



Summary of the recommendations of the OIE conference on AMR (Paris, March 2013)

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Introduction

- Antimicrobial resistance is a global human and animal health concern.
- Given that antimicrobial resistance is often an animal and human health issue, the OIE works closely with all its Member Countries, as well as with international organisations such as WHO, FAO and the Codex Alimentarius Commission.
- For example, antimicrobial resistance in Europe is causing nearly 25,000 deaths per year associated with an economic impact of 1.5 billion euros per year (loss of productivity and extra health care costs).



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- 6. To assist Member Countries to conduct surveillance on antimicrobial resistance for animal and human pathogens.
- 7. To collect harmonised quantitative data on the use of antimicrobial agents in animals with the view to establish a global database.



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- 3. To develop and set up an official harmonised national system for collecting data on the monitoring of antimicrobial resistance in relevant animal pathogens and quantities of antimicrobial agents used in food producing animals at the national level based on the OIE standards.
- 4. To contribute to the OIE initiative to collect data on the antimicrobial agents used in food producing animals (including through medicated feed) with the ultimate aim to create a global database hosted by the OIE.
- 9. To nominate, support and maintain national OIE Focal Points for Veterinary Products in their tasks and to ensure close contact with relevant WHO, FAO and Codex Alimentarius Contact Points.



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In conclusion:

Given that resistant bacteria know no borders and inadequate management by a single country can jeopardise all the others, the participants advocated **strengthening cooperation** to help countries that are not yet in a position to apply the OIE's prudential standards to put in place the **necessary legislation, structures and human and financial resources**.

A consensus was reached on **the need to stimulate cooperation and international solidarity** with regard to ensuring supervision of the production, importation, marketing, distribution and use of antimicrobials.

All presentations and recommendations of the conference are available at the following link: <http://www.oie.int/en/conferences-events/all-oie-world-conferences/presentationsrecommendations/>



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Dr Vallat concluded by saying that :

“the content of **veterinary education** and the effectiveness of **Veterinary Statutory Bodies**, the ethics and supervision of the veterinary profession and the capacity of the competent control authorities are crucial elements of the functional and **legal framework** within which the veterinary profession must operate.

Together, they constitute a key component in the concept of good governance advocated by the OIE.

The **prescription and delivery of antimicrobials** in animal production farms must in all countries be performed by well-trained veterinarians who are supervised in compliance with legal requirements to ensure that **professional integrity** and **ethics** are constantly maintained”.

Thank you for your attention



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