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New President for IFAH



On 29 April 2013, Jeffrey N. Simmons, President of Elanco Animal Health was appointed by the IFAH Board of Directors for a two-year term as President of IFAH. With a wealth of experience in the animal health industry having worked with Elanco for more than twenty years, Jeff firmly believes that the industry has an important role to play in researching and investing in new technologies to meet the needs of a rapidly expanding population.

Jeff is deeply committed to efforts towards resolving the issue of global hunger and, upon accepting the appointment as IFAH President, he pledged to continue dialogue with major international bodies to foster a regulatory environment that facilitates the supply of innovative products to safeguard both animal and human health, and to address the food security challenge.

For more information read the [press release](#).

For Jeff Simmons full biography, please visit the [IFAH website – About Us](#)

IFAH Annual Report 2012 Out Now



Titled 'The costs of animal diseases and societal benefits from healthy animals', the IFAH annual report showcases some of the key activities of the association from the past year.

Featuring introductory messages from the IFAH President and the IFAH Executive Director, the report also includes:

- A feature article on the costs of animal diseases and guest statements from OIE, FAO and WVA
- A summary of IFAH's achievements regarding leadership, regulatory strategy and value to society
- An overview of regional activities in Europe, North America, South America, Asia and Africa, and Australia and New Zealand
- 2012 animal health market data

Hard copies of the report are available from the IFAH Communications Department. Please contact c.denorre@ifahsec.org for details.

[Click here to download the report.](#)

Supporting Responsible Use of Antibiotics in Animals at OIE Conference



OIE Global Conference on the Responsible and Prudent Use of Antimicrobial Agents for Animals
International Solidarity to Fight against Antimicrobial Resistance
Paris (France) 13 – 15 March 2013

The first OIE Global Conference on Responsible and Prudent Use of Antimicrobial Agents in Animals took place from 13-15 March in Paris. IFAH's Executive Director Barbara Freischem spoke at the session on current antimicrobial use worldwide in humans, animals and plants. Barbara presented an overview of global animal production perspectives and the correlated use of antimicrobial agents.

The conference was mainly aimed at directing future OIE work on the issue of antimicrobial resistance, but it also provided an opportunity to showcase the many Responsible Use initiatives already in place such as the European Platform for Responsible Use of Medicines in Animals: [EPRUMA](#).

The final recommendations to be reviewed at the OIE general session in May this year, advocated strengthening cooperation to help countries which are not yet in a position to apply the OIE's responsible use standards to put in place the necessary legislation, structures and human and financial resources to do so. OIE members were recommended to use VICH guidelines to ensure the quality of veterinary medicinal products registered at national level, and to follow closely the VICH Outreach Forum initiative.

[Read the full list of recommendations](#)

More info:

<http://www.oie.int/our-scientific-expertise/veterinary-products/antimicrobials/>

http://www.oie.int/eng/A_AMR2013/presentations.htm

IFAH at 4th Global Feed and Food Congress in South Africa



From 8-12 April IFAH participated in the 4th Global Feed and Food Congress organised by the International Feed Industry Federation (IFIF), assisted by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). The event took place in Sun City, South Africa and was hosted by the Animal Feed Manufacturers Association of South Africa (AFMA). Around 700 international

delegates participated in the event which focussed on the theme 'Safe Feed and Food for All', aptly referencing the global challenge of securing the necessary means to feed 9 billion people by 2050 and to do so in a sustainable manner.

Hlengiwe Buhle Mkhize, deputy minister of economic development for South Africa, in her opening address urged delegates to learn from each other and recognise the importance of technology transfer and partnerships as these are key elements to increase global feed and food production, and ensure food security worldwide.

Meeting the day before the congress, IFAH also participated in the 6th International Feed Regulators Meeting where IFAH noted that calls for increased harmonisation in feed regulation echoed the calls for increased harmonisation in veterinary medicines regulation.

It was a good opportunity to meet with colleagues from a closely related business area, where in many parts of the world there is a distinct cross-over with animal health product issues.

For more information visit: <http://www.gffc2013.com>

How Veterinary Medicines Come to Market

The image is a screenshot of the IFAH (International Federation of Animal Health) website. At the top, the IFAH logo is displayed with the tagline 'Healthy Animals. Healthier World.' and the mission statement 'Representing the animal health industry'. Below the logo is a navigation menu with links for 'Who We Are', 'Our Industry', 'About Animal Health', and 'News & Resources'. A large banner image shows a group of black and white cattle. Below the banner, there are three main content blocks: 1. 'Events Calendar' with a listing for '16-17 June 2013 - VetHealth Global' and '20-22 July 2013 - IFAH 87th General Assembly & World Veterinary Congress'. 2. 'How Veterinary Medicines Come to Market' with a sub-image of a person examining a dog. 3. 'Jeffrey H. Simmons Appointed President of IFAH' with a portrait of Jeffrey H. Simmons.

As human and animal populations continue to grow, it becomes ever more critical for the animal health industry not only to be on the cutting edge of medical research, but to be able to produce and distribute much needed medicines for animals worldwide.

To highlight the various steps involved in developing and producing veterinary medicines IFAH has added a new section on its website which outlines the rigorous assessment processes and stringent regulation to be followed and underlines the importance of global harmonisation.

Visit the IFAH website – [About Animal Health](#) to read more.

Register Now for the Global Animal Health Conference

Developing Global Animal Health Products to Support Food Security and Sustainability

Oct 17 2013 8:30AM - Oct 18 2013 3:30PM | Sheraton Crystal City 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway Arlington, VA 22202-3515



Registration is now open for the Global Animal Health Conference organised by IFAH in partnership with DIA and US regulatory authorities FDA-CVM and USDA-CVB. The event titled 'Developing Global Animal Health Products to Support Food Security and Sustainability' will take place in the Sheraton Crystal City Hotel in Washington DC on 17-18 October 2013.

Visit the [IFAH website](#) for more information on the conference. Registrations can be made via the [DIA website](#). You can also follow us on Twitter to get updates on the conference as they are posted.

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