

***Asia, Far East and Oceania (AFEO) Regional Seminar for OIE National Focal Points***

***for Veterinary Products, 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle***

***14-16 January 2020, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia***



Participants during this three-day seminar actively addressed the following topics:

- Veterinary medicinal products;
- Recommendations of the 2nd OIE Global Conference, on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and Prudent Use of Antimicrobial Agents-Putting Standards into Practice held in Morocco, 29-31 October 2019;
- Access to quality veterinary products – International Cooperation on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products (VICH) quality guidelines, updates on the VICH Outreach Forum, and regulatory convergence/harmonisation;
- Pharmacovigilance – how to set up a basic pharmacovigilance system and how to enhance the capacity of the current system by taking advantage of existing VICH pharmacovigilance guidelines;
- Falsified and substandard veterinary products, and
- Antimicrobial resistance and antiparasitic resistance, including a focus on the regional situation.

Two interactive working group sessions, one on minimum requirements for pharmacovigilance, and the other on substandard and falsified veterinary products, provided a platform for participants to share their countries' experiences and an opportunity for networking.

**A closer look at the seminar**



The 6<sup>th</sup> cycle regional seminar was attended by 31 participants representing 26 OIE Member Countries from the AFEO region, including Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China (People's Rep. of), Chinese Taipei, Fiji, India, Iran, Japan, Korea (Rep. of), Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vanuatu, Vietnam, and New Caledonia.

In addition to OIE staff, contributions were made by three OIE Collaborating Centres – the National Veterinary Assay Laboratory (NVAL) of Japan, the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES), and the Food and Drug Administration of the United States of America (US FDA) –, as well as the Chulalongkorn University of Thailand, the World Customs Organization, and the veterinary pharmaceutical industry association HealthforAnimals. Adding further value to the program, Malaysia, Japan, India, Chinese Taipei, Australia, Indonesia (through the Focal Point of Singapore) and Bhutan also shared their countries' experiences in numerous areas connected to the core program.

The opening ceremony, organised by the host country Malaysia, was attended by officials representing Malaysia's Ministry of Health, Pharmacy Agency, and Ministry of Agriculture, among others. It provided an opportunity for these key stakeholders outside the Veterinary Services to become more aware of OIE activities, and to understand the efforts made by the Malaysian Veterinary Services to combat AMR and to assure the quality of veterinary products. The chief guest of the opening ceremony, Dr Quaza Nizamuddin Bin Hassan Nizam, Director General and the OIE Delegate of Malaysia, delivered the opening remarks.

For the benefit of participants who attended the seminar for the first time, as well as to refresh the knowledge of Focal Points who attended the previous seminars, an e-learning session provided key information on the OIE and the Training Seminar.

Overall, according to the responses of the participants, the program was well executed and highly useful and successful in terms of organisation, content, and the contributions made by presenters.

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More information:

- [OIE veterinary products](#)
- [List of antimicrobial agents of veterinary importance](#)
- [\*The Fourth OIE Annual Report on Antimicrobial Agents Intended for Use in Animals\*](#)
- [\*OIE Standards, Guidelines and Resolution on antimicrobial resistance and the use of antimicrobial agents, 2nd Ed.\*](#)

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