

## OIE Updates for NFAHWC Forum, Nov. 28, 2017

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## Outline

- Key issues from 85<sup>th</sup> OIE General Session
- New process for election to OIE Specialist Commissions
- OIE chapters for review and comment
- OIE Global Conference on Biological Threat Reduction
- Update on PVS report and next steps

## 85<sup>th</sup> OIE General Session Delegation

**CFIA:** Harpreet Kochhar, CVO/OIE Delegate  
Jaspinder Komal, Deputy CVO,  
Mohit Baxi, Director Import Export Division  
Andrea Ellis, Veterinary Advisor to OIE Delegate

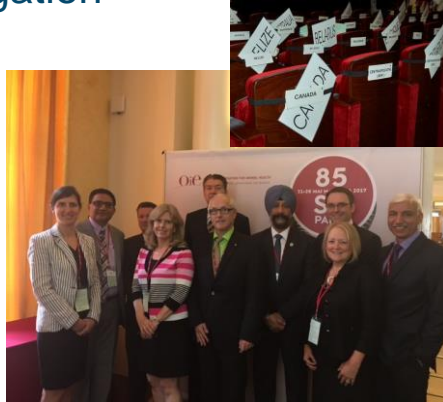
**AAFC:** Nathalie Doré, Senior Trade Policy Analyst

**IDRC:** Vincent Guyonnet, Program Leader,  
Agriculture and Environment

**CVMA:** Troy Bourque, President

**Industry:**

John Masswohl, Director, Canadian Cattlemen's Association  
Chris White, President and CEO of the Canadian Meat Council  
Martha Wilder, Executive Director, Pet Food Association of Canada



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## 85<sup>th</sup> OIE General Session Key Discussions

- Revision of BSE code chapter- *ad hoc* group to the Scientific Commission concluded 1) the chapter on BSE requires major revision to reflect current epidemiology; 2) approach of the current official recognition of BSE risk status needs to be revisited
  - *Ad hoc* group is being formed to begin this work
- The OIE Global Strategy on Animal Welfare was adopted- the Welfare Working group will be replaced with a OIE Global Animal Welfare Forum
  - First meeting: March, 2018
- All presentations from the General Session can be found online: <http://www.oie.int/eng/session2017/presentation.html>

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## New Process for Nomination to OIE Specialist Commissions

- 4 specialist commissions: Terrestrial, Aquatic, Biological and Scientific
- To ensure transparency in the selection of experts, a new process has been adopted
- Public call for nominations - election in May, 2018
- Looking for internationally recognized experts with skills in building consensus

<http://www.oie.int/en/standard-setting/specialists-commissions-working-ad-hoc-groups/nomination-for-election-to-the-oies-specialist-commissions>

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## OIE Code Chapters Under Review

- New and updated OIE Standards go through a 2-year review and commenting cycle
- Reports from the September commission meetings now available for review and comment
- Terrestrial Commission report:
  - Includes 21 chapters for comment which are to be presented for adoption at OIE General Session, May, 2018
  - 9 chapters for comment and further development
- Aquatic Commission report:
  - 24 chapters for comment

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## Select Terrestrial Code Chapters of Interest – For Comment and Adoption

- Zoning and compartmentalization
- Monitoring and usage of antimicrobials
  - definitions of therapeutic use vs growth promotion
- New chapter on vaccination

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- New animal welfare chapters:
  - Laying hen production systems
  - Killing of reptiles for their skin, meat and other products
- Official control of emerging and listed diseases

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- Global Affairs Canada (GAC) and the CFIA supported the OIE in hosting the Global Conference
- Over 300 people from all regions of the world gathered for 3 day meeting
- Goal of strengthening linkages between health and security sectors in addressing biological threats: natural and deliberate



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- The conference resulted in a set of recommendations that outlined concrete actions to enhance international cooperation.
- The presentations, posters and report from the conference are available on-line  
[http://www.oie.int/eng/BIOTHREAT2017/presentation\\_poster\\_recom.htm](http://www.oie.int/eng/BIOTHREAT2017/presentation_poster_recom.htm)

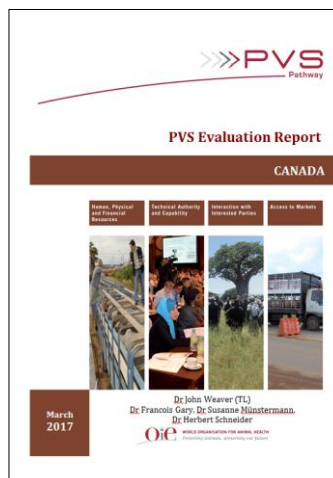
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## After the Conference

- The outcomes of the conference will feed into discussions at next year's G7 CVO meeting which CFIA will organize as part of Canada's G7 Presidency activities.
- For GAC, the conference recommendations inform the work plan for the Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction.
- GAC will take over as chair of the program in 2018.

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## Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS) Evaluation of Canada



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## Reminder - What is the PVS?

The Performance of the Veterinary Services (PVS) is an evaluation carried out by the OIE of the veterinary services of a country against the International Standards in the *OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code*.



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## What is the PVS Evaluation Based On?

**The following 3 sources of information (Evidence):**

### 1. Documentation:

- a) "Baseline Documents" sent ahead of visit
- b) Critical Competency specific information

### 2. On-site visits

### 3. Interviews & discussions during on-site visits

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# 1. Documentation



## Baseline documents – Provided ahead of visit

- e.g., Veterinary structure, legislation, training and CE, physical, financial, management resources etc/ demographics - animal population etc / animal health, public health, zoonoses, chemical residues, veterinary drugs and biologics, laboratories, border crossing, quarantine, ID and traceability and feed safety, welfare, communication, consultation etc.

## Additional Information for each of the 47 CCs - Provided during the visit

- e.g., legislation, MOUs, agreements, manufacturing licensing, budgets & process, audits, Quality Assurance (QA) programs, SOPs, program descriptions, risk analysis process, tracing exercises, maps, statistics, stakeholder consultation, databases, job descriptions, training records, simulation exercises, audits, outbreak investigations etc.

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# 2. Site Visits

- 2 teams of 2 OIE Evaluators – one team visiting west & one visiting east
- Sites balanced by geographic location, size, species, federal and provincial etc.



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### 3. Interview information

- During on-site visits, OIE Evaluators questioned subject matter experts
- On occasion - request for additional documentation

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### Who did the PVS Evaluation?

*Carried out by a team of four independent OIE certified PVS evaluators*

OIE Evaluation team for Canada included:

- Dr. John Weaver - Team Leader
- Dr. Francois Gary
- Dr. Herbert Schneider
- Dr. Susanne Munstermann



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# Report Contents

- Key findings and recommendations
- For each Critical Competency (CC):
  - Level of Advancement (1-5)
  - Detailed feedback:
    - ✓ evidence, findings, strengths, weaknesses, recommendations
- Appendices with information (“Evidence”) used for the evaluation

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# Overall Results

- The assessment found Canadian veterinary services to operate at the highest level with no major weaknesses.
- The results are very favorable, with most scores being 5/5. A few areas scored 4/5 or 3/5
- There are some lower scores in areas of known weakness to be addressed - for example traceability of animals and their products.

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## Overall Results (continued)

- Recommendations were provided for most of the competencies, including those with 5/5.
- In many cases the lead is other stakeholders such as the Provinces, Health Canada or industry.
- Canada's assessment is among the highest achieved internationally

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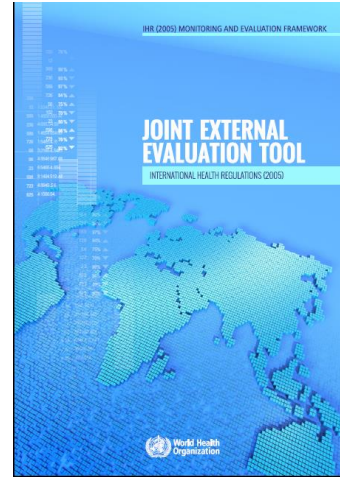
## Next Steps

- The final report is expected in early January, 2018.
- The CFIA will develop an action plan with stakeholders to address all recommendations in the report.
- A communications plan is being developed in anticipation of the release of the report in the new year.
- The report will be posted on the OIE website.

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## WHO Joint External Evaluation

- The results of the PVS evaluation will be used in an evaluation of Canada's implementation of the International Health Regulations being conducted by the WHO in 2018.



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Thank you for your attention!



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