Case Study on regional harmonization initiatives in America

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CAMEVET
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Technical Working Group based on the OIE Regional Representation for the Americas

Created in 1992 by the OIE Regional Representation of the Americas
CAMEVET Organization

- 29 countries of the Americas

- Official Members
  OIE Focal Points for Veterinary Medicines

- Associate Members
  Representatives of Veterinary Products Producers Associations

- Collaborating Members
  Related technical institutions.

CAMEVET Operation

Assembly:
• Annual Meeting presided by the official representative of the hosting country
• Around 200 assistants representing the official sector and the industry of 24/29 countries

Executive Board:
• 8 members (4 official representatives – 4 industry representatives) with regular virtual meetings
• About 20 on line meetings/year

Working Groups
• 14 groups working on different subjects like aquaculture, bioequivalence, generics policy, labelling, etc.

Secretariat - OIE Regional Representation for the Americas
CAMEVET - Objectives

- **Promote**
  Regional implementation and harmonization of the OIE standards, guidelines and recommendations

- **Harmonize**
  Guidelines and procedures for the registration and control of veterinary products

- **Foster**
  The continuous improvement of Official Veterinary Services, specially their areas of registration and control of veterinary products

- **Communicate - Share**
  Information and cooperation between involved official and industrial sectors
CAMEVET - Objectives

- **Organize - Participate - Link**
  Meetings and Conferences related to the purposes of the committee.

- **Liaise**
  With similar bodies and if applicable, to join them promoting technical and scientific exchange.

- **Train**
  Members of the official agencies and industry technicians
Harmonization Registration and Control

Better products → More trade

Availability of products for animal health

CAMEVET Difficulties

- No Political Agreement for implementation
- Adoption of the Guidelines are not mandatory
- Differences between countries. Different realities.
- Technical and regulatory level uneven.
- Financial resources are limited.
- Differences in the implementation of guidelines into the local legislation.
- Language
CAMEVET Achievements

- Official and Private interaction and work.
- 24 Approved guidelines and documents.
- 22 Seminars since 1992. 200 participants.
- Working Groups Official and Private sectors.
- Registration form accepted by most countries.
- Guidelines and documents are used as technical reference by most countries.
CAMEVET Challenges

- Development of new technical guidelines
- Interaction with Regional and International Organization.
- Proposal of new Standards.
- Reduce variability in implementation of guidelines, establishing common regional criteria.
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Future Expectations

• New Strategic Plan
• Good practices related to use of veterinary products, animal health and welfare
• Labelling
• Training
• Antimicrobial and parasiticide resistance
• Pharmacovigilance
• GMP update
• Aquaculture

Thank you for your attention