Activities of the OIE Animal Welfare Working Group

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Role of OIE

- Animal welfare has been identified as a strategic priority for the OIE since 2001, under the OIE mandate granted by all Members.


- …and paved the way for adoption of 5 animal welfare standards in 2005, with a total of 7 more adopted.
Role of OIE

- The OIE 2nd Global Conference on Animal Welfare (2008) was held to encourage adoption and implementation of the welfare standards and Guidelines.

- The OIE 3rd Global Conference on Animal Welfare (2012) was held for Implementing the OIE Standards – addressing regional expectations.
Activities

1. Further work on adopted standards
2. Development of new standards
3. Standards Implementation
4. Wildlife
5. Improved animal welfare awareness within veterinary profession
6. Communications plan
7. Publications
8. Coordination with other international organisations
Activities

9. Working group performance
10. Collaborating Centres
11. Twinning
12. Regional Strategies
14. Animal Welfare OIE Focal Point Training Programme
15. Animal Health and Welfare Fund
Priorities vs Implementation
# 1. Further work on adopted standards

## Priorities of Working Group

- Introduction to the recommendations for animal welfare
- Land transport
- Sea transport
- Air transport
- Slaughter for human consumption
- Killing for disease control purposes
- Stray dog population control
- Use of animals in research and education
- Animal Welfare and beef cattle production systems
- Farmed fish transport
- Stunning and killing of farmed fish for human consumption
- Killing of farmed fish for disease control purposes

## Implementation

Review outcomes of General Session, including Member country submissions
1. Further work on adopted standards

Priorities of Working Group

- Outcome focus emphasis
- Comment on additional member country comments

Implementation

- Include in relevant written material, conference presentations, etc to reinforce OIE policy commitment.
- To be sent to AWWG members in October and April when TAHSC report placed on OIE internet site
## 2. Development of New Standards

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<td>• AW in dairy cattle production systems</td>
<td>• 2nd Ad Hoc group meeting Nov. 2013</td>
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<td>• Working animals</td>
<td>• AWWG at its meeting in June 2013 has recommended for the constitution of an ad hoc group with a focus on working equids</td>
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Development of New Standards

- OIE Director General accepted advice from the AWWG in June 2013 that OIE and member countries need to take a stronger role in planning and preparedness for animals in natural disasters and disease emergencies.

- OIE will form an expert ad hoc group to prepare standards and guidelines during 2013-14.
3. Standards Implementation

Priorities of Working Group

- AWWG subcommittee to develop issues/options/opportunities paper

Implementation

- Verbal update given to February Code Commission Meeting and subcommittee paper discussed at AWWG 12 meeting
4. Wildlife

Priorities of Working Group

- Animal welfare problems associated with trade in wild species.

Implementation

- Discussed at AWWG 12,
5. Improved Animal Welfare Awareness within Veterinary Profession

Priorities of Working Group

- Coordinate with WVA/CVA activities

Implementation

- In liaison with the OIE ad hoc group on veterinary education-on-going
6. Communications Plan

Priorities of Working Group

- Working Group members to take up opportunities for publishing information articles in appropriate journals, web pages and newsletters plus conference attendance

- Animal Welfare and Islamic Law

Implementation

- Continuing (All)
- CVA (Thornber, Bayvel, Rahman)
- WVA Prague (Fraser, Bayvel, Rahman)
- Brazil OIE Vet Educ Conf (Rahman)
- FAVA Taipei, 2014 Singapore (Bayvel, Rahman to follow up)
- AVA Education Conference, 2014, Bangkok (Bayvel, Rahman to follow up)

- Update Discussion Paper on OIE website, as required, and encourage use to promote local dialogue with religious leaders (All)
- World Halal Forum 2013/2014 (Rahman and Aidaros)
6. Communications Plan

Priorities of Working Group

- Summary overview of OIE Animal Welfare achievements and current and future priorities (To be included in fact sheet)
- Working Group members to contribute to OIE Regional conferences
- To liaise with governments and international organisations re animal welfare topics at upcoming conferences and seminars including: Communication between CCs

Implementation

- Headquarters
- Continuing (All)
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7. Publications

Priorities of Working Group


Implementation

- AWWG members to meet the 2013 contribution deadline for publication in 2014
8. Coordination with Other International Organisations

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<td>The International Organisation for Standardization (ISO) organised its first plenary session on 23 October in Paris to start the development of Technical Specifications for animal welfare</td>
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8. Coordination with Other International Organisations

**Priorities of Working Group**
- FAO
- Animal Welfare Indicators Network (AWIN)
- AATA/IATA/WAZA

**Implementation**
- Working Animals experts meeting- (report was received, wait for release)
- Disaster Management- OIE HQ
- Liaise regarding Gateway and Podcasts
- AWWG has received feedback from May 2013 Conference, further discussion at Prague WVA Conference
- Attended Live Animals and Perishables Board / Time and Temperature Task Force Meeting – April 2013, Doha
8. Coordination with Other International Organisations

Priorities of Working Group

- WSPA
- VICH (incl. Outreach)
- CIOMS/ICLAS International Guiding Principles for Biomedical Research Involving Animals

Implementation

- Future collaboration between the OIE, WSPA and other international organisations in the field of disaster relief, animal welfare education and dog population management and rabies
- Liaise with Susanne Munstermann (Scientific and Technical Department), OIE Focal Point for VICH
- Patri Vergara met the DG in Paris
8. Coordination with Other International Organisations

Priorities of Working Group

- European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)
- EC : AW and Trade Policy

Implementation

- EFSA Scientific Opinion on the use of animal-based measures to assess the welfare of animals received and being considered
- Confirmed follow up to 2009 AW and International Agricultural Trade Conference: Montevideo in October 2013 (Andrea)
9. Working Group Performance

Priorities of Working Group

- Continued focus on priority activities, as determined by TAHSC, AAHSC and DG
- Continued focus on AW aspects of horizontal/cross cutting issues receiving priority OIE attention (PVS tool, Vet Legislation, Wildlife, Food Safety, One World/One Health etc)

Implementation

- Continue to use informal meetings and teleconferences to progress work plan between WG meetings, with circulation of teleconference action minutes to members
  Address in AWWG 2014 agenda
10. Collaborating Centres

Priorities of Working Group

- Encourage recognition of appropriate international centres, in addition to Teramo, Chile/Uruguay and New Zealand /Australia
- Joint meeting/teleconference at AWWG meeting

Implementation

- Mexico application to join the Chile-Uruguay CC has been approved
- The application of Institute for Laboratory Animal Research(ILAR) has been approved at the 2013 General Session
- Meeting attended by Teramo,NZ Australia representative
11. Twinning

Priorities of Working Group

- NZ-AUS CC - University of Putra (Malaysia)

Implementation

- Ongoing as a collaboration agreement
12. Regional Strategies

RAWS presents a model approach to establish a framework for improved animal welfare.

- Within the framework countries need to develop a plan to implement their own priorities in an incremental way (i.e. socioeconomic position).
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- Political support and effective and constructive collaboration with key players are essential.
- Effective coordination and resource support are key success factors.
- Animal health and welfare are inextricably linked.
Regional Animal Welfare Strategy

- **RAWS Asia, The Far East and Oceania (AFEO)** Regional Coordination Group 5 meeting April 2013, Bangkok next in Seoul August 2013

- **Americas**: Concept note has been adopted at Regional Commission in Barbados 2012 and strategy approved at 2013 General Session

- **Middle East**: Concept note was submitted at Regional Commission in May 2013.

- **Europe**: Concept note being developed by Regional Commission

- **Africa**: least advanced – ongoing discussions
Regional Animal Welfare Strategy

- Across the region, member countries are reporting animal welfare achievements.

- New legislation to improve animal welfare is currently being developed or implemented in Bhutan, Thailand and China.

- Malaysia finalised an animal welfare strategy 2012 and several regional countries are considering developing their own national strategies.

- New legislation and strategies will have real animal welfare improvements in those countries and provide models for others in the region.

- Priorities of Working Group
  - Programme of the conference

- Implementation
  - To include the AWWG in the development of the programme
14. Animal Welfare OIE Focal Point Training Programme

Priorities of Working Group

Implementation

- Headquarters to inform the dates and venues of the training sessions
- Feedback from the trainings are expected (WG to update TAHSC)
15. Animal Health and Welfare Fund

Priorities of Working Group

- Encourage financial contributions to support AW initiatives following EC, Australia and NZ examples

Implementation

- Discussed at AWWG 12
16. KL Conference

Priorities of Working Group

- Discuss Recommendations with particular reference to Standards Implementation and OIE Global Animal Welfare Strategy proposal

Implementation

- Recommendations discussed at the AAWG meeting in 2013
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