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HealthforAnimals active for antibiotics



May saw HealthforAnimals issue two press statements on the topic of antibiotics following the publication of the "[Review on Antimicrobial Resistance – final report](#)" by Lord O'Neill and ahead of the G7 summit taking place in Japan. In June, the association also published a joint position paper on antibiotic use and resistance in agriculture, which was presented at the 39th session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) meeting in Rome.

The position paper was produced by the Private Sector Mechanism and the International Agri-Food Network (IAFN), an informal coalition of 13 international trade associations involved in the agri-food sector at the global level, which represent tens of thousands of companies, cooperatives and millions of farmers. (www.agrifood.net)

The global animal health industry has been very [active on the issue of antimicrobial resistance](#) and welcomes efforts to curb the development of antibiotic resistance. The association does raise concerns however that some proposals to tackle the issue are driven by political considerations rather than scientific reality and warns policy-makers of the potential impact on animal health and welfare that a ban on using antibiotics in veterinary healthcare could bring.

[Read statement on O'Neill report](#)

[Read statement to G7 leaders](#)

[View PSM/IAFN position](#)

5th Global Animal Health Conference: Registration open

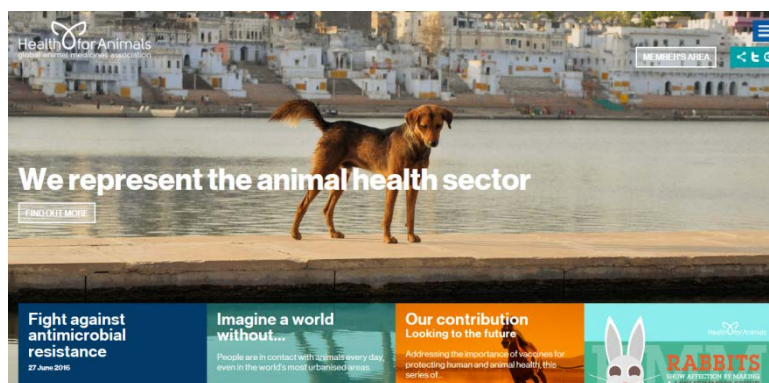


The 5th in the series of Global Animal Health Conferences is scheduled to take place on 17 November 2016 in New Delhi, India. This year the focus will be on India and South Asia and the need for appropriate regulatory systems to enable the registration, market access and market control of quality assured animal health products, and the contribution this makes to the 'One Health' vision.

The conference is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) and organised with the support of the Organising Committee partners. The conference will be preceded by a dinner on the evening of 16 November.

[More info & how to register](#)

HealthforAnimals launches new website



Following the rebrand in 2015 HealthforAnimals is happy to launch our new website www.healthforanimals.org.

The new site offers improved navigation with a more responsive design meaning you can easily follow our updates while on the move. It will remain the focal point of our communications on

the important contribution the animal health sector brings to society.

www.healthforanimals.org

Global benchmarking survey findings published



HealthforAnimals has just published the results from its global survey benchmarking the animal health industry worldwide. Since 1996 HealthforAnimals has benchmarked the status of regional regulatory frameworks for veterinary medicines and this latest survey, now extended to two further regions, received a total of 79 responses from across Europe, USA, Australia, Japan, China and Brazil.

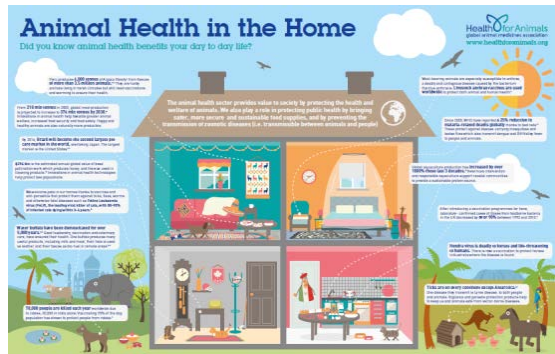
Findings show that although progress has been made within the industry in some areas,

common barriers to innovation in animal health remain. In the face of global health challenges such as antimicrobial resistance (AMR) the survey shows that increased co-operation on a global level will be required to drive innovation in the animal health sector.

[View the global benchmarking survey](#)

[Read our press release](#)

New graphic: Animal health in the home



HealthforAnimals published a new graphic outlining several ways in which healthy animals can bring benefits to day-to-day life.

Aside from the public health benefits of food safety and prevention of the transmission of zoonotic diseases, in our homes we can also see everyday benefits of healthy animals such as: woolen blankets, wax for cleaning products, leather and even bio-fuel!

[View the graphic](#)

First ever World Animal Vaccination Day launched



On 20 April HealthforAnimals in partnership with the World Veterinary Association (WVA) launched **World Animal Vaccination Day**, a new awareness day dedicated to promoting the importance of vaccination in all animals.

Raising awareness of the vital role vaccines play in protecting the health of animals and, as a result, people too, this initiative will each year focus on a different theme. The inaugural World Animal Vaccination Day highlighted the need for cat vaccination and keeping their vaccines up to date. This was illustrated with the positive fact that, thanks to widespread vaccination, less than 1-2% of healthy cats in the world have feline leukaemia.

[More info here](#)

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