Meeting in London 2018

The last FishMedPlus Coalition meeting took place in London in June 2018, kindly hosted by the British Veterinary Association. It was the first meeting under the chairmanship of Simon Doherty, the new Chair of the group.

The meeting was very productive. The focus was on finalizing the Coalition document looking into the barriers of getting authorized fish medicines to the market and possible solutions to overcome these barriers. Additionally, the group started to explore methods to promote new products.

FishMedPlus in General Assembly in Bergen

FishMedPlus Chair Mr. Doherty, presented the work of FishMedPlus to the General Assembly meeting of the Federation of Veterinarians in Bergen, Norway. More than 150 participants from 37 European countries attended the meeting. He presented the aim and goals, as well as the process and work done so far by the group.
The availability of authorized aquatic vaccines and veterinary medicines can be facilitated in a number of ways, namely:

1. **Via authorizing new medicines or vaccines** through stimulating the animal health industry to invest more into research and development of fish medicinal products and vaccines
2. **Via extending the marketing authorization** of already authorized products between countries (Mutual Recognition Procedure (MRP))
3. **Via extending existing marketing authorizations to other species** via line extensions
4. **Via stimulating industry to invest more** in the aquaculture market

**Next Steps**

- The Coalition will reach out to industry, both large companies and SME’s to invest more in the aquaculture market
- The Coalition will further promote both on national as European level a strong public-private partnership between the aquatic sector – industry – regulators
- Structural cooperation will allow robust disease surveillance and regular updates of the gap analysis in order to prevent/treat emerging diseases quickly
- The Coalition will get in contact with the different European research projects involved with fish medicines and vaccines
- The Coalition will remain in contact with both national as European decision makers in the field of aquaculture and veterinary medicines.
- The Coalition will try to get authorizations for critical aquatic medicines and vaccines in all relevant EU countries.
Process

The FishMedPlus Coalition, established in December 2015 for a 3 year period, follows a 3-step working approach (see below).
Currently we finalized Step 2; identifying solutions to overcome barriers to having more aquatic medicines available. Recently we started approaching Step 3; explore initiatives to stimulate more authorizations.

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Greater availability of authorised products

FishMedPlus Coalition members