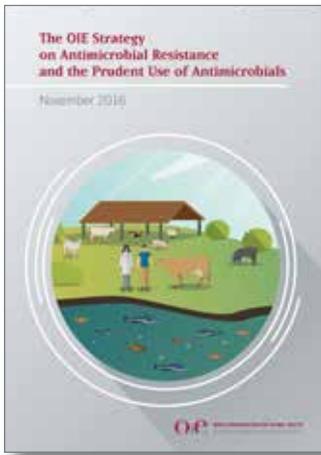


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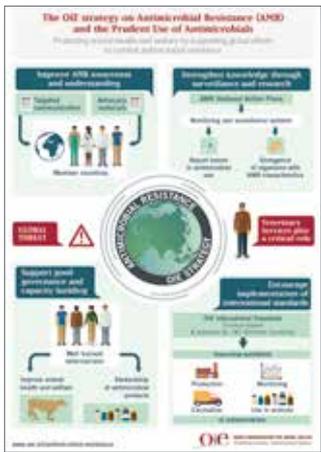
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## regional activities

### Implementation of the regional animal welfare strategy in the Americas

The Americas region has a large animal population of global importance, with production, cultural and economic characteristics varying widely from country to country.

The vision of the regional strategy, adopted in 2012, is for all stakeholders to be involved in advancing animal welfare. This links Veterinary Services with producer associations, transporters, universities and research centres. The Collaborating Centre for Animal Welfare and Livestock Production Systems, a consortium of research centres from Chile, Uruguay and Mexico, is a key participant.



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### **Initial findings: awareness and implementation of the strategy**

A questionnaire by the Regional Representation for the Americas, in 2015, revealed an acceptable level of awareness of the regional strategy within the Veterinary Services. However, awareness of the strategy among stakeholders outside the Veterinary Services needed to be enhanced. The questionnaire results also detailed the action required of OIE National Focal Points with regard to training veterinary professionals and paraprofessionals.

In addition, the questionnaire revealed a high level of implementation of the OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* chapters on the transport of animals by land and the slaughter of animals.

### **Portuguese translation and dissemination of OIE standards**

In 2016, the Standing Technical Committee on Animal Welfare (CTBEA) of Brazil's Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply (MAPA) translated and published a selection of animal welfare-related chapters in the OIE *Codes*. This facilitates consultation by many of the 113,000 veterinarians operating in Brazil, a country with 54% of the continent's avian population, 42% of its cattle, and 23% of its swine.

### **Veterinary education and animal welfare**

The Americas region works actively with the Pan American Federation of Veterinary Science Faculties and Schools (FPFECV). In 2015, FPFECV conducted a study of 100 universities across 14 countries to check whether their curricula included animal welfare. Results indicate that 98% of schools of veterinary science and animal science do include animal welfare in their curricula (up from 63% in 2010).

### **Online network of focal points**

The Regional Representation for the Americas established an online animal welfare network in 2016 for the purpose of sharing information and presenting best practice in the implementation of OIE standards. This has strengthened links between the Regional Representation and the tri-national Collaborating Centre.

### **Preparation of the regional strategy action plan**

In 2016, the Regional Representation worked with OIE headquarters and the Collaborating Centre to draft a regional strategy action plan to organise actions for achieving the strategy's objectives. This action plan will be finalised in consultation with all stakeholders.

The regional animal welfare strategy provides a regional approach based on public-private and multidisciplinary consultation to support the implementation of OIE standards and guidelines, and has become a real driver of change and improvement in the continent's production systems.

