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An introductory message from IFAH's new Executive Director



Carel du Marchie Sarvaas, IFAH Executive Director addresses members and stakeholders on his desire to raise the profile of the animal health industry and its contribution to issues on the global agenda.

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Animal Health Industry supports FDA's proposals on responsible use of antibiotics in food-producing animals



In a press statement published in December 2013, IFAH expressed support for the US Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) plan to ensure the responsible use of antibiotics in food-producing animals ([Guidance 213](#)). The plan establishes a three year timeframe to phase out growth promotion use of medically important antibiotics, and phases in veterinary oversight of these medically-important antibiotics for therapeutic and targeted use.

IFAH emphasised that animal health is inextricably linked to human health, nutrition and well-being, so ensuring that animals get the therapy they need, when they need it, is vital for all concerned. Antibiotics are a vital tool in any veterinarian's toolbox, and are to be used responsibly whenever they are employed under the supervision of a veterinarian.

[View the full IFAH press statement](#)

[View the statement from the US Animal Health Institute](#)

Training of OIE focal points for veterinary products (Africa)



The OIE organised a regional seminar for national focal points for veterinary products in Maputo, Mozambique in December 2013, which gathered delegates from across the African region. The seminar was officially opened by Mr Antonio Limbau, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture of Mozambique who pointed out that the seminar on veterinary products came at a time when Mozambique is chairing the CPLP (Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries) whose theme is "Food Security". Highlighting that food security cannot be achieved without food safety, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture stated that he hoped the seminar would contribute towards the elimination of uncontrolled use of veterinary products.

Dr Chandra Bhushan (Bayer Animal Health) spoke on behalf of IFAH about the importance of antiparasitic medicines in animal health and production, as well as on the application of ectoparasiticides and control of endoparasiticides.

[Download the summary report](#)

View [the presentations](#) from the seminar.

New section for IFAH website



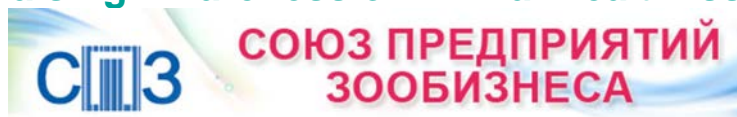
We have just added a new section to our website - www.ifahsec.org – highlighting our core focus and the benefits the animal health industry brings to society as well as providing information on disease outbreaks.

The new section contains information on:

- Vaccination
- Antibiotics
- Emerging diseases and zoonoses
- Outbreaks

Enhancing the News and Resources section, we have also added in direct links to our white papers, infographics and videos.

Raising Awareness of Animal Health Issues in Russia



Following a series of meetings in 2013, a sub-set of IFAH/IFAH-Europe companies have established a trade association within an existing Russian association called the SPZ Trade Association (<http://www.spzoo.ru>).

At a meeting in Moscow on 24 March 2014, it was confirmed that a meeting had taken place with officials, letters had been sent and that a roundtable follow-up has been organised with the Russian authorities for mid-April this year. It is clear that we have very competent people involved in building the association and IFAH looks forward to continuing dialogue and hopefully making progress on issues such as pharmacovigilance, VICH, label change deadlines, MRL establishment and illegal medicines amongst others.

Australian Animal Health Alliance Rebrands



In February this year the 'Animal Health Alliance (Australia) Limited' launched a brand new logo along with a new name. In a bid to provide greater clarity of purpose as the representative body for the animal health industry in Australia, the association is now called 'Animal Medicines Australia Limited'.

With the name change the association hopes to assist both its members and the global animal health industry in creating greater awareness of the sector and the benefits of animal health.

The new website which is currently under construction will be available shortly at:
www.animalmedicinesaustralia.org.au.

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