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PRESS RELEASE

VICH Launches New Website and Logo

Brussels, 8 May 2014 – VICH, the International Cooperation on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products, is pleased to announce the launch of our newly redesigned website www.vichsec.org. Hand-in-hand with the website update we are also pleased to present our new logo which adds a more contemporary look to the organisation as it approaches its twentieth anniversary.

The website home page welcomes visitors with a modern design featuring engaging photography and includes links to the latest information and resources. The new site aims to provide stakeholders and interested parties with the most up-to-date information on the VICH guidelines and VICH activities. There is also a direct link from the homepage to the VICH Outreach Forum webpage, which aims to improve information exchange and raise awareness of VICH and its guidelines with non-VICH countries/regions. The Outreach Forum section includes a restricted-access section for forum members.



Website content is now easier to navigate and is structured in five main public sections:

Structure: Information on VICH structure, including the steering committee and the expert working groups.

Process: Background on the VICH processes for developing harmonised technical guidelines and the organisational charter.

Guidelines: Access to all VICH guidelines, searchable by topics such as: Biologicals, Pharmaceuticals, Pharmacovigilance, Quality, Safety and Efficacy.

Consultations: Overview of public consultations and concept papers.

Activities: Dates for future meetings, press releases and statements.

Our website will be updated regularly to bring you the latest information, so we encourage you to bookmark it and check back often for new content.

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Notes to editors

VICH is a trilateral (EU-Japan-USA) programme aimed at harmonising technical requirements for veterinary product registration. Its full title is the International Cooperation on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products. VICH was officially launched in April 1996.

Members of the Steering Committee

EU: European Commission - European Medicines Agency

JMAFF: Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

USA: US Food & Drug Administration (FDA) – Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) and US Department of Agriculture – Center for Veterinary Biologics (USDA/CVB)

AHI: US Animal Health Institute

IFAH-EUROPE: representing the European Animal Health Industry

JVPA: Japan Veterinary Products Association

Observers

Australia/New Zealand: Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA)/New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries

The Alliance/AGCARM: Animal Health Alliance (Australia) Ltd./Agricultural Chemicals & Animal Remedies Manufacturers' Association of New Zealand

Canada: Health Canada (HC) - Veterinary Drugs Directorate (VDD) and Canadian Centre for Veterinary Biologics (CCVB)

CAHI: Canadian Animal Health Institute

South Africa: Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) and Department of Health

SAAHA: South African Animal Health Association

Associate Member

OIE: World Organisation for Animal Health

Interested Party

AVBC: Association of Veterinary Biologics Companies (USA)

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