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JOINT FAO/WHO/OIE Expert Meeting on Critically Important Antimicrobials

New dates: 26-30 November 2007 - Rome, Italy

Call for experts and call for data: new deadline 16 July 2007

Informative note

The FAO/WHO/OIE Expert meeting on Critically Important Antimicrobials scheduled from 17 to 21 September 2007¹, in Rome, Italy, has been changed to **26 – 30 November 2007** in order to a) integrate the consideration of the specific needs of scientific advice from the *ad hoc* Codex intergovernmental task force on antimicrobial resistance which will have his first session in October 2007 in Seoul, Republic of Korea, and b) to make a better use of the limited resources available within the mandates of the 3 organizations for this matter.

The deadline for submission of experts CV's as well as deadline for submission of data has been extended to **July 16, 2007** in order to give more opportunity to experts, countries and other interested parties to provide the information necessary. The **objectives** of the expert meeting which remain basically the same will also take into account the results of the Codex task force.

To consider the two lists of critically important antimicrobials developed by WHO and OIE in order to:

- a) find an appropriate balance between animal health needs and public health considerations taking into account the overlap of the two lists.
- b) identify as far as feasible, the current and potential hazards to public health resulting from this overlap.
- c) identify the combination: human-pathogen-antimicrobial use and animal species- that could be considered by risk managers as the priority combinations in terms of risk-benefit assessment for future consideration.
- d) review current risk management strategies and options for maintaining the efficacy of critically important antimicrobials for humans and animals
- e) provide recommendations on future FAO, WHO and OIE activities.

¹ Original announcement of the meeting available at:

FAO: http://www.fao.org/ag/agn/agns/micro_antimicrobial_en.asp

OIE: http://www.oie.int/download/ANNOUNCEMENT_MEETING/Joint_CIA_sept2007.pdf

WHO: http://www.who.int/foodborne_disease/resistance/amr_sept07/en/index.html

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