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Emer Cooke

Executive Director, EMA

Emer Cooke is as of 16 November 2020 the new Executive Director of the European Medicines Agency, based in Amsterdam.
She also takes the role of Chair of the International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities (ICMRA) for a term of 2 years.

She was the Director responsible for all medical product-related regulatory activities at the World Health Organization in Geneva between November 2016 and November 2020. In this role, Ms Cooke was responsible for leading WHO's global work on regulation of health technologies (medicines, vaccines, diagnostics, vector control products and devices), coordinating the regulatory teams (Prequalification, Regulatory Systems Strengthening, and Safety), and working with member states and international partners to assure the quality, safety and efficacy of appropriate health technologies.

Ms. Cooke is a pharmacist with Masters degrees in Science and Business Administration from Trinity College Dublin. She has over 30 years' experience in international regulatory affairs and spent 14 years (2002 to 2016) in management positions at the European Medicines Agency as Head of Inspections and Head of International Affairs respectively. From September 1998 to July 2002, she worked in the Pharmaceuticals unit of the European Commission.

Dr Ivo Claassen

Head of Veterinary Medicines Division, EMA

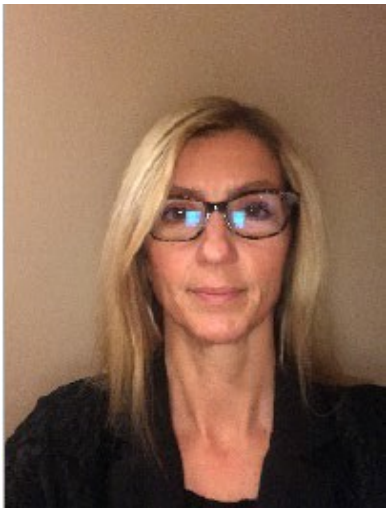
In 2018, Ivo Claassen joined the European Medicines Agency (EMA) as Head of the Veterinary Medicines Division. He is the co-chair of the joint EMA-HMA Task Force on the Coordination of the Implementation of the Veterinary Regulation. He is the accountable executive for the development and implementation of the IT-systems supporting the Veterinary Regulation. He is a former member of EMA's Committee for Medicinal Products for Veterinary Use (CVMP).

Dr Claassen has over 30 years of experience in vaccine production, quality assurance and control, research and development and regulatory affairs, both for human and veterinary vaccines. Before joining the Agency, he developed projects in Asia, Africa and the Middle East on capacity building of institutional infrastructure for veterinary infectious disease control and supported local vaccine development and production.

Rick Clayton

Technical Director, AnimalhealthEurope

Rick has worked for the European industry association since 1997 and comes from a background of product development and registration. In this role he is in regular dialogue with decision makers within the European institutions and the European medicines regulatory network with the principle aim of supporting the smooth running of regulatory systems. He is also coordinator for the European industry representation to the International Cooperation on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products ("VICH"). He has a degree in Applied Biology, a diploma in Marketing and he is an Honorary Life member of TOPRA.



Emmanuelle Motte

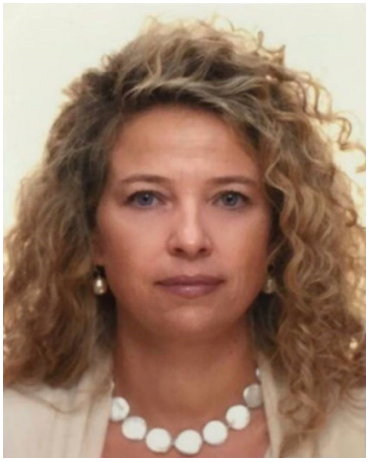
Regulatory Affairs Director, Virbac

Emmanuelle holds a master degree in Chemistry from the Nice-Sophia Antipolis University. She joined Virbac as a trainee in Regulatory Affairs in 1998 and then occupied different positions within the Regulatory Affairs Department before joining the Virbac USA affiliate in 2005 where she was project manager. In 2009 she took the head of International Regulatory Affairs at Vetoquinol and then joined Virbac in 2012 as International Regulatory team manager before taking the head of the Regulatory Affairs Department in 2018. She currently is a member of Animal Health Europe and vice chair of the Technical and Regulatory Committee.

Erik Waterdrinker

Regulatory Expert, Virbac

Erik Waterdrinker graduated as a biologist from the Nice Sophia Antipolis University in 1991 with a master's degree. He joined Virbac in 1991 as a Scientific Assistant to participate in the then new and fast growing field of Regulatory Affairs. He held various regulatory affairs positions covering pharmaceutical and non pharmaceutical products, lifecycle and new product developments and more recently specialising in European procedures. He is currently a member and vice-chair of the Animal Health Europe Regulatory Procedure Working group.



Eva Zamora Escribano

Head of Animal nutrition and veterinary medicines Unit, EC

Eva graduated in veterinary medicine at the University Complutense of Madrid and a 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.

Laetitia Le Letty

Chair of CMDv

Laetitia Le Letty has a master degree in biochemistry. She started working at the French agency for veterinary medicinal products in 2002, after a first experience in a veterinary pharmaceutical company in research-development.

For over 10 years, she worked in the licensing unit of the marketing authorisation department of the Anses-ANMV. She was in charge of the validation of new applications and the preparation of related decisions. During this period, she was also the French member of the CMDv and Notice to Applicants working group.

Laetitia took the lead of the licensing unit during 4 years and was then elected as the chair of the CMDv in July 2018. She was re-elected as Chair of the CMDv in 2020.

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.

Dr Catrina Stirling

Director of 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.

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.

Noemi Garcia del Blanco

Head of Veterinary Biologicals and Emerging Therapies Service, EMA

A veterinarian with post graduate qualifications in the field of microbiology and infectious diseases. Worked for more than fifteen years within the area of animal health, including development and regulation of vaccines and other biological veterinary medicinal products, both in industry and regulatory bodies.

I worked at the Veterinary Medicines Directorate in the UK for more than 10 years, first as scientific assessor and eventually becoming Head of Biologicals, overseeing the authorisation of biological products, batch release of vaccines, ensuring consistency and adequate quality and providing advice to industry and other stakeholders. I was UK alternate member at the CVMP for more than two years.

I joined the European Medicines Agency in 2019, where I am the interim Head of the Biologicals and Emerging Therapies service within the Veterinary Division.

Dr Barbara Cyrus

Scientific Administrator, EMA

Education: Free University of Berlin, Germany: Graduation as veterinarian in 1989. Doctorate in veterinary medicines in 1995.

Career to date: Since 1999, Barbara works at the EMA dealing with centrally authorised veterinary product applications and is part of the secretariat to the CVMP Efficacy Working Party.
In 1990, Barbara joined the German Bundesgesundheitsamt (now BVL, Berlin) as a veterinary assessor (pre-clinical and clinical safety assessment).

Sebastien Girault

Scientific Administrator, EMA

Education: Doctor in veterinary medicine in 1994. Certificates in toxicology and in biological and medical sciences.

Career to date: Sebastien Girault joined the EMA in 2014 as scientific administrator. He deals with Maximum Residue Limits applications and supports the CVMP Safety Working Party. Previously, he has worked in pharmaceutical industry for 17 years as toxicologist and manager in the research and development of new active substances for human use.

Javier Pozo Gonzalez

Scientific Administrator, EMA

Javier Pozo graduated as a veterinarian from the University of León, Spain in 1995 where he completed a PhD on veterinary infectious diseases and epidemiology in 2001. He then moved to the private animal health sector where he worked on the research and development of veterinary vaccines until 2010. In 2011, he joined the Veterinary Medicines Directorate (UK) where he worked in the role of assessor of biological veterinary medicinal products and then led the Biologicals Assessment Team, being the UK's representative to the CVMP Immunologicals Working Party (IWP) from 2016. In 2018, he joined the EMA where he works as a Scientific Administrator at the Biologicals and Emerging Therapies Service of the Veterinary Division. He provides organisational and technical support to the IWP.

Dr Jos Olaerts

Head of Veterinary Risk and Surveillance Service, EMA

Education:

1991: Doctor in Veterinary Medicine – University of Gent

1997: Master in Statistics – University of Hasselt

Career to date:

1991-1993: veterinary practice (horses)

1994-1996: Research assistant at the department of Physiology, University of Liege

1997-1998: Veterinary assessor for the Belgian Ministry of Health – registration of VMPs

1999- present: EMA

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.

Roland van Lieshout

Elanco Animal Health

Roel is a vet by education and has worked as anesthetist at the companion animal referral clinic at Utrecht University, where he also completed a one-year rotating Internship. He has also worked in practice as a companion animal vet, before he transitioned to the veterinary pharmaceutical industry. He joined Elanco Animal Health in 2012.

He has been in veterinary pharmacovigilance as an EU Qualified Person for Pharmacovigilance (QPPV) since 2007. As a pharmacovigilance industry representative, he is currently the Vice-Chair of the AnimalHealthEurope Pharmacovigilance Working Party, and a member of the VeDDRA Committee.

Ana Vidal

Scientific Administrator, EMA

Ana Vidal graduated as a Veterinarian from the University of Leon, Spain in 1999. After completing a PhD on veterinary infectious diseases and epidemiology, she joined the Animal and Plant Health Agency in the UK. There, she worked as a senior research officer in the area of food safety and public health, with a focus on the epidemiology, surveillance and control of foodborne zoonotic diseases. In 2016, she joined the UK's regulatory agency for veterinary medicines (VMD) to lead the antimicrobial resistance surveillance team. In October 2020 she joined the EMA as a Scientific Administrator in the antimicrobial resistance team.