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COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE WORLD VETERINARY ASSOCIATION (WVA)
AND
THE WORLD ORGANISATION FOR ANIMAL HEALTH (OIE)

CONSIDERING the objectives of the World Organisation for Animal Health (“OIE”), in particular

- to safeguard world trade by publishing science based health standards for international trade in terrestrial and aquatic animals and animal products
- to promote the competency and capacity of national veterinary services (including public and private sector components) and
- to provide veterinary public health assurances including on food of animal origin and to promote animal welfare through a science-based approach,

CONSIDERING the mission of the World Veterinary Association (“WVA”)

- to assure and promote animal health, animal welfare and public health globally, through developing and advancing veterinary medicine, the veterinary profession as well as public and private veterinary services,

CONSIDERING the agreement between the WVA and the OIE, adopted on May 29th 2002, encouraging collaboration on issues of common interest, including commitments to invite each other to participate as observers in relevant activities and international conferences, and to share points of view,

CONSIDERING the importance of strong public – private partnership, wherein the OIE and WVA are complementary and create synergies for achieving their mutual goals and objectives,

NOW THEREFORE, the OIE and WVA (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties” and individually referred to as a “Party”) have agreed on the following modalities of cooperation on issues of common interest.

ARTICLE 1

MODALITIES OF COOPERATION

The Parties will extend to each other invitations for participation in all meetings, seminars and conferences during which matters of common interest are to be discussed and where observers are allowed.

The Parties agree to further strengthen their collaboration in particular in the following areas of activity, where both Parties share strong mutual interests:

'ONE HEALTH',

The key objectives are to:

- (i) encourage and assist the veterinary profession to communicate and collaborate with the medical profession;
- (ii) help countries to develop and articulate formal collaboration arrangements between human health, veterinary and environmental services; and
- (iii) give specific attention to antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and rabies.

The objectives of the OIE-WVA collaboration in the area of antimicrobial resistance are to:

- (i) advocate that antimicrobials are a global public good and AMR should be considered as a global threat;
- (ii) promote the leading role and responsibility of the veterinary profession in the prudent use of antimicrobials for animal health, and to promote the WVA Global Basic Principles¹ on the responsible Use of Antimicrobials; and
- (iii) help countries to progressively comply with OIE international standards that relate to antimicrobial resistance, namely chapters 6.6 to 6.10 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code and chapters 6.2 to 6.5 of the OIE Aquatic Animal Health Code as well as the list of antimicrobial agents of veterinary importance.

The objectives of the OIE-WVA collaboration in the area of rabies prevention and control are to:

- (i) promote the role and responsibility of the veterinary profession in the control and eradication of rabies in animals, in particular in dogs;
- (ii) promote ² the World Veterinary Association position regarding rabies
- (iii) urge political leaders in countries where the disease is endemic to take action by establishing rabies control programmes; and

¹ http://www.worldvet.org/uploads/docs/007_wva_position_on_antimicrobials_2011.pdf

² http://www.worldvet.org/uploads/docs/encl_ap9_rabies_110909.pdf

- (iv) help countries, Veterinary Services and the veterinary profession to implement appropriate rabies prevention and control methods in accordance with Chapter 8.11 of OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code.

GOOD GOVERNANCE OF VETERINARY SERVICES

The WVA and the OIE recognise the importance of developing sustainable public-private partnerships that include the public and private sector components of Veterinary Services, and promote the roles of veterinarians and Veterinary Statutory Bodies. Of particular importance is the requirement for sustainable field veterinary networks able to recognise, report and respond appropriately to any significant veterinary epidemiological event (from natural, accidental or intentional origin) . The key objectives of the OIE-WVA collaboration in this area are to:

- (i) promote the key roles of the Veterinary Services, including veterinarians and Veterinary Statutory Bodies, in the fields of animal health, animal welfare, food security and food safety, thereby helping to protect and improve public health;
- (ii) promote the role of veterinarians as well educated professionals, bound by a professional oath, working according to a professional code of conduct and codes of Good Veterinary Practice, licensed and supervised by a veterinary statutory body (or equivalent);
- (iii) promote the prevention and control of animal diseases including zoonoses – and by extension the Veterinary Services – as a Global Public Good;
- (iv) help countries to progressively comply with the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code and the OIE Aquatic Animal Health Code on the quality of Veterinary Services and Aquatic Animal Health Services.

VETERINARY EDUCATION

The key objectives of the OIE-WVA collaboration in this area are to:

- (i) help countries to develop modern veterinary educational facilities, curricula and methods, based on the OIE Recommendations on the Competencies of Graduating Veterinarians ('Day 1 Graduates'), and the accompanying Veterinary Education Core Curriculum;
- (ii) promote the development of objective and reliable methods for quality assurance in veterinary education and the accreditation of veterinary education establishments.

ARTICLE 2

LEGAL AND FINANCIAL ASPECTS

Nothing in this Agreement shall give rise to financial obligations upon either Party.

To the extent any activity may give rise to financial obligations, a separate agreement shall be concluded subject to the Parties' respective internal rules and policies, prior to such activity being undertaken.

The Parties will mutually agree on preparation and issuance of any publications resulting from this Agreement. If a Party (the "Publishing Party") prepares and issues publications on its own, the other Party shall be given the opportunity to comment on the content before the publication is issued and the Parties will agree on any further amendment to the text. The copyright to the publication shall remain with the Publishing Party. The copyright of any contribution made to the publication by the other Party (the "Contributing Party") will be retained by the Contributing Party who hereby grants to the Publishing Party a worldwide, non-exclusive, sub-licensable, royalty-free license to use such copyright for purposes of publication.

The collaboration of the Parties shall be duly acknowledged in any publication resulting from this Agreement, unless a Party notifies that it does not wish to be associated with the publication. The wording of the acknowledgement shall be agreed between the Parties.

ARTICLE 3

USE OF THE PARTIES' NAMES AND EMBLEMS

Except as provided in this Agreement, neither Party shall use the other Party's name, acronym and/or emblem, without the prior written consent of the other Party.

ARTICLE 4

LIABILITY

Each Party shall be solely responsible for the manner in which it carries out its part of the collaborative activities under this Agreement and/or any subsequent agreement. Thus, neither Party shall be responsible for any loss, accident, damage or injury suffered or caused by the other Party, or that other Party's employees, consultants or sub-contractors, in connection with, or as a result of, the collaborative activities under this Agreement and/or any subsequent agreement, unless such loss, accident, damage or injury suffered by one Party results from gross negligence or willful misconduct of the other Party.

ARTICLE 5

GENERAL PROVISIONS

This Agreement supersedes and replaces the Agreement adopted on 29 May 2002 between the Parties.

This Agreement will enter into force upon signature by the Director General of the OIE and the President of WVA.

This Agreement shall have an initial four-year term which may be renewed in writing by mutual consent of the Parties.

This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent expressed in writing.

Either Party may terminate this Agreement by giving six months' notice to the other Party. Termination will not affect the implementation of ongoing activities which have been decided by the Parties prior to the date of termination, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties in writing.

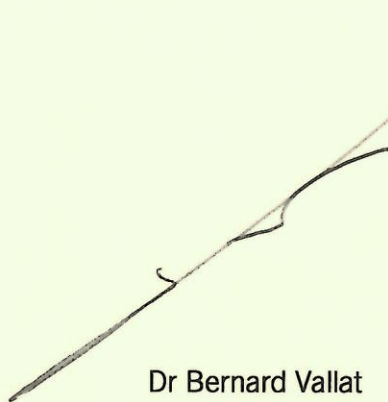
Any dispute arising out of the interpretation or implementation of the provisions of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation between the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Director General of the World Organisation for Animal Health and the President of the World Veterinary Association have signed the present Agreement in duplicate, in English, on 26 MAY 2015



René Carlson

President of the
World Veterinary Association



Dr Bernard Vallat

Director General of the
World Organisation for Animal Health

