Role of the OIE Animal Welfare Working Group and its activities, including development of the OIE Global Animal Welfare Strategy

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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.

- The 1st OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare (2004) Communicated OIE’s animal welfare role to all stakeholders

- …and paved the way for adoption of 5 animal welfare standards in 2005, with a total of 9 more adopted
Role of OIE

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

- The 3\textsuperscript{rd} OIE 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
9. Working group performance
10. Collaborating Centres
Activities

11. Twinning
12. Cooperation Agreements
13. Regional Strategies
15. Animal Welfare OIE Focal Point Training Programme
17. OIE Global Animal Welfare Strategy
Priorities vs Implementation
1. Further work on adopted standards

Priorities of Working Group

- Outcome focus emphasis
- Comment on Code Commission draft texts

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
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
- AW in broiler production systems

Implementation

- General. Review outcomes of General Session, including Member country and other stakeholders submissions to the Code Commission
- Creation of a Pilot Standing Committee (PSC) for Chapters 7.5 and 7.6 (Luc Marabito to Chair)
- TOR:
  - PSC report to both AWWG (via email) and CC.
- Refer matters as and when required to virtual (email) Laboratory Animal AHG of Chapter 7.8.
2. 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 identified experts invited to form the ad hoc group to frame guidelines. The group first met in April and will meet again in January 2015.

• An Ad hoc group was constituted to develop standards for welfare of working equids. The first meeting was held in June 2014 and a draft standard has been submitted to the Code Commission.
## 2. Development of New Standards

**Priorities of Working Group**

- AW in dairy cattle production systems
- Disaster Management and risk reduction (animal health, welfare and Veterinary public health)
- Working animals

**Proposed priorities**

- Laying hens
- Pigs
- Other working animals (bovids, other species)

**Implementation**

- Standards have been drafted and country comments being addressed
- Ad hoc group constituted and had its first meeting
- Ad hoc group constituted on working equids and first meeting held
3. Standards Implementation

Priorities of Working Group

- AWWG subcommittee to develop issues/options/opportunities paper
- Development of a Tool Box of relevant information

Implementation

- Verbal update given to 2013 February Code Commission Meeting and subcommittee paper
- Develop arrangements for hosting of the tool box and similar material
- Discussion between AWIN HUB, EC and OIE. Before AWIN project finishes.
## 4. Wildlife

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<td>● Areas in which OIE could provide resources</td>
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5. Improved Animal Welfare Awareness within Veterinary Profession

Priorities of Working Group

- Coordinate with CVA/WVA//FAVA activities

Implementation

- Refer to the 6th Pan Commonwealth Veterinary Conference in KL on 2015.
- FAVA meeting in November 2014
- Explore the use of Webinar technology
## 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)
- Continuing (All)
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)
- FAVA Singapore 2014 (Bayvel, Rahman to follow up)
- CVA PCVC6 KL 2015

- Update Discussion Paper on OIE website, as required, and encourage use to promote local dialogue with religious leaders (All)

- World Halal Forum, Jordan/Kuwait 2014/2015 (Rahman and Aidaros)
7. Publications

Priorities of Working Group


Implementation

- Promote. Electronic flyer (All)
8. Coordination with Other International Organisations

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<td>• The International Organisation for Standardization (ISO)</td>
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<td>• Safe Supply of Affordable Food Everywhere (SSAFE), Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) and GLOBAL GAP</td>
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8 Coordination with Other International Organisations

- CIOMS/ICLAS: International Guiding Principles for Biomedical Research Involving Animals
- EFSA
- AW and Trade Policy: Seal product WTO case
- IWTO
- ICLAS to attend the OIE Conference on Reference Laboratories and Collaborating Centres, 2014 in Korea
- HQ liaison
- Information sharing (All)
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 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
- Reviewed performance and process issues during Teleconference January 2014 and at 2014 AWWG Address in AWWG 2015 agenda
10. Collaborating Centers

Priorities of Working Group

- Encourage recognition of appropriate international centers, in addition to Teramo, Chile/Uruguay and New Zealand /Australia and Institute for Laboratory Animal Research (ILAR)

Implementation

- Mexico application to join the Chile-Uruguay CC has been approved
- Meeting attended by Teramo, NZ Australia representative via skype
- Swedish CVO contacted Italian CVO - Follow-up

- Joint meeting/teleconference at AWWG meeting
11. Twinning

Priorities of Working Group

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

Implementation

- Ongoing as a collaboration agreement
12. Cooperation agreement

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

- AUS-NZ to develop guidelines on the process of twinning for AW (based on their experience with the Cooperation Agreement with Putra, Malaysia).

- Review based on the OIE Strategic Plan
13. Regional Animal Welfare Strategy

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

- Within the framework countries need to develop a plan to implement their own priorities in an incremental way (i.e. socioeconomic position).
- 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.
13. 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 in 2012 and several other countries in the region 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.
13. Regional Animal Welfare Strategy

- AFEO: ongoing membership of SCG. Next meeting back to back AW FP Seminar in Canberra
- Americas: Explore AWWG membership involvement in the ongoing activities
- Middle East: Follow up of the adoption and AWWG membership involvement in the ongoing activities
- Africa: Explore AWWG membership involvement in the ongoing activities
- AW Platform:
  - Europe: Follow up of the defined priority activities. Included in the Regional Commission Meeting in Bern 2014

Priorities of Working Group

- Programme of the conference

Implementation

- To include the AWWG meeting agenda of 2015
- Development of concept note, March 2015
- Development of the scientific programme by June 2015
15. 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 is used to inform future sessions
- AWWG strongly encourages the OIE to organise a FP Seminar in Africa

Priorities of Working Group

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

Implementation

- Implementation to be Discussed further at AWWG 2015 meeting
17. OIE Global Animal Welfare Strategy (GAWS)

Background

GAWS was first proposed in a paper presented at 2012 3rd OIE Global conference Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

( Public Private partnership as a means to enhance animal welfare globally- Harlen et.al )

- Proposed strategy included in formal conference recommendations as “The OIE is requested to - support the development and implementation of regional animal welfare strategies ,and consider the development of a global animal welfare strategy”
- Proposal considered at 2013 AWWG meeting and sub committee formed to progress
- Half day dedicated agenda item at 2014 AWWG meeting
- Agreed to align with and use same format as 6th OIE Strategic Plan
- Draft strategy to be considered at Feb 2015 Code Commission Meeting
Environmental Scan

- **Political**: Compare EU, Australia, Canada, NZ, Other
- **Public**: Compare EU, Australia, Other
- **Science**: ABI, LWL, Positive Welfare States, Quality of Life
- **Trade Policy**: WTO SPS and TBT, Seal Products Ruling
- **Private Sector**: ISO, Nestle, SSafe, GFSI
- **Private vs Public Standards**
- **NGOs**: BBFAW, API, Sentience Emphasis, UDAW
- **Finance Sector**: IFC/GPN, EBRD, Equator Principles
- **Policy Trends**: Mainstreaming of AW e.g. Poverty Alleviation, Sustainable Agriculture, Climate Change, DM Lab Animal Air Transport
- **Veterinary Engagement**: World Animal Protection Initiative (BHAG)
- **Other**
SWOT Analysis/Strengths

- 14 Standards in 12 years
- AWWG Membership Continuity
- AHG Effectiveness
- CC Support
- Stakeholder Feedback
- Three Global Conferences
- Four Collaborating Centres
- Website
- Two SATRS Special Issues
- IAWP
- RAWS AFEO plus Putra
- Focal Points
- Education Developments
- Legislation Developments
- Halal Slaughter Paper
- Other
Elements

- Development of animal welfare standards
- Capacity building and veterinary education
- Communication with governments, organizations and the public
- Implementation of animal welfare standards and policies
Thank you for your attention
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