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Overview of activities in 2021

Medicine availability/accessibility - The Essential Medicines survey to benchmark drug availability globally has been completed and the TGG is now working with a statistician to evaluate the results. These results should highlight which markets and regions are most in need of support with drug availability. During the WSAVA’s 2022 Congress in Lima, the TGG will host the annual ‘Shaping the Future’ session with a round-table discussion on the subject of drug availability and essential medicines and present survey results. Dr Steagall recorded a WSAVA Podcast on the Essential Medicines List earlier this year.

Drug quality study with amoxicillin clavulanate - This study is being conducted by TGG member Ludovic Pelligand, Professor of Clinical Pharmacology and Veterinary Anaesthesia at the Royal Veterinary College in London. In view of the dangers posed by substandard or falsified medicines, the TGG decided, as a first step, to collect and analyse amoxicillin/clavulanic acid tablets worldwide. It is encouraging all WSAVA members to participate and will report on the results later in 2022. Some preliminary results have been presented as a poster by Prof. Pelligand during the WSAVA 2021 virtual meeting.

Responsible Antimicrobial Use (AMU) – Rather than generating new WSAVA Guidelines on AMU, the TGG is working with the existing antimicrobial guidelines working groups (eg ISCAID, ESGVM and ENOVAT) with the aim of generating practical infographics and information which will be relevant to general practitioners, summarizing the key recommendations from each document that they need to know. Partnership to tackle lack of resources on veterinary AMR with ENOVAT - The WSAVA via TGG has linked up with the European Network for Optimization of Veterinary Antimicrobial Treatment (ENOVAT) to develop and disseminate evidence-based clinical guidelines for the optimization of antimicrobial treatment in companion animal veterinary medicine.

Plans and priorities for 2022

- The TGG continues to lead the WSAVA’s efforts to reduce inequities in access to veterinary medicines for veterinarians around the world. The Committee will host this year’s Shaping the Future session at WSAVA World Congress 2022 in Lima which will highlight this issue. During the session, Dr Steagall will also discuss the WSAVA’s Essential Medicines List, created by the TGG and call for updates for the new edition to be prepared in 2023.

- The results of a drug quality study and the collaboration with international networks (ENOVAT) and organizations (ISCAID and ESGVM) to promote responsible use of antimicrobials in companion animals will also be shared during the Shaping the Future session.