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<b>Barbara Freischem</b>	European Medicines Agency
<b>Eva Zamora Escribano</b>	European Commission
<b>David Murphy</b>	EMA Committee for Medicinal Products for Veterinary Use (CVMP)
<b>Andreas Werner</b>	Bela Pharm
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**Dr Ivo Claassen, Deputy Executive Director and Head of Veterinary Medicines Division, EMA**

Since 2018 Ivo is head of the Veterinary Medicines Division and since July 2021 he has been appointed also as the Deputy Executive Director of the European Medicines Agency. Since he joined the Agency, he has been responsible for the development of the Veterinary Regulatory Science Strategy and the EMA Veterinary Big Data strategy. He is the co-chair of the EMA-HMA task Force that coordinates the implementation the veterinary medicines regulation 2019/6 and works with his team to deliver on the required IT systems and business changes to facilitate this implementation.

He has over 30 years of experience in vaccine production, QC/QA, R&D and regulatory affairs, both for human and veterinary vaccines. He has been a member of the Committee for Medicinal Products for Veterinary Use (CVMP).



**Barbara Freischem, Head of Veterinary Surveillance and Regulatory Support Department, EMA**

Barbara Freischem is the Head of the Department 'Veterinary Surveillance and Regulatory Support' in the Veterinary Division of the European Medicines Agency. Her responsibilities include regulatory support to the Division, pharmacovigilance activities for veterinary medicines, and the monitoring of sales data for veterinary antimicrobials.

Before rejoining the EMA in 2019, Barbara worked in different roles linked to regulation of mostly veterinary medicines at national, European and international level, both on the side of regulatory agencies and on the side of industry.

Barbara has a degree in Veterinary Medicine from the Free University of Berlin.



**Eva Zamora Escribano, Head of Animal nutrition and veterinary medicines Unit, EC**

Eva graduated in veterinary medicine at the University Complutense of Madrid and holds a PhD in Swine Vesicular Disease. After six years of work in the Animal Health Research Centre - Spanish Ministry of Food, Fisheries and Agriculture - she joined the European Commission, DG SANTE; in 1999 as inspector in the field of animal health. From 2001, she worked in the Bilateral International Relations Unit where she was responsible for sanitary and phytosanitary issues for Latin American and Caribbean countries. She continued with her career in the international area in the Multilateral International Relations Unit, as deputy Head of Unit, where her focus was on Codex Alimentarius issues. She was appointed as Head of Unit, Animal health and welfare in 2016 and she has, since mid-2020, been working as Head of Unit Animal nutrition and veterinary medicines.



**David Murphy MVB PhD, Chair of CVMP**

David Murphy graduated as a vet from University College Dublin in 1990. Between 1990 and 1997, he worked and studied at the University of Glasgow's School of Veterinary Medicine.

Following a period in veterinary practice in Ireland, he joined the Health Products Regulatory Authority in 1999 as a safety and efficacy assessor. Between 2009 and May 2016, he was the Irish representative on the Committee for Medicinal Products for Veterinary use (CVMP) of the European Medicines Agency. Currently (since June 2016), he is the Chair of the CVMP.



**Andreas Werner, *Bela Pharm***

Andreas Werner graduated as a veterinarian from the Justus Liebig University in Gießen in 1987, where he completed his doctorate in anatomy in 1990.

Since 1990 he has been working in veterinary pharmaceutical industry as Regulatory Affairs Manager, Information Officer, Qualified Person and Qualified Person for Pharmacovigilance. He is currently Chair of the Pharmacovigilance Working Group and a member of the Board of ACCESS VetMed, and attends the VMP-Reg stakeholder and PhVWP-V Interested Parties meetings as an industry representative.

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**Jackie Atkinson, *Elanco Animal Health***

Jackie graduated and trained as a pharmacist in the UK.

Jackie leads the Elanco Regulatory Policy and Intelligence team. She has worked in Regulatory Affairs for more than 30 years, including a decade in industry and the remainder as a UK Regulator at the VMD. She has been involved in the new EU Regulation since its inception and is directly involved in its implementation at Elanco.



**Patrizia Oelker, *Boehringer Ingelheim***

Patrizia Oelker graduated in 1990 as a biological engineer from the Catholic University of Louvain. Following a few years in applied research, she started her career in regulatory affairs at GSK Biologicals and moved in 2001 to the EDQM, where she held different positions and became an assessor for the Certification procedure in 2007. She joined the veterinary business of Boehringer Ingelheim in 2013 and became involved in AnimalhealthEurope Working Parties dealing with regulatory procedures and Telematics. Patrizia is one of the Industry representatives sitting at the SPOR Task Force, the VMP-Reg Stakeholders' Group and the UPD Product Owners' Group.



**Jordi Torren Edo VMD PhD, *Head of Evaluation and Innovation Support Department, EMA***

Jordi Torren Edo graduated as a veterinarian in 1989, from the University Autonomous of Barcelona. He joined the Veterinary Division of the EMA in 2000, previously he worked for 7 years in the veterinary pharmaceutical industry.

Since 2019 he is the Head of Evaluation and Innovation Support Department in the Veterinary Medicines Division at the EMA where he is responsible for the coordination of the assessment of applications for authorisation of veterinary medicinal products (VMPs) through the centralised procedure in the EU. Before his current position his focus was on the area of antibiotic resistance, and in particular on the use of antibiotics in animals and its impact on public health.



**Catherine Griffin, *Scientific Administrator, EMA***

Catherine Griffin, started working at the Health Products Regulatory Authority (HPRA) while completing a masters in Pharmaceutical Quality Assurance and Biotechnology in 2008. While there she undertook a variety of roles before moving to Pharmaceutical Assessment in 2013 where she was assessing Module 2 data (quality) for human medicines. Catherine joined the Veterinary Division of the European Medicines Agency as a Seconded National Expert (Quality) in 2017. As well as undertaking the role of Scientific Lead for veterinary procedures Catherine drew on assessment experience and was involved in the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2019/6 in particular in developing the list of Variations Not Requiring assessment.

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**Jos Olaerts, *Head of Veterinary Risk and Surveillance Service, EMA***

Jos graduated as a veterinarian from the University of Gent, Belgium in 1991 and holds an additional master's degrees in statistics (1997) from the University of Hasselt.

Following a period in equine veterinary practice (1991-1993), Jos became a research assistant at the department of Physiology, University of Liege (1994-1996). Between 1997-1998 he worked as veterinary assessor for the Belgian Ministry of Health, having joined the European Medicines Agency (EMA) in 1999. Within the EMA, he started as scientific administrator and supported several working parties. Over the years, the main activity has shifted predominantly to the field of pharmacovigilance where he now heads the service of veterinary risk and surveillance.



**Kristina Paterson, *Scientific Administrator, EMA***

Kristina joined the Veterinary Medicines Division of the European Medicines Agency in 2009 to support various projects, e.g. DISCONTTOOLS. In 2011 she took on a new role in the Veterinary Regulatory and Organisational Support service where she was responsible for referrals and post-authorisation procedures and in 2018, Kristina became the referrals team leader. In addition, in 2017 she started working in the area of regulatory affairs.

Kristina holds a MSc degree in biochemistry from the Heinrich Heine University in Düsseldorf.



**Jana Schalansky, *Head of Veterinary Strategic Support, EMA***

Jana holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and Psychology. She joined the European Medicines Agency as an assistant in the Veterinary Medicines Division in 2003, subsequently working in various roles in the Division. As of 2016 she held the Programme Manager position for the Veterinary Change programme preparing for and implementing the VMP-Regulation. In 2021 she was appointed *ad interim* Head of the newly created Veterinary Strategic Support office in the Veterinary Medicines Division, providing strategic advice to all levels of the Division's management, currently with a special focus on the implementation of the Veterinary Medicines Regulation.



**Dr Michael Empl, *Scientific Administrator, EMA***

Michael graduated as a veterinarian from the University of Veterinary Medicine Hannover in 2010 and is a Veterinary Specialist for Pharmacology and Toxicology as well as a European Registered Toxicologist. He holds a doctorate in veterinary medicine and a PhD in toxicology. Between 2010 and 2018 he worked as researcher at the Institute for Food Toxicology of the University of Veterinary Medicine Hannover. Before joining EMA's Veterinary Pharmaceuticals Service as scientific administrator dealing with veterinary medicinal product and MRL applications as well as safety-related issues in mid-2019, he briefly worked at the Fraunhofer Institute for Toxicology and Experimental Medicine in Hannover. He provides support to the Agency's Joint CVMP/CHMP 3Rs Working Group (J3RsWG) and to the CVMP Environmental Risk Assessment Working Party (ERAWP).