OIE SEMINAR:

Challenges in responding to new international and social demands on the veterinary profession

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

The 28th World Veterinary Congress will take place in Minneapolis (USA), from 16 to 20 July 2005 and will be held in conjunction with the American Veterinary Medical Association's (AVMA) Annual Convention.

More than 10,000 participants from all over the world are expected to attend this major event which brings together world renowned experts in animal diseases including those transmissible to humans, and in animal welfare. It is a unique opportunity to exchange state-of-the-art veterinary knowledge and information at a global level. A complex, multi-faceted public policy issue with important scientific, ethical, economic and political dimensions such as Animal Welfare was identified as an important topic of the convention.

Aside from the main event, and following what has now become a tradition, the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) will be organizing a two and a half days seminar, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), about the new demand of the society for the veterinary profession. This demand focuses on topics like animal welfare, food safety, prevention of emerging diseases, safety of international trade in the context of globalization. The link between the public and the private sector in the veterinary profession (veterinarians, paraprofessionals, and farmers) will also be an important part of the discussions. Many Delegates of all 167 OIE Member Countries, public and private veterinarians, scientists, risk managers, industry and NGOs will be invited to attend the seminar.

Detailed information about the dates, the exact programme and the attendance modalities to the OIE seminar as well as to the 28th World Veterinary Congress will be provided shortly on the OIE website (www.oie.int).

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