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EMA Veterinary Medicines Info Day

12-13 March 2026
EMA, Amsterdam

The European Medicines Agency is organising the annual Veterinary Medicines Info Day to provide stakeholders with the latest updates on regulatory policy, and scientific and legislative developments in the veterinary medicines domain.

The event will also provide opportunities for participants to ask questions.

EMA Veterinary Medicines Info Day 2026

Day 1: 12 March 2026

13:30 Registration

14:00 Welcome and introduction

Ivo Claassen (EMA) **10'**

Session I
Chair: Emily Drury (EMA)

14:10 Legislative updates

Veterinary Medicines Products in the Biotech Act **20'**
Rocio Roldan Salvador (European Commission)

Legislative initiatives impacting veterinary medicines **15'**
Corinne Philippe (AnimalhealthEurope)

Implementation status of pharmacovigilance processes **20'**
James Mount (Chair of CVMP Pharmacovigilance Working Party)

Pharmacovigilance: industry perspective **15'**
Sonja Schwab (Access VetMed)

Questions **20'**

15:40 Networking break

16:10 Regulatory updates

CVMP workplan for 2026 and beyond **20'**
Johan Schefferlie (Chair of CVMP)

Regulatory and procedural developments **20'**
Kristina Paterson (EMA)

Update from the CVMP ADRA temporary Working Party **20'**
Damien Bouchard (Chair of CVMP ADRA tWP)

Questions **30'**

17:40 Close of Day 1

Day 2: 13 March 2026

Session II

Chair: Jordi Torren Edo (EMA)

09:00 Latest scientific guidance

Advancing Innovation through the 3Rs **20'**
Sonja Beken (Chair of the 3Rs WP)

Scientific guidelines **20'**
Sarah Adler-Flint (Co-Chair of the 3Rs WP)

3Rs initiatives: industry perspective **20'**
Catrina Stirling (AnimalhealthEurope)
Jyoti Soni-Gupta (Association of Veterinary Consultants)

Questions **30'**

10:30 Networking break

11:00 Focus on innovation

Innovation and Development Accelerator **20'**
Falk Ehmann (EMA)

Risk management plans for novel therapy veterinary products **20'**
Noemi Garcia del Blanco (EMA)

OPEN Framework **20'**
Martin Harvey Allchurch (EMA)

Questions **30'**

12:30 Closing remarks

Wrap up **15'**
Ivo Claassen (EMA)

List of speakers

Catrina Stirling	AnimalhealthEurope
Corinne Philippe	AnimalhealthEurope
Damien Bouchard	Chair of the CVMP ADRA Working Party
Emily Drury	European Medicines Agency
Falk Ehmann	European Medicines Agency
Ivo Claassen	European Medicines Agency
James Mount	Chair of the CVMP Pharmacovigilance Working Party
Johan Schefferlie	Chair of the Committee for Veterinary Medicinal Products
Jordi Torren Edo	European Medicines Agency
Jyoti Soni-Gupta	Association of Veterinary Consultants
Kristina Paterson	European Medicines Agency
Martin Harvey Allchurch	European Medicines Agency
Noemi Garcia del Blanco	European Medicines Agency
Rocio Roldán Salvador	European Commission
Sarah Adler-Flint	Vice-chair of the CHMP/CVMP 3Rs Working Party
Sonja Beken	Chair of the CHMP/CVMP 3Rs Working Party
Sonja Schwab	Access VetMed

About the speakers

Dr Catrina Stirling

Director Regulatory Affairs, Zoetis

Dr Catrina (Cat) Stirling graduated from the University of Edinburgh with a degree in Virology before doing a PhD in Veterinary Immunology at the Pirbright Institute/University of Sussex. She then spent 4 years as a post-doc at Pirbright working on DNA vaccines for FMDV and ASFV immunology before joining the UK Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD). After 2 years at VMD, she moved to Pfizer Animal Health, now Zoetis, focusing on regulatory affairs. She is currently Director of Regulatory Affairs, focusing on companion animal vaccines and biologicals. She is an expert on immunological and biological product development and registration, as well as 3Rs aspects of vaccine release.

Corinne Philippe

Global Regulatory Intelligence, Policy and Communications, Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health

Corinne Philippe leads the global Regulatory Intelligence, Policy and Communications team at Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health, based in Lyon, France. She is a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and holds a master's degree in Regulatory Affairs (TOPRA M.Sc. Reg Aff.), with over 20 years of experience in the animal health pharmaceutical industry, particularly in regulatory affairs (EU and international), biologicals development, team leadership, and trade association engagement. Passionate about animal health, environment, 3Rs, and One Health, Corinne has held various membership and chair roles in French, European and International trade associations since 2006.

Dr Damien Bouchard

Antimicrobials and AMR expert, French Agency for Veterinary Medicine

Damien Bouchard is microbiologist by training, specialized in veterinary microbiology and antimicrobial resistance. He is currently serving as scientific referent on antimicrobials and antimicrobial resistance at the French Agency for Veterinary Medicine. In April 2025, he was been appointed head of the French National Reference Laboratory on antimicrobial resistance. He has been an expert of the Veterinary Committee of the European Medicines Agency since 2015 and is the current chair of the CVMP Antimicrobials Working Party, as well as chair of the temporary working party responsible of antibiotic dose review and adjustment.

Emily Drury

Head of Surveillance and Regulatory Support Department, EMA

Emily holds a master's degree in Biological Sciences from the University of Oxford. She has over twenty years of experience in veterinary regulatory affairs. After 9 years working for a regulatory consultancy, she joined the EMA's Veterinary Medicines Division in 2009 and has since held several regulatory expert and management roles covering diverse activities. Emily has recently been appointed Head of Department for Veterinary Surveillance and Regulatory Support (V-SR).

Dr Falk Ehmann

Head of Innovation and Development Accelerator, EMA

Falk Ehmann is Head of the Innovation and Development Accelerator at the European Medicines Agency, leading early stakeholder interactions on Innovation and Business Pipeline / Portfolio and Forecasting activities, including Horizon Scanning. Falk Ehmann co-chairs the EU-Innovation Network driving EU pharma policy and strategy with a current focus on the New EU Pharmaceutical Legislation. Falk Ehmann is a medical doctor with a PhD in Experimental Medicine and a degree in European and International law. Dr Ehmann published more than 30 articles in peer reviewed Journals.

Dr Ivo Claassen

Head of Veterinary Medicines Division, EMA

Dr Ivo Claassen is head of the Veterinary Medicines Division and Deputy Executive Director at the European Medicines Agency. Since he joined the Agency in 2018, he has been responsible for the implementation of the Veterinary Medicinal Products Regulation. Furthermore, he was involved in the development of the Veterinary Regulatory Science Strategy and the EMA Veterinary Big Data strategy. He has also 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).

Dr James Mount

Chair of the CVMP Pharmacovigilance Working Party

James Mount is the chair of the CVMP Pharmacovigilance Working Party (PhVWP-V) since November 2023. He is an expert in the HMA/EMA Veterinary Data Hub, a member of the informal PhVWP-V-Inspectors Working Group Data Quality subgroup and an expert in the Pilot-Signal Management Expert Group. James qualified as a veterinarian from the University of Liverpool (UK) in 2008 and holds a PhD from the Royal Veterinary College (London, UK).

He started as a rural mixed practice veterinarian in the UK and progressed to roles such as Veterinary Pathologist at the Swedish Veterinary Agency and Laboratory Animal Veterinarian at the Karolinska Institute (Sweden). In 2018, he became a Pharmacovigilance assessor at the Swedish Medical Products Agency.

Johan Schefferlie

Chair of the Committee for Veterinary Medicinal Products (CVMP)

Johan Schefferlie is the chair of the CVMP. Biologist by training, Johan has been a Senior Regulatory Project Leader at the Dutch Medicines Evaluation Board since 2007. With extensive experience in toxicological and consumer risk assessment of residues of veterinary drugs in food of animal origin, he has collaborated as an expert for the International Cooperation on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products (VICH), the European Food Safety Authority and the Joint WHO/FAO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA), co-authoring several reports.

Dr Jordi Torren Edo

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, after working for 7 years in the veterinary pharmaceutical industry. Jordi has led EMA's Evaluation and Innovation Support Department in the Veterinary Medicines Division since 2019, responsible for coordinating the assessment of applications for the authorisation of veterinary medicinal products through the centralised procedure in the EU. Before his current position, Jordi focused on the area of antibiotic resistance, and in particular on the use of antibiotics in animals and their impact on public health.

Jyoti Soni-Gupta

Consultant, ZIVA Health Regulatory Consultancy

Jyoti is President of the Association of Veterinary Consultants, a global organisation representing 70 independent veterinary consultants from 21 countries across 6 continents. Jyoti is an accomplished animal health professional with over 20 years of experience in the veterinary pharmaceutical industry. She is a veterinarian and holds a PhD degree in veterinary medicine from the University College Dublin, Ireland. She also holds qualifications in regulatory affairs, quality management and statistics, and pharmaceutical manufacturing technology. She works as a veterinary pharmaceutical consultant. She is the founder of ZIVA Health Regulatory Consultancy, a multi-speciality consultancy providing quality, regulatory affairs and pharmacovigilance services to veterinary pharmaceutical companies

Martin Harvey Allchurch

Head of International Affairs, EMA

Martin Harvey has been Head of International Affairs at the European Medicines Agency since October 2021. He joined the EMA legal team in 1995 after several years as a European affairs consultant in Brussels. He has headed the Office of the Executive Director, served as Head of Communication, and later moved to the Agency's International Affairs team. He took an 18-month career break with UNITAID, the WHO-hosted partnership dedicated to innovation in global health from 2019-2020.

Martin holds law degrees from the University of Dundee (UK) and the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium).

Kristina Paterson

Head of Veterinary Regulatory Affairs and Referrals, EMA

Kristina joined the Veterinary Medicines Division of the European Medicines Agency in 2009, supporting a range of projects including DISCONTOOLS. In 2011, she moved to the Veterinary Regulatory and Organisational Support service, where she managed referrals and post-authorisation procedures. She became the referrals team leader in 2018. Alongside this, Kristina expanded her expertise into regulatory affairs, beginning work in this area in 2017. In 2024, Kristina became the Head of Veterinary Regulatory Affairs and Referrals Service. She holds an MSc in Biochemistry from Heinrich Heine University in Düsseldorf.

Dr Noemi Garcia Del Blanco

Head of Veterinary Biologicals and Emerging Therapies, EMA

Noemi Garcia del Blanco has been the Head of the Biologicals and Emerging Therapies Service since 2020. A highly skilled veterinarian with extensive post-graduate qualifications in microbiology and infectious diseases, Noemi made significant contributions to the development and regulation of vaccines and other biological veterinary medicinal products, both in industry and regulatory bodies.

During her tenure at the Veterinary Medicines Directorate in the UK, spanning more than a decade, Noemi served as a scientific assessor and later rose to the position of Head of Biologicals.

Dr Sarah Adler-Flindt

Vice-Chair of the CVMP/CHMP Joint 3Rs Working Party

Sarah Adler-Flindt holds a PhD in cell biology and is a European Registered Toxicologist. Sarah is a scientific officer at the department of veterinary drugs at the German federal office of consumer protection and food safety (BVL) and, since 2022, Vice-Chair of the CVMP/CHMP Joint 3Rs Working Party (3RsWP) at the EMA.

Her main areas of expertise relate to stem cell biology, alternative methods to animal experiments (3Rs) and regulatory risk assessment of plant protection products, biocides and veterinary medicinal products.

Dr Sonja Beken

Chair of the CVMP/CHMP Joint 3Rs Working Party

Sonja Beken holds a Master of Biological Sciences and a PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences from the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), Belgium and a Master of Applied Toxicology from the University of Surrey, UK. Sonja is the Coordinator of the Unit of non-clinical evaluators at the Belgian Federal Agency for Medicines and Health Products (FAMHP).

Her main areas of expertise relate to regulatory science, non-clinical drug development, (in vitro) toxicology and metabolism as well as alternative models to animal experiments (3Rs, NAMs).

Sonja Schwab

QPPV and Team leader clinical development, VetViva Richter GmbH

Sonja Schwab graduated as a veterinarian from the University of Veterinary Medicine in Vienna. She has been working in the sector of viral vector therapy for the treatment of cancer at the Institute of Virology at the University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna for 6 years. In 2010, she joined the veterinary pharmaceutical industry, focusing on product development and pharmacovigilance. She became Deputy QPPV at Richter Pharma AG in 2013, and subsequently QPPV for VetViva Richter in 2025. She has also led the clinical development team since 2018. In 2021 and 2022, she joined the EVVET3 Product Owners group and VSIAG, respectively.

Nominated as an Industry Subject Matter Expert for the Veterinary Union Pharmacovigilance Database in 2022 and for the Union Product Database in 2025, she represents the industry in developing and improving new veterinary IT systems.