*



## WHY ANIMAL WELFARE 2016?

To date, fifteen animal welfare chapters have been adopted by OIE Member Countries. However, implementation of the standards varies around the world. Experience tells us that to implement OIE standards within diverse cultural, economic and religious contexts a variety of tools are needed as well as balanced relationships with committed partners from both the public and private sectors.

The conference will highlight how the improvement of animal welfare legislation, the potential inclusion of OIE standards in the negotiation of bilateral agreements on trade covering animals and products of animal origin, and the development of strong partnerships with relevant stakeholders, have facilitated effective implementation of OIE animal welfare standards at the national level.

The conference also aims to raise the profile of the OIE animal welfare standards in general, and to encourage Veterinary Authorities and the veterinary profession to take a

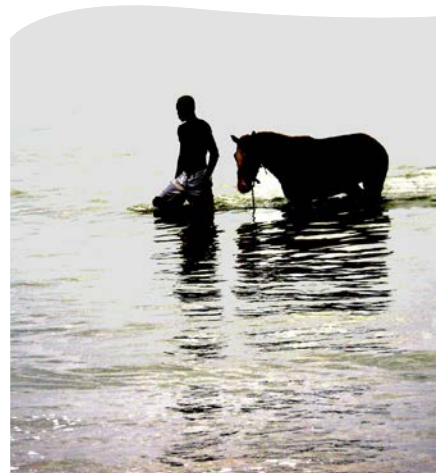
lead role in improving animal welfare worldwide in collaboration with the relevant partners.

## WHO WILL PARTICIPATE?

The Conference will convene approximately 500 key participants from national Veterinary Authorities, other national government agencies, scientists and academics, international and regional organisations, representatives of the private sector and international NGOs.

## WHAT WILL IT COVER?

- the implementation of OIE animal welfare standards worldwide, notably in developing countries, by recognising and learning from successful initiatives;
- the challenges to effective implementation of the OIE animal welfare standards everywhere;





- the roles and responsibilities that national Veterinary authorities and the veterinary profession may take in the successful implementation of the OIE animal welfare standards;
- strengthening the OIE Partnership with animal welfare stakeholders by recognising the contributions decision makers, donors and the general community can make to programmes aimed at improving animal welfare and OIE animal welfare standard implementation;
- the future development of animal welfare science to support the design and update of OIE animal welfare standards and their implementation;
- a global OIE strategy for animal welfare based on the existing standards, guidelines, experiences and outcomes achieved so far with regional animal welfare strategies.

## WHAT WILL IT ACHIEVE?

The Conference will develop internationally endorsed recommendations on actions to be taken by national Veterinary Authorities and partners to improve animal welfare globally. It will bring key actors in this sector closer together for better implementation of OIE animal welfare standards. The role of national Veterinary Authorities and the veterinary profession in leading improvements in animal welfare around the globe will also be highlighted.

## CAN I SUBMIT A POSTER?

There will be a poster session throughout the conference. For further details on preparing your poster, please visit the conference website:

[www.oie.int/welfare-conf2016](http://www.oie.int/welfare-conf2016)



## WHEN AND WHERE?

8-6 December 2016 at Hotel President  
InterContinental Guadalajara,  
Av. López Mateos Sur y Moctezuma N° 3515,  
Guadalajara, Jalisco, C.P. 45050

## HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE?

The Conference is open to all individuals interested in improving animal welfare to the extent that there is space is available. Please register now on the Conference site at

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