

COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE PAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF VETERINARY SCIENCE (PANVET)
AND
THE WORLD ORGANISATION FOR ANIMAL HEALTH (OIE)

CONSIDERING the objectives of the World Organisation for Animal Health (“OIE”), are in particular:

- to protect animal health and welfare worldwide;
- to collect, distribute and promote animal disease control methods worldwide;
- to safeguard world trade by publishing science based health standards for international trade in terrestrial and aquatic animals and animal products;
- to promote good governance, competency and capacity of national veterinary services (including public and private sector components);
- to promote the Veterinary education; and
- to provide veterinary public health assurances including on food of animal origin and to promote animal welfare through a science-based approach;

CONSIDERING the mission of the Pan American Association of Veterinary Sciences (“PANVET”) are:

- to serve the veterinary profession promoting their rights and obligations and quality standards;
- to promote the development of veterinary science and veterinary skills in the areas of animal health, public health and animal welfare, animal production and productivity and contribute the environmental protection and sustainability for the benefit of society;
- to encourage and promote the Veterinary Statutory Bodies and encourage ethical exercise of the veterinary profession;
- to contribute to improving the veterinary education;
- to stimulate veterinary research;

GIVEN the importance of strong public – private partnership, wherein the OIE and PANVET are complementary and create synergies for achieving their mutual goals and objectives;

NOW THEREFORE, the OIE and PANVET (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties” and individually referred to as a “Party”) have agreed on the following modalities of cooperation on issues of common interest.

ARTICLE 1

MODALITIES OF COOPERATION

The Parties will extend to each other invitations for participation in all meetings, seminars and conferences during which matters of common interest are to be discussed and where observers are allowed.

The Parties agree to further strengthen their collaboration in particular in the following areas of activity, where both Parties share strong mutual interests:

- Help countries to develop and articulate formal collaboration arrangements between human health, veterinary and environmental services, ensure in this the One Health approach;
- give specific attention to antimicrobial resistance (AMR);
- promote the leading role and responsibility of the veterinary profession in the prudent use of antimicrobials for animal health, and to promote the OIE standard on the responsible Use of Antimicrobials;
- promote the role and responsibility of the veterinary profession in the control and eradication of rabies in animals and other zoonotic diseases as a Public Good; according the OIE standard and through the effective collaboration between Public health and Veterinary Services;
- promote the key roles of the public and private components of Veterinary Services, including veterinarians and Veterinary Statutory Bodies, in the fields of animal health, animal welfare, food security and food safety, thereby helping to protect and improve public health and biodiversity;
- promote the role of veterinarians as well educated professionals, bound by a professional oath, working according to a professional code of conduct and codes of Good Veterinary Practice, licensed and supervised by a veterinary statutory body (or equivalent) which complies with OIE standards;
- promote to the countries, including Veterinary Faculties and Veterinary Statutory Bodies implement the OIE Standards;
- promote the development of objective and reliable methods for quality assurance in veterinary education and the support of accreditation of veterinary education establishments; and
- help countries to develop modern veterinary educational facilities, curricula and methods, based on the OIE Recommendations on the Competencies of Graduating Veterinarians ('Day 1 Graduates'), and the accompanying Veterinary Education Core Curriculum.

ARTICLE 2

LEGAL AND FINANCIAL ASPECTS

Nothing in this Agreement shall give rise to financial obligations upon either Party. To the extent any activity may give rise to financial obligations, a separate agreement shall be concluded subject to the Parties' respective internal rules and policies, prior to such activity being undertaken.

The Parties will mutually agree on preparation and issuance of any publications resulting from this Agreement. If a Party (the "Publishing Party") prepares and issues publications on its own, the other Party shall be given the opportunity to comment on the content before the publication is issued and the Parties will agree on any further amendment to the text. The copyright to the publication shall remain with the Publishing Party. The copyright of any contribution made to the publication by the other Party (the "Contributing Party") will be retained by the Contributing Party who hereby grants to the Publishing Party a worldwide, non-exclusive, sub-licensable, royalty-free license to use such copyright for purposes of publication. The collaboration of the Parties shall be duly acknowledged in any publication resulting from this Agreement, unless a Party notifies that it does not wish to be associated with the publication. The wording of the acknowledgement shall be agreed between the Parties.

ARTICLE 3

USE OF THE PARTIES' NAMES AND EMBLEMS

Except as provided in this Agreement, neither Party shall use the other Party's name, acronym and/or emblem, without the prior written consent of the other Party.

ARTICLE 4

LIABILITY

Each Party shall be solely responsible for the manner in which it carries out its part of the collaborative activities under this Agreement and/or any subsequent agreement. Thus, neither Party shall be responsible for any loss, accident, damage or injury suffered or caused by the other Party, or that other Party's employees, consultants or sub-contractors, in connection with, or as a result of, the collaborative activities under this Agreement and/or any subsequent agreement, unless such loss, accident, damage or injury suffered by one Party results from gross negligence or willful misconduct of the other Party.

ARTICLE 5

GENERAL PROVISIONS

This Agreement will enter into force upon signature by the Director General of the OIE and the President of PANVET.

This Agreement shall have an initial four-year term which may be renewed in writing by mutual consent of the Parties.

This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent expressed in writing.

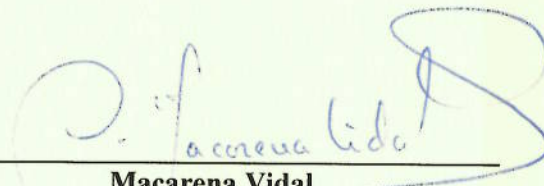
Either Party may terminate this Agreement by giving six months' notice to the other Party. Termination will not affect the implementation of ongoing activities, which have been decided by the Parties prior to the date of termination, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties in writing.

Any dispute arising out of the interpretation or implementation of the provisions of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation between the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Director General of the World Organisation for Animal Health and the President of the Pan American Association of Veterinary Sciences have signed the present Agreement in duplicate, in English, on 06 October 2017



Monique Eloit
Director General
World Organisation of Animal Health (OIE)



Macarena Vidal
President
Pan American Association of
Veterinary Sciences (PANVET)