

Introducing IFAH-Europe

EFSA stakeholder consultative platform

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What is IFAH-Europe?

- IFAH-Europe, International Federation for Animal Health-Europe, is the organisation representing companies engaged in **research, development** and **manufacturing** of veterinary medicines, vaccines and other animal health products in Europe.
- An international non-profit organisation (AISBL) established under Belgian law and based in Brussels, Belgium.



The Federation representing manufacturers of veterinary medicines, vaccines and other animal health products in Europe.

Membership

- 15 animal health companies
- 19 national animal health associations
- More than 190 small medium size-enterprises (SMEs) and international companies*
- 95% of the European market for veterinary products.



Mission

To promote a predictable, harmonised, science-based and innovative market place



To provide quality animal medicines, vaccines and other animal health products, and so



To contribute to

- A healthy and safe food supply;
- High standard of health and welfare for animals and people.

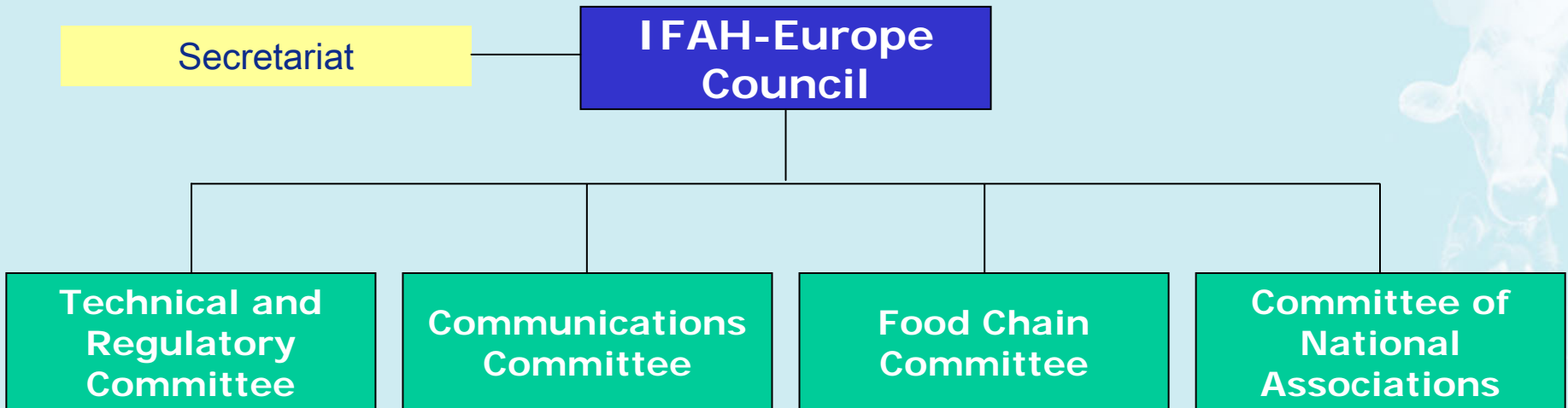


Priorities

- **Regulatory affairs:** Comprising regulatory process efficiency, international harmonisation, risk-benefit analysis and medicines availability, including the availability of antimicrobials.
- **Food chain:** Emphasising the positioning of our industry as a recognised credible voice that influences decision making in the food sector on animal health issues, and working towards the supply of safe and wholesome food.
- **Communications:** Positioning IFAH-Europe as the source of reliable information for stakeholders that contributes to society within a shared set of values.



Structure



EFSA as Regulator

- EFSA is responsible for the registration of Feed Additives including Coccidiostats and Histomonostats
- IFAH-Europe companies submit their Feed Additives dossiers to the relevant specialist Panels for evaluation
- IFAH-Europe works with the EFSA and the Commission concerning the ongoing evolution of legislation in this sector



European Platform for the Responsible Use of Medicines in Animals (EPRUMA)

Established in 2005, a joint initiative

Partners:

- COPA-COGECA: Farmers
- FVE: Veterinarians
- IFAH-Europe: Animal health industry

EISA, the European Initiative for Sustainable Development in Agriculture, has decided to join the platform.

Mission

- To promote animal health and welfare by disease prevention and the appropriate use of medicines in animals;
- To facilitate and promote a co-ordinated and integrated approach involving all stakeholders to ensure best practice in the responsible use of medicines.

EPRUMA Activities

Document: Best practice framework for the use of antimicrobials in food-producing animals in the EU

- Process:
 - Reviewed by the platform members
 - Ongoing consultation.
- Purpose:
 - To contribute to the continued effectiveness of antimicrobials by providing a framework describing best practice.
 - The document should be able to be adapted to local (MS) specific requirements.
 - To lead to a co-ordinated and integrated approach across the EU but tailored to specific national requirements.

EPRUMA activities

Dialogue forum: EPRUMA workshop on stakeholder dialogue on food issues (Brussels, 14.11.06)

- Aim:
 - Discuss stakeholder dialogue on food issues
 - EPRUMA as an example
 - Get comments on the EPRUMA document
 - Open EPRUMA to further stakeholders

- Participants:
 - **EPRUMA** members (COPA-COGECA, FVE, IFAH-Europe)
 - **Farmer** organisations: Danish, Dutch and German
 - **EFSA** (European Food Safety Authority)
 - **EISA** (European Initiative on Sustainable Agriculture)
 - **EAFN** (European Agri-Food Network) members:
 - Feed additives (FEFAC)
 - Meat processors (CLITRAVI)
 - Retail and wholesale of agri-food products. (CELCAA)
 - **FESSAS** (European Federation for Animal Health and Safety)



EU Vaccination policy

EFSA mandate from DG SANCO to develop opinion on vaccination against three animal diseases.

Three meetings between industry and EFSA scientific panels to provide input on vaccination concerning:

- **Avian Influenza**
- **Newcastle Disease**
- **Bluetongue**



European Technology Platform for Global Animal Health (ETPGAH)

Description

- A joint initiative of industry and the research community and is actively encouraged by the European Commission services.
- Led by IFAH-Europe, it integrates all relevant stakeholders at EU and national levels.

Aim

- To facilitate and accelerate the development and distribution of the most effective tools to control animal diseases of major importance to Europe and the rest of the world.



- It should thereby improve animal health and welfare, food safety, human health, market access and contributing to achieving the millennium development goals.

ETPGAH Vision & SRA

Vision document

- The first milestone in the work of the European Technology Platform for Global Animal Health.
- An overview of the needs in terms of animal health research to combat key diseases; the challenges of the regulatory framework for animal health products and its impact on innovation; and the platform's objectives and activities.
- Endorsed by 29 organisations representing the sector, as well as by the European Commission.

Strategic Research Agenda (SRA)

- It complements the Vision 2015 document.
- It sets out ETPGAH stakeholders' common views on the necessary short, medium and long-term research, development and delivery needs for global animal health over a period of ten years.

ETPGAH Action Plan

- Having completed the Vision & SRA, the next step is to complete the Action Plan
- The Action Plan specifies detailed research & information gathering activities that need to be completed to deliver the SRA
- The Framework Research programme (FP 7) may fund many of these activities
- In addition, National research programmes may fund some of the priorities
- The Action Plan will be published in June



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