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As a member of a new Member State I would like to contribute to this wonderful celebration by going back to the pre-accession period. From the point of view of the accessing countries there have been two extremely important points in the harmonisation procedure: the EMEA and the PERF projects. It is known that the EMEA has played an outstanding role in the success of PERF and in the development of the national Regulatory Agencies of the accessing countries.

In the history of veterinary medicine there has never been an example like this accession, when a pre-planned, deliberate development of a given special field of ten countries took place simultaneously. Therefore it is not an overstatement to rank the EMEA among the outstanding organisations.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell a brief story to explain how much I have been impressed by the high quality standard of EMEA.

At the Veterinary University of Hungary there is a compulsory subject on Management of Organisations and Theories of Leadership. As a lecturer of this subject I regularly explained to my students that in the literature of this issue two organisations are considered as being really efficient in the realisation of their goals. These two organisations are totally different in their values and in their moral but from the point of view of theoretical management they are efficient. They are the Roman Catholic Church and the KGB. This was the story until 1995 when the EMEA has been established.

By telling this story I can always draw the attention of my students to the high value of this organisation.

I have also to add that my experiences after the accession justified my previous evaluation.

On behalf of the Veterinary Regulatory Agencies of the New Member States I express my warm thanks for the support of the EMEA and I wish a Happy Birthday and further success.