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OIE Animal Welfare Strategy

Standards and guidelines for Animal Welfare

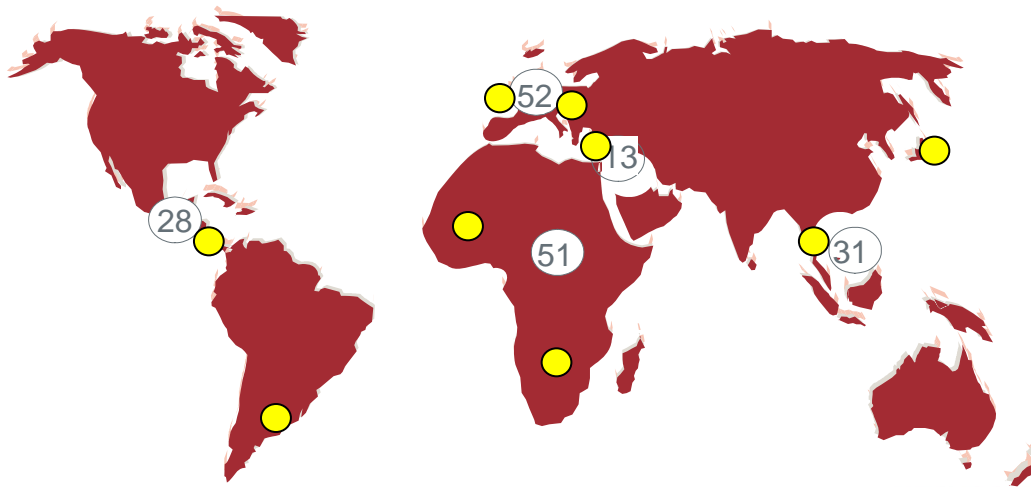
**TAIEX Seminar “Animal Welfare : from cure to prevention”
24-25 March 2010, Belgrade, Serbia**

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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

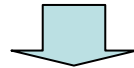
- **Recognised international leadership of the OIE**
- **Global coverage : 175 Members**
- **Democratic and transparent procedures**
- **Science is the unique common denominator**
- **Facilitating safe trade while avoiding unjustified trade barriers – important to secure participation of all countries,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



Evolution of the OIE AW agenda

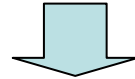
May 2000

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



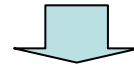
April 2002

Ad hoc Group on Animal Welfare first meeting



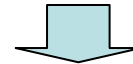
May 2002

Resolution adopted on AW



October 2002

Permanent Working Group on Animal Welfare (PAWWG) first meeting



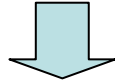
May 2003

adoption of the general principles included in the **OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code** :

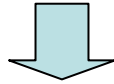


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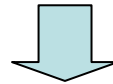
February 2004
1st OIE **Global Conference** on Animal Welfare



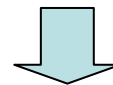
May 2005 73rd GA
Adoption of **first animal welfare standards**



2007
Agreement between OIE and WSPA

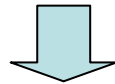


May 2007
Adoption of the OIE Resolution
supporting in principle the Universal
Declaration on Animal Welfare

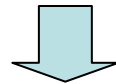


Evolution of the OIE AW agenda

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

OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code standards adopted in 2009

- 6. Guidelines on stray dog population control
- 7. Transport of farmed fish (Aquatic Animal Health Code)



OIE animal welfare standards

Animal Welfare Definition (Terr. Code)

« 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

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Regional Web Site for Europe



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> Events

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

Year 2010

GF-TADs for Europe - 3rd meeting of the Regional Steering Committee for Europe	24-25 February 2010 Brussels, Belgium	Click here
Regional Workshop on the WTO Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures for Central and Eastern European and Central Asian countries	16-19 February 2010 Tashkent, Uzbekistan	Click here

Year 2009

Seminar for OIE National Focal Points for Wildlife	4-6 November 2009 Lyons, France	Click here
Seminar for OIE National Focal Points for Animal Welfare	16-17 July 2009 Istanbul, Turkey	Click here
Seminar for OIE National Focal Points for Food Safety	22-24 April 2009 Sofia, Bulgaria	Click here

Year 2008

Training Seminar for OIE Delegates	Lyons, France, 5-6	Click here
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The Way forward

- 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 2nd OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare
- **Influence of Governments and stakeholders**

Recommendations of the 2nd OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare ⁽¹⁾

- 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

Recommendations of the 2nd OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare (1)

- 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..

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- The OIE
- The Veterinary Services
- Press releases/Editorials
- International meetings
- World animal health situation
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- OIE Expertise
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The OIE's objectives and achievements in animal welfare

Animal welfare was first identified as a priority in the OIE Strategic Plan 2001-2005 . OIE Member Countries and Territories mandated the organisation to take the lead internationally on animal welfare and, as the international reference organisation for animal health, to elaborate recommendations and guidelines covering animal welfare practices, reaffirming that animal health is a key component of animal welfare.

The OIE Animal Welfare Working Group was inaugurated at the 70th General Session of the OIE in May 2002 and the first recommendations of the Working Group were adopted one year later. The OIE Guiding Principles on Animal Welfare were included in the OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health Code (Terrestrial Code)* in 2004.

The OIE convened a First Global Conference on Animal Welfare in February 2004. As well as the Veterinary Services in OIE Member Countries and Territories, the Conference targeted livestock producers and actors in the meat sector, veterinary practitioners and international non governmental organisations (NGOs) working in animal welfare. The main objective of the Conference was to raise awareness of, and to explain, the OIE's animal welfare initiative.

Since May 2005, the World Assembly of OIE Delegates (representing the 174 Member Countries and Territories) has adopted six animal welfare standards in the OIE *Terrestrial Code*. These standards cover:

- The transport of animals by land
- The transport of animals by sea
- The transport of animals by air
- The slaughter of animals for human consumption
- The killing of animals for disease control purposes
- The control of stray dog populations.

- [Membership of the Working Group](#)

Presentations

- [OIE 74th General Session](#)
- [OIE 75th General Session](#)
- [OIE 76th General Session](#)
- [OIE 77th General Session](#)

Meeting reports

- [October 2002](#)
- [February 2004](#)
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Conferences

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2nd global conference on animal welfare

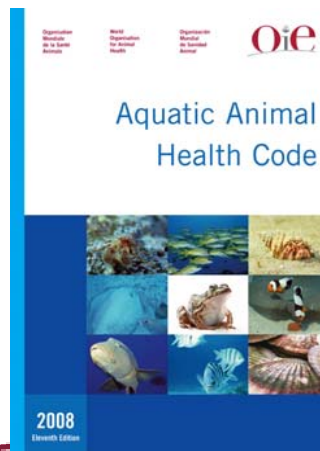
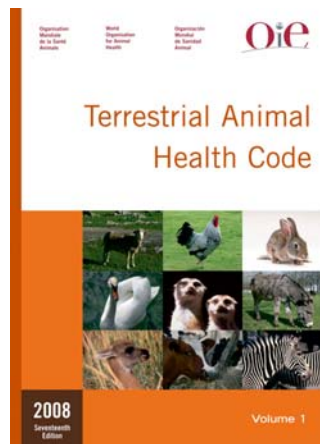
Cairo (Egypt)
20-22 October 2008

- [Animal Welfare Conference](#)

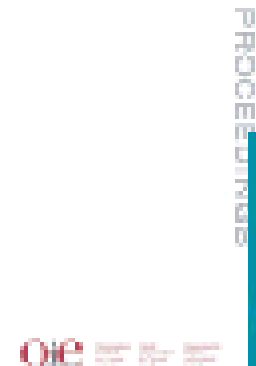
Sources of information

Website and Publications :

Online bookshop: <http://www.oie.int/boutique/index.php?lang=en>



Global conference
on animal welfare:
an OIE initiative
Paris, 20-25 February 2009



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