



THIRD OIE GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON ANIMAL WELFARE

*Implementing the OIE standards
– addressing regional expectations*

Kuala-Lumpur (Malaysia), 6–8 November 2012

1. Objectives

General objective:

To support the implementation by Members of OIE animal welfare standards, with particular attention to relevant strategies and tools, including at the regional level. The conference also aims to raise the profile of the OIE animal welfare standards in general and to encourage Veterinary Services and the veterinary profession to take lead role in the improving animal welfare.

Specific Objectives:

- Evaluate the status of implementation by Members of OIE animal welfare standards;
- Discuss the implications of animal welfare for international trade, including international, regional and bilateral trade agreements, and the activities of private standard setting organisations;
- Provide up to date information on scientific research related to animal welfare standards and practices;
- Identify the role and responsibility of national Veterinary Services in the field of animal welfare;
- Give practical information and technical advice on developing and implementing national animal welfare standards;
- Advise on strategies and tools to strengthen veterinary education with the objective of improving animal welfare outcomes;
- Provide practical examples to help Veterinary Services develop and implement veterinary legislation that addresses animal welfare in an appropriate manner;
- Advise on strategies and tools for good governance of the veterinary profession, including through strengthening veterinary statutory bodies;
- Provide practical advice on how to involve stakeholders, decision makers, donors and the general community in programmes aimed at improving animal welfare;
- Launch a discussion on the development and use of regional strategies to support implementation of the OIE animal welfare standards.

2. Participants: 350-400 (approximately)

- OIE Delegates and other representatives
- Sponsors (International organisations/countries/private sector organisations)
- Relevant International Organisations holding official agreements with the OIE

- Veterinary Deans and heads of relevant research institutes
- International Industry Organisations
- Relevant animal welfare NGO's.
- OIE Collaborating Centres on animal welfare
- Deans of veterinary education establishments
- Representatives of veterinary statutory bodies
- Representatives of civil society.

3. Funding

Financial contribution by the European Union

4. Outline of program

a. Implementation of the OIE animal welfare standards

Presentation of the OIE PVS Pathway and steps to improve good governance

The OIE animal welfare standards

Tools for assessing the state of play with standards implementation

Implications of animal welfare for international trade

Scientific research – current situation and future directions

Perspective of a global animal welfare NGO/OIE partner

b. Experiences and needs of OIE Members and partners

Presentations from OIE Members

Presentations from regional and international partner organisations

European Commission perspective

Technical advice and assistance to support standards implementation

Public-private partnerships

OIE Regional animal welfare strategies

c. How to improve animal welfare globally

Improving the quality of veterinary legislation for animal welfare

OIE standards for high quality veterinary education

Strengthening veterinary governance – the role of veterinary statutory bodies

Perspectives of donors

Perspective on needs for standard setting in the future

d. Conference Recommendations

5. Steering Committee

- Decisions on administrative and financial organisation
- Establishment of the Scientific Committee, Organising Committee and Local Committee
- Approval of the programme
- Approval of speakers

Members:

Dr Bernard Vallat (Chair)
Dr Sarah Kahn
Dr Daniel Chaisemartin
Dr David Bayvel (Chair, OIE AWWG)
Dr Itsuo Shimura (OIE Regional Representative, Tokyo)
Dr Ronello Abila (OIE Sub regional representative, Bangkok)
OIE Delegate for Malaysia (or his nominee)
Dr Mariela Varas (Secretariat)

6. Scientific Committee

- Development of the conference programme
- Details of presentations
- Assist in identifying speakers
- Validation of submitted abstracts

Members:

Dr Sarah Kahn (Chair)
Dr David Bayvel
Prof. Hassan Aidaros
Dr Sira Abdul Rahman
Dr David Wilkins
Dr David Fraser
Dr Andrea Gavinelli
OIE Delegate for Malaysia (or his nominee)
Dr Carmen Gallo (OIE Collaborating Centre on Animal Welfare, Americas)
Mr Jim Paradice (DAFF Australia)
Dr Alexandre Bouchot (Office of the OIE sub-regional representation, Bangkok)
Dr Tomoko Ishibashi (Office of the OIE Regional Representation, Tokyo)
Dr Mariela Varas (Secretariat).

7. Organising Committee

- Invitations to participants, arrangements for registration and administrative support
- Publicity, including web site design & support
- Coordination with professional conference organisers (as appropriate)
- Contracts with suppliers
- Management of sponsors (as appropriate)
- Planning of on-site logistics (registration, cocktail, conference)
- Travel arrangements & reimbursements for speakers & members of committees
- Coordination of printed materials
- Arrangements for press point and press conference

Members:

Dr Daniel Chaisemartin (Chair)

OIE Delegate for Malaysia (or his nominee)

Dr Tomoko Ishibashi

Ms Christine Petit and Ms Claudia Campos (Secretariat)

8. Provisional conference schedule

Day 1: Morning (preceded by registration):

Welcome

EC statement – to be confirmed

OIE statement

Statement by OIE Delegate for Malaysia

Statement by the Minister of Agriculture, Malaysia

Lunch

Afternoon: 6 speakers (15-20 minutes) / 30 minutes discussion

Cocktail offered by OIE

Day 2: Morning and afternoon

8 hours: 18 speakers (15-20 minutes each). One hour for discussion. Two 30 minutes coffee breaks. One hour lunch.

Day 3: Morning: 3 subgroups; facilitated by nominated persons – 1 ½ hours. Coffee break. Reports by groups (20 minutes each) – total 1 hour.

Afternoon (Closing session):

Conference recommendations (Dr B. Vallat) – 1 ½ hours

Acknowledgments – 30 minutes;

Official closure: OIE Delegate for Malaysia – 20 minutes

Press conference.
