

# Globalization of Veterinary Medicine and International Trade

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# Discussion Panel

## Session Academic

### Related Issues

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1. Level of awareness and interest of faculty and academic administrators regarding global veterinary challenges and international trade?

	Global Veterinary Challenges	International Trade
Basic Sciences	30%	30%
Medical Sciences	50%	50%
Animal Production	60%	60%
Public Health	90%	90%
Academic Administrators	70%	70%

## 2. Level of awareness and interest of veterinary students regarding global veterinary challenges and international trade?

- ✓ Animal welfare 100% (compulsory 1st sem.)
- ✓ Food Safety 100% (compulsory 9th sem.)
- ✓ Public Health 100% (compulsory 9th sem.)
- ✓ International Trade 50%

### 3. Level of academic international veterinary education activities?

- ✓ Undergraduate students: 10-15/year (3 months)
- ✓ Postgraduate students: 15/year (scientific meetings)
- ✓ Faculty: 20-30/year (international scientific meetings) and 10 sabbaticals.
- ✓ Invited speakers: 20-25/year.

4. Level of awareness on the global expansion of veterinary academic institutions and international accreditation efforts?

- ✓ 35,000 licensed veterinarians
- ✓ 95% graduated from public institutions
  
- ✓ Mexico: 36 public veterinary colleges  
6 private veterinary colleges
  
- ✓ Accredited by CONEVET:  
14 public veterinary colleges

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- ✓ Total awareness of national accreditation (CONEVET), every 5 years.
- ✓ International process of accreditation with AVMA.

# Expansion of Veterinary Colleges in Latinamerica

- ✓ Easy to open colleges with federal or state approval (private colleges).
- ✓ No opinion of the veterinary organizations is required.
- ✓ No national board examinations for licensing are required (except Brazil)
- ✓ Accreditation processes only in a few countries (Mexico, Colombia, Chile, Costa Rica, Argentina)

# Possible role of OIE in the issues:

- ✓ Recommend member countries to develop accreditation systems for veterinary colleges.
- ✓ Recommend the development of national uniform evaluations of graduates to obtain a license to practice veterinary medicine
- ✓ For those involved in international trade activities to be certified with on-line OIE courses and examinations, with support of local veterinary colleges.