

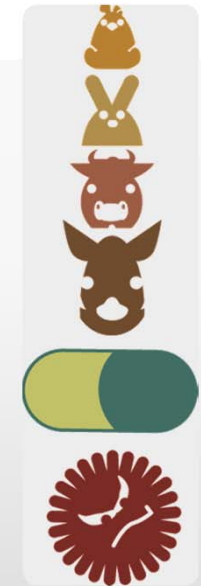
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History of Focal Point Seminars and Terms of Reference for OIE Focal Points for Veterinary Products

Regional Seminar for OIE National
Focal Points for Veterinary Products
4th Cycle

Entebbe,
Republic of
Uganda
1-3
December
2015



First part:



**History of Focal
Point Seminars**

Introduction

- The OIE has launched a global programme of capacity building for OIE Delegates and OIE National Focal Points.
- One of the objectives is to provide good governance concepts to the main actors of National Veterinary Services.
- Among the elements of governance, the OIE grants great importance to the good management of veterinary products, from both animal and public health points of view.

History of Focal Point Seminars

During the 76th General Session in May 2008, the World Assembly of Delegates has:

- re-iterated the importance of the **Focal Point for information on animal diseases**
- requested to nominate Focal Points on **other subjects**

The appointment of Focal Points to the OIE should be only done by the National Delegate.

History of Focal Point Seminars

- Delegates were requested to nominate focal points for :
 - ✦ Animal disease notification
 - ✦ Wildlife
 - ✦ Aquatic animal diseases
 - ✦ Animal welfare
 - ✦ Animal production food safety
 - ➔ **Veterinary products**
- Communication and Laboratories added later

History of Focal Point Seminars

- Veterinary products
 - include diagnostics, vaccines and veterinary drugs
 - are key elements that enable detection, prevention and control of animal diseases

History of Focal Point Seminars

- The **Resolution on Veterinary Products (No. 25)** adopted by the OIE Member Countries at the 77th OIE General Session in **May 2009** promotes a coherent strategy related to veterinary products and strengthens OIE involvement in this field

Resolution No. 25

Recommendations to OIE Members

- 4. Nominate a national focal point** for OIE on matters related to veterinary products according to the suggested Terms of Reference and encourage his/her participation in training sessions and appropriate international gatherings and meetings.

History of Focal Point Seminars

- **OIE Conference on Veterinary Medicinal Products in Africa**
Dakar (Senegal), 25–27 March 2008



- **OIE Conference on Veterinary Medicinal Products in the Middle East**
Damascus (Syria), 2–4 December 2009

History of Focal Point Seminars:

➤ First cycle

- Training workshops (**first cycle**) for OIE National Focal Points for Veterinary Products have been organised:
 - ✦ Europe, (Serbia), July 2010
 - ✦ Americas, (Colombia), September 2010
 - ✦ Africa, (South Africa), November 2010
 - ✦ Asia (Cambodia), June 2011

➤ First cycle

The first cycle training provided basic knowledge

- on the **mandate and activities** of the OIE;
- **on the rights and responsibilities** of the OIE Delegates and their Focal Points;
- on the **Terms of Reference** of Focal Points;

and also addressed the needs and expectations of Focal Points on Veterinary Products.

History of Focal Point Seminars:

➤ Second cycle

- **Second cycle** for OIE National Focal *Points* for *Veterinary Products*
 - ✦ Africa (Senegal), Septembre 2011
 - ✦ Middle East and Africa (Morocco), Dec.2011
 - ✦ Africa (Kenya), Mars 2012
 - ✦ Asia (Thailand), July 2012
 - ✦ Americas (Brazil), October 2012
 - ✦ Europe (Austria), November 2012

➤ Second cycle

- **VICH** (International cooperation on harmonisation of technical requirements for Registration of Veterinary Products).
- The use of veterinary products and the issues of **residues** and **antimicrobial resistance** (AMR).
- The **control of drugs** and the **quality of vaccines**.

History of Focal Point Seminars

➤ Third Cycle

- Algiers (Algeria), 1 - 3 October 2013
- Maputo, Mozambique, 3 - 5 December 2013
- Ottawa, Canada, 25 - 27 August 2014
- Ohrid, Macedonia, 18 - 20 November 2014
- Tokyo, Japan, 3-5 December 2014



➤ Third Cycle

- Diagnostic test validation methods and kits
- Antimicrobial resistance
- Collection of quantitative data on the use of antimicrobial agents and the establishment of an OIE database
- Anti-parasitic drugs
- Veterinary products in general and good governance

OIE trainings for National Focal Points on Veterinary Products



North Africa & Middle East



Anglophone Africa



Americas



Central & East Europe



Francophone Africa



Asia & Pacific

1st cycle			
Region	pers/region	pers/country	countries
Africa	50	up to 6	35
Asia/Pacific	31	up to 5	25
Middle East	27	up to 4	17
Europe	19	up to 15	19
Americas	32		21
2nd cycle			
Region	pers/region	pers/country	countries
Africa-anglophone	25		25
Africa-francophone	21		20
Asia/Pacific	32	up to 10	29
Middle East (& North Africa)	15	up to 9	12
Europe	25		23
Americas	21	up to 5	21
3rd cycle			
Region	pers/region	pers/country	countries
Africa	36	up to 9	28
Asia/Pacific	36	up to 7	27
Middle East	17	up to 5	11
Europe	34	up to 2	32
Americas	28	up to 6	22
Total	449		

Second part:



**Terms of Reference for
OIE Focal Points for
Veterinary Products**

Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference (ToRs) for National Focal Points were:

- Established by OIE Headquarters for all Focal Points
- First sent to all OIE Delegates in March 2009

Termes of Reference: General part

The responsibilities of the focal points are under the authority of the OIE Delegate.

- Any information transmitted to the OIE from the different focal points needs to be transmitted under the designated authority of the OIE Delegate
- This practice would equally apply, if focal points are located in other Departments or Ministries
- From a legal perspective the OIE considers the official OIE Delegate to be the unique representative of the country.

Terms of Reference: Specific tasks

- **Establish a network of veterinary product experts** within his/her country or communicate with existing network;
- Establish and **maintain a dialogue with the Competent Authority** for veterinary products in his country, and to facilitate **cooperation and communication among** several authorities where responsibility is shared;

Terms of Reference

- Under the authority of the OIE Delegate of his/her country, **monitor legislation** on and **control** of veterinary products to ensure that these are in support of OIE international standards, guidelines and recommendations;
- **Act as a contact point with the OIE** on matters related to veterinary products;

Terms of Reference

- **Receive** from the OIE Headquarters information **on VICH (1) activities and copies of the reports of the Biological Standards Commission** and other relevant reports, should they address discussion points on veterinary products;
- **Conduct**, on request, the **in-country consultation process** with recognised veterinary product experts on draft texts of standards and/or on guidelines and recommendations proposed in those reports.

(1) VICH: International cooperation on harmonisation of technical requirements for Registration of Veterinary Products :

Terms of Reference

- **Prepare comments for the Delegate** on each of the relevant meeting reports reflecting the scientific view and position of the individual OIE Member Country and/or the region, including comments on the proposals for new or revised **OIE standards**, guidelines and recommendations **related to veterinary products**.

Thank you for your attention



Any questions ?

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