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Stakeholders: ECDC, WHO, EMA, EFSA, EUCCC

Brief Activity Report

Relevance and Impact

Antimicrobial resistance is a complex global public health issue. The World Health Organisation has long recognised AMR as a growing global threat. To tackle it effectively requires an integrated approach “one health approach” from the farm to the hospital at national, European and international level. The European Parliament and the EU Commission started financing research on the causes of non-prudent use of antibiotics in human medicines across Europe in 2012. In April 2012, China published “Measures on the Administration of clinical use of antibiotics”, including general principles, organisation and responsibilities, administration of clinical use of antibiotics, supervision and management, legal liability and supplementary rules. Following up the meeting between Chinese Minister Li Bin and EU Commissioner Tonio Borg on 6th June 2013, the EU Commission proposed a cooperation strategy with China on health matters. The proposed cooperation follows partially the fight against antimicrobial resistance based on the conclusions reached at the March 2013 seminar, with data sharing as a first approach of developing mutual understanding.

Activity Description

A one day seminar on regulatory regimes and policies on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) with over 100 attendees allowed exchange of information between the EU and China. The participants included officials, medical specialists, scientists, representatives of the pharma industry as well as embassies. Speakers from the European Commission, EU MS, the European organisations for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), Food Safety (EFSA), Medicines (EMA) and the World Health Organisation warned about the health risks if the use of antibiotics is not reduced considerably. On the other hand, the speakers from the Chinese National Health and Family Planning Commission, Ministry of Agriculture, China Veterinary Institute, China Veterinary Drug Control and Fudan and Zhejiang Universities focused more on the advancements made so far. Both approaches resulted in lively discussions.



**Mr Gabriel Wikström, Swedish
Minister of Health**

Opening speeches on the (global) importance of fighting AMR were delivered by Mr Gabriel Wikström, Swedish Minister of Health and Social Affairs, Mr Guo Yanhong, Deputy Director-General of the Bureau of Medical Administration, Mr Patrick Dehaumont, French Vice-Minister for Food Safety and Ms Li Changyou, Deputy Director-General of the Veterinary Bureau.

Results and Dissemination

Both sides stressed the importance and necessity of

- sharing data and information regarding antimicrobial resistance, and
- prudent use of antibiotic substances.

The seminar has contributed considerably to the confidence in the ability and possibility of combatting AMR.