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Animal Health Industry gains through international cooperation

Protection of public and animal health, facilitating world trade and savings to industry will be key themes of an international conference of industry leaders and senior veterinary medicines regulators planned for Brussels on November 16 – 18 this year.

The conference framework was agreed at the fifth VICH (International Cooperation on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products) Steering Committee meeting held in Rockville, Maryland, USA on May 18-20.

“The conference will highlight the great strides made by Europe, Japan and the USA in establishing international standards for veterinary products registration” said Dr. Jacques Boisseau.

Dr. Boisseau, Head of the OIE Collaborating Centre for Veterinary Drugs, chaired the fifth VICH meeting.

“The conference is a unique opportunity for everyone to have their say on priorities for future international work” stated Dr. Boisseau.

The fifth VICH meeting also agreed to three new regulatory guidelines on stability testing.

“These guidelines will allow industry to submit a common data package to regulatory authorities across and beyond the VICH regions” Dr. Boisseau said.

VICH has previously issued two other guidelines on analytical procedures.

A further 12 guidelines are in production covering areas of critical public interest such as environmental impact, safety, good clinical practice and product surveillance.

Future work is also planned on antimicrobial resistance, a current topic of wide international debate.

Further details on VICH and the VICH conference are available on the VICH website
<http://vich.eudra.org>.

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