



## **IFAH News**

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#### **New President for IFAH**



On 18 March 2015 George Heidgerken was appointed President of IFAH for a two-year term. Corporate Senior Vice President of Boehringer Ingelheim and Global Head of Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health, George Heidgerken has extensive and global experience of the animal health sector.

On the appointment of the new president IFAH Executive Director, Carel du Marchie Sarvaas said that Mr Heidgerken joins IFAH during a period of transition. His role will be vital in communicating our vision for a healthier world through an innovative, responsible and sustainable animal health sector.

Read the full press release



#### **Overview of IFAH Activities in 2014**

IFAH has published a report providing an overview of activities for the animal health industry in 2014. By region, it includes a summary of member associations' achievements around the world:

- Europe
- North America
- South America
- Asia and Africa
- Australia and New Zealand

Download the report from our website: www.ifahsec.org

# 4th Global Animal Health Conference: Regulatory Convergence



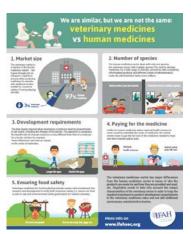
Taking place on 24-25 June 2015 in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, the 4th Global Animal Health Conference will focus on regulatory convergence for veterinary product registration. Discussions will centre on developing countries and how to enable the widest availability of high quality, safe and efficacious products in these markets, with an emphasis on Africa, and East Africa in particular.

The conference is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and is supported by an Organising Committee consisting of the OIE, the European Medicines Agency, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), GALVmed, the Tanzania Food and Drug Authority (TFDA), the West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA) and the Drug Information Association (DIA).

Capacity at the conference is limited so visit the IFAH website for the application form.

For more detail you can also download the save the date flyer!

### **New Infographic: Veterinary Medicines vs Human Medicines**



IFAH has recently published an infographic entitled 'We are similar, but we are not the same: veterinary medicines vs human medicines.

Explaining a number of differences between the two sectors, including who the products are made for and how they are used, the infographic outlines some of the processes involved with developing and marketing veterinary medicines.

Download the infographic

#### **IFAH** in India and China



In February 2015, IFAH's Executive Director spoke at a conference in Dehli organised by the Indian Federation for Animal Health (INFAH). The conference theme was "Healthy Animals – Healthy India: The contribution of the Indian animal health industry towards healthy animals and healthier India". The event was attended by some 100 government, industry, academic and the media. The Executive Director also took the opportunity to meet officials at the ministry to discuss regulatory challenges.



At the 23rd meeting of the Chinese Veterinary Drug Association (CVDA) in March IFAH's Executive Director presented the association to leading government officials attending. The meeting organised by the rotating presidency under Boehringer-Ingelheim considered implementation of the new 2D code, the trends in animal husbandry and other regulatory developments.

#### **New members for IFAH**



IFAH is pleased to welcome two new member companies: Ceva Santé Animale and Phibro Animal Health Corporation.

The association now counts the top ten global animal health companies as members and represents around 80% of the market in animal health.

### 5th VICH Public Conference - Reaching Out to the World



The 5th VICH Public Conference will be held in Tokyo, Japan on 28-29 October 2015. Under the theme, 'Reaching Out to the World', the programme will focus on the contribution of VICH to the global One Health approach, the contribution of VICH to animal welfare in tests for veterinary medicinal products and the benefits of the VICH Outreach Forum to all countries.

The conference will be hosted by IFAH member association JVPA - Japan Veterinary Products Association.

For a draft programme visit the conference website: http://vich5.com/ or www.vichsec.org.

# **Investment in New Veterinary Antibiotics: Barriers, Consequences and Solutions**

IFAH has recently published an article in the International Animal Health Journal outlining the main barriers that prevent or slow development and coming-to-market of novel veterinary antibiotics, and the consequences of this diminishing investment.

Read the article in the IAHJ

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