

IAAVR and INFAH Collaborate to Promote Judicious and Prudent Use of Antimicrobials in Animal Health

World Health Organisation (WHO) in collaboration with Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) as Tripartite Executive Committee agreed to organise World Antimicrobial Awareness Week during 18-24th November 2020 and onwards every year.

Indian Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Research (IAAVR) and Indian Federation of Animal Health Companies (INFAH) commemorated WAAW' 2020 by hosting a webinar on 'Working Together to Tackle Antimicrobial Resistance' on 24th November 2020. The webinar was participated by more than 250 Veterinarians and Veterinary stakeholders deliberating on the antimicrobials use and managing antimicrobial resistance better in animal healthcare segment.

The webinar had four speakers namely Dr Kamini Walia, ICMR; Dr Jyoti Misri, ICAR; Dr A S Yadav, ICAR-CARI and Dr Nitin Bhatia, INFAH. The presentations highlighted initiatives of ICMR, India's plan to contain AMR, Antimicrobial usage in Animal healthcare in India, AMR in poultry sector and potential alternatives. The deliberations demystified the myths and highlighted the facts of antimicrobial usage as an economical burden on the farming community and its usage was only as per the requirements and suggested need to work on diagnostic infrastructure to strengthen the animal health systems. The presentations were followed by panel discussions by experts viz. Dr Arun Atrey, Dr D K Dey, Dr Manoj Kumar Pandey, Mr Satish Pasrija and Dr Sugata Hazra. The event was organised and moderated by Dr Rishendra Verma, Founder Secretary, IAAVR and Mr Vijay Teng, President, INFAH.

The poster features logos for WHO (Handle Antibiotics with Care), FAO, OIE, IAAVR, and INFAH. It also includes the World Antimicrobial Awareness Week 2020 logo. The text reads: Indian Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Research (IAAVR) and Indian Federation of Animal Health Companies (INFAH) host webinar on WORKING TOGETHER TO TACKLE ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE. The event is on Tuesday, 24th November 2020, starting at 10:30 AM onwards (IST). The Host is Dr. Rishendra Verma (Founder Secretary, IAAVR). The Co-Host is Vijay Teng (President, INFAH). The Speakers are Dr. Kamini Walia (ICMR), Dr. Jyoti Misri (ICAR), Dr. A. S. Yadav (ICAR-CARI), and Dr. Nitin Bhatia (INFAH). The Experts for Panel Discussion are Dr. Arun Atrey, Dr. D. K. Dey, Dr. Manoj Kr. Pandey, Satish Pasrija, and Dr. Sugata Hazra.