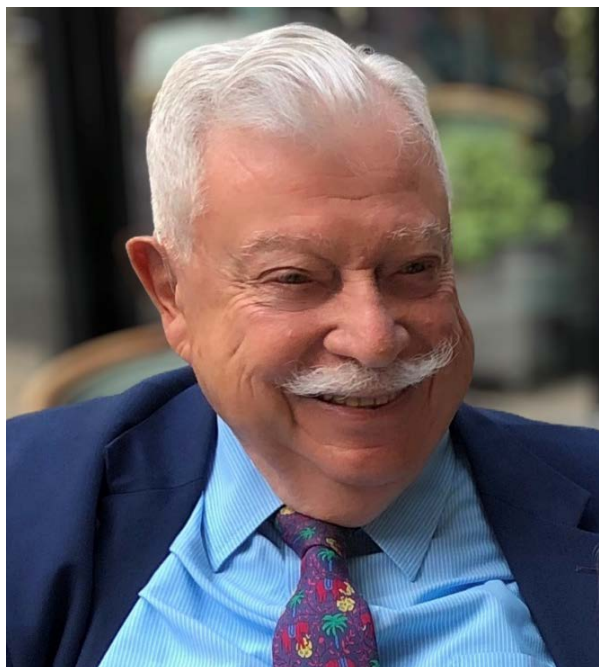


***The OIE pays tribute to world-renowned infectious disease expert,
Professor Jacques F. Acar***



It is with great sorrow that we announce the death of our French colleague, Prof. Jacques F. Acar, who succumbed to Covid-19 on 27 March in Paris, France, aged 88. The OIE is privileged to have worked so closely with Prof. Acar and has benefited greatly from his vast knowledge and fervent dedication to both human and animal health, notably in promoting the prudent and responsible use of antimicrobials worldwide. We are extremely grateful for his esteemed support of the Organisation over the years.

Prof. Acar was a senior scientific expert for the OIE from 1999 until his death. He supported the OIE's work on antimicrobial resistance (AMR), playing a key role in the OIE international expert groups responsible for risk analysis and proposals for global standards on the prevention and control of AMR. In 2012, he coordinated an issue of the *OIE Scientific and Technical Review* dedicated to antimicrobial resistance in animal and public health. With his very comprehensive knowledge of antibiotics and their use, he contributed to the creation and continual update of the *OIE List of Important Antimicrobial Agents in Veterinary Medicine*, with the objective of aligning the classification of different antibiotics with that used by the World Health Organization. In addition, Prof. Acar served on the Scientific Committee of two OIE global AMR conferences. His vision was also particularly valuable in the development of draft standards proposed for adoption by the 182 OIE Member Countries. Bringing his expertise and experience in the field of human health to the OIE, he facilitated the One Health approach for the benefit of both human and animal sectors across the globe.

Prof. Jacques Acar will be remembered for his enthusiasm, determination and the eminent role he played at the global level in animal and human health. He will be greatly missed by his friends, family and colleagues here at the OIE.

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