

## **ABSTRACT 5<sup>th</sup> Global Feed and Food Congress**

### **The importance of animal health for feed & food safety**

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The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), an intergovernmental organisation, with a global membership of 180 Member Countries, is responsible for improving animal health and welfare worldwide and reducing health risks at the human-animal-environment interface under the “One Health” concept. It is recognised by the World Trade Organization as the science-based standard setting organisation for the safe international trade of animals and animal products.

The OIE, together with other intergovernmental organisations such as FAO, WHO and Codex, is involved in many activities related to animal feeding, including risk assessment, development of international standards, capacity-building to their Members to promote feed and food safety. These organisations collaborate closely to ensure a coordinated approach along the food chain continuum.

Animal feed is a critical component of the food chain that has a direct impact on animal health and welfare and also on food safety and public health. The OIE has developed standards and recommendations on risk management for micro-organisms that are transmissible via feed such as Newcastle disease virus and foot and mouth disease virus, as well as recommendations for zoonotic diseases, such as BSE and *Salmonella*. Effective biosecurity management requires close attention to animal feed as a potential pathway for the introduction of unwanted micro-organisms.

The OIE has also developed horizontal standards relevant to food and feed safety, including on the prudent and responsible use of antimicrobial agents, identification and traceability of animals and animal products, and veterinary ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection for the control of food-borne hazards.

As part of the OIE 6<sup>th</sup> Strategic Plan (2016-2020), the OIE will continue to develop scientifically-based standards and guidelines for the improvement of animal health, animal welfare and animal production food safety, for terrestrial and aquatic animals. In addition, the OIE will continue to improve the OIE standards-setting process, in particular fostering Member Countries’ and stakeholders’ engagement in the process. This presentation will highlight relevant OIE activities that contribute to feed and food safety including the OIE standard setting process and how IFIF can participate in this process.