OIE Animal Welfare Strategy
Standards and guidelines for Animal Welfare

TAIEX Seminar “Animal Welfare: from cure to prevention”
24-25 March 2010, Belgrade, Serbia
SOME KEY FACTS

• Established in 1924: 175 Members in 2010
• Intergovernmental organisation – predates the UN
• Permanent Regional Representations: Bamako (Mali), Buenos Aires (Argentina), Tokyo (Japan), Sofia (Bulgaria) and Beirut (Lebanon)
• Sub-regional Offices: Bangkok (Thailand), Gaborone (Botswana), Panama, Brussels (Belgium)
• Regional Commissions: Africa, America, Asia-Pacific, Europe and Middle East
OIE implication in Animal Welfare (AW)

- Historic role of the OIE in safeguarding animal health
- Animal health is a key component of AW
The value of OIE standards

- Recognised international leadership of the OIE
- Global coverage: 175 Members
- Democratic and transparent procedures
- Science is the unique common denominator
- Facilitating safe trade while avoiding unjustified trade barriers – important to secure participation of all countries, including the poorest ones
Evolution of the OIE AW agenda

May 2000
2001-2005 OIE 3d Strategic Plan Animal Welfare recognised as Strategic Priority

April 2002
Ad hoc Group on Animal Welfare first meeting

May 2002
Resolution adopted on AW

October 2002
Permanent Working Group on Animal Welfare (PAWWG) first meeting

May 2003
adoption of the general principles included in the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code:
Evolution of the OIE AW agenda

February 2004
1st OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare

May 2005 73rd GA
Adoption of first animal welfare standards

2007
Agreement between OIE and WSPA

May 2007
Adoption of the OIE Resolution supporting in principle the Universal Declaration on Animal Welfare
Evolution of the OIE AW agenda

October 2008
2d OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare

May 2009
Adoption of new Code chapter

2009
First meetings of ad hoc Group on AW & livestock production systems
(beef cattle and broiler chickens)
OIE animal welfare standards

Permanent Animal Welfare Working Group (AWWG) set up in 2002

Mission:
“Provide international leadership in animal welfare through:
- the development of science-based standards and guidelines
- provision of expert advice and
- the promotion of relevant education and research”.

Standards based on outcomes for the animal, not on the design of systems
OIE animal welfare standards

OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code standards adopted in 2005

1. Transport by land
2. Transport by sea
3. Transport by air
4. Slaughter
5. Killing for disease control purposes
OIE animal welfare standards


6. Guidelines on stray dog population control
Animal welfare means how an animal is coping with the conditions in which it lives. An animal is in a good state of welfare if (as indicated by scientific evidence) it is healthy, comfortable, well nourished, safe, able to express innate behaviour, and if it is not suffering from unpleasant states such as pain, fear, and distress. Good animal welfare requires disease prevention and veterinary treatment, appropriate shelter, management, nutrition, humane handling and humane slaughter/killing.

Animal welfare refers to the state of the animal; the treatment that an animal receives is covered by other terms such as animal care, animal husbandry, and humane treatment.
Use of OIE standards

Veterinary Services

In bilateral discussions between trading partners to establish international trade measures

As domestic government policy

Private sector

As guidelines for private sector & company veterinarians
The Way forward

- Reinforce the engagement of OIE Members through the creation of national animal welfare focal points under the authority of the Delegate and OIE capacity building activities.

- Capacity building through RR and sRR work programmes
  => focal points training

- Regional activities funded through the OIE World Animal Health and Welfare Fund
  => development & implementation of Regional Animal Welfare Strategies
### The Way forward

#### Regional Web Site for Europe

#### Events

**Seminars, Conferences and Workshops organised by the OIE within the Region of Europe**

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- Continue the development and permanent improvement of the animal welfare situation globally through the OIE democratic and transparent process of adoption of science based international standards.
  - Laboratory animals
  - Livestock production systems: cattle, poultry, pigs
  - Farmed fish
  - Wildlife harvesting and culling

- Continue to examine potential conflict of private standards with OIE standards and provide advice to Members

- Increase involvement of scientific community through OIE Collaborating Centres
The Way forward

- Follow up the Recommendations of the 2\textsuperscript{nd} OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare

- Influence of Governments and stakeholders
Veterinary Services = “Global Public Good”

‘One World One Health’

Support good governance through OIE initiatives such as the Evaluation of Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS), and associated activities, including on Twinning and Veterinary Legislation

Promote effective collaboration of the OIE & veterinary services with industry and NGOs
Continuing the development of OIE regional animal welfare strategies in close collaboration with donors supporting the OIE through the Animal Health and Welfare World Fund;

Promotion of applied research on AW, particularly through the OIE Collaborating centers (currently in Italy, New Zealand/Australia and Chile/Uruguay);

Noted by OIE Member Countries and Territories at the 77th OIE General Session, 24-29 May 2009.
Sources of information

- Reports of the Permanent Working Group on AW
- Information on OIE Global Conferences on AW
Sources of information

Website and Publications:
Thank you for your attention

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