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Last chance to register: Global Animal Health Conference



Don't forget to register for the Global Animal Health Conference: Developing Global Animal Health Products to Support Food Security and Sustainability, taking place in the Sheraton Crystal City Hotel in Washington DC on 17-18 October 2013.

Hosted by DIA and IFAH, sign up to join academia, industry, non-profit and international organisations as well as government officials to discuss the global challenges of animal health product development and share opportunities for global regulatory convergence to ensure access safe and effective medicines.

Visit the [DIA website for registration information](#)

You can also follow us on [Twitter](#) to get updates on the conference as they are posted.

IFAH President's address



IFAH's President, Jeff Simmons, addressed the animal health industry across the world with a message of encouragement, highlighting various accomplishments over the past year and outlining current and future priorities.

Underlining the value of healthy animals to society, IFAH's President calls on global leaders to develop innovative solutions in animal health and the food chain to meet the challenging needs of an increasing world population.

To view the full video, please visit the [IFAH YouTube channel](#).

IFAH at the OIE General Session



An IFAH delegation participated in the OIE (World Organisation for Animal Health) general session, which was held in Paris from 26 to 31 May 2013. During the session OIE delegates adopted important new or revised chapters on topics such as animal welfare, use of antimicrobial agents in animal health, rinderpest and the control of certain aquatic animal diseases. The new chapter on rinderpest confirms its global eradication in animals and enacts measures to be taken in the event of any accidental or deliberate release of the virus.

One of the central themes was the use of new technologies for the control and eradication of aquatic and terrestrial animal diseases and a [Resolution on Modern Technology](#) was adopted to facilitate the uptake of modern technology (diagnostics or therapeutic/preventive measures). The animal health industry looks forward to playing a key role in this technological

revolution to develop new ways to detect, manage, control and eradicate disease.

Read further detail in the [OIE press release](#).

Read the [OIE final report for 2013](#).

Supporting efficient policies for managing livestock diseases at OECD International Conference



Covering similar topics to those raised in the IFAH White Paper published in November 2012 ([The Costs of Animal Disease](#)) the OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) with the participation of the OIE organised a conference on 'Livestock disease policies: building bridges between animal sciences and economics' on 3-4 June 2013 in Paris.

IFAH, along with delegates from national governments, international organisations and other stakeholders, examined the impacts of diseases and of prevention and control measures, and considered the development of global codes, guidelines and programmes to enhance international co-operation and ensure efficient policies for managing livestock diseases.

See the [conference presentations](#).

Read the OECD report entitled '[Livestock diseases: Prevention, control and compensation schemes](#)'

IFAH Commends Codex Alimentarius Commission on 50-year anniversary in setting Global Food Security Standards



Held in Rome in early July the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) celebrated its 50th anniversary during the 36th Session of the Commission. Congratulating the CAC on its achievements so far IFAH's Acting Executive Director, Mike McGowan said that Codex's science-based decisions are the cornerstones of its success and should remain at its core in the years to come.

Over the past 50 years the CAC has had, and continues to have, a vital role in setting global

standards to ensure that food is safe for consumers around the world. IFAH works closely with the CAC to help establish science- based standards for animal health products so that animal-sourced food is safe and looks forward to continuing its work with the Commission to ensure a safe food supply. On the adoption of the Codex strategic plan during the session IFAH reiterated the need to preserve the role of science in the establishment of these global standards.

Read [IFAH statement](#)

Further information on [CAC 50th anniversary celebrations](#)

IFAH Active in Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Food



On 26-30 August IFAH participated in the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Food (CCRVDF) in Minneapolis, U.S. where several important issues were addressed. The Committee agreed to retain its current Terms of Reference and discontinued discussions on broadening its Terms to include specific authority to adopt risk management advice other than maximum residue levels (MRLs) as it was agreed that the current Terms are sufficient to allow provision of risk management advice.

During the meeting several delegations, including IFAH, expressed concern over the committee's recommendation that the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) adopt risk management advice for a number of compounds on the basis of a lack of identification of acceptable safety levels for residues. The committee recommended that the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) review these compounds and also agreed to include procedures for extrapolation of MRLs to other species and tissues in its Risk Analysis Principles.

IFAH continues to work proactively with the CAC and its members to ensure that the necessary data are provided for JECFA evaluation.

For more information on the Codex Alimentarius Commission and its committees visit:

<http://www.codexalimentarius.org/codex-home/en/>

Open Position: IFAH Executive Director



IFAH is currently seeking an Executive Director to take over the leadership of the association.

If you have a background in animal health or a related sector and are interested in leading this small but dynamic team to promote the benefits of animal health products and to advocate a regulatory environment that facilitates the supply of innovative, quality products into a competitive market place, please send your letter of motivation and a full curriculum vitae to Jesse Sevcik: sevcik_jesse_jonathan@elanco.com

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