

IFAH Statement on the launch of VET 2011

24 January 2011 – Versailles – The International Federation for Animal Health (IFAH) is participating in Vet2011 to launch World Veterinary Year, a celebration of the 250th anniversary of the world's first veterinary school which was founded in Lyon, France, in 1761.

Under the slogan “Vet for Health, Vet for food, Vet for the planet”, Vet 2011 will host a series of special events throughout the year to raise awareness about the vital role of veterinarians and veterinary medicines.

“IFAH is very pleased to join the OIE, WVA, FAO, WHO, UNESCO, the European Commission and animal health organisations around the world in recognition of the historic achievements of the veterinary profession” said IFAH Executive Director Barbara Freischem.

“For a quarter of a millennium, veterinarians have made seminal contributions to animal and human health, food safety, and global food security. This year, as we celebrate these professionals, we want to emphasise the important relationship between human and animal health in fostering a healthier world.”

Notes for editors

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The International Federation for Animal Health (IFAH) is an organisation representing manufacturers of veterinary medicines, vaccines and other animal health products in both developed and developing countries across five continents. The mission of IFAH is to foster a greater understanding of animal health matters and promote a predictable, science-based regulatory environment that facilitates the supply of innovative and quality animal medicines, vaccines and other animal health products into a competitive market place. These products contribute to a healthy and safe food supply as well as a high standard of health and welfare for animals and people.

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