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Veterinary public health in Italy: From healthy animals to healthy food, contribution to improve economy in developing countries

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In Italy, the veterinary public health concept, linked to "Human animal ecosystems interface", international cooperation and contribution to the economy of countries, is connected with the history of the veterinary medicine faculties' curricula, the veterinary services and their organization, under the umbrella of Ministry of Health. This is the main reason to have the consumers as the main focus of the veterinary activities. At international level, the concept of veterinary public health has evolved over time and today is considered as "the sum of the contributions to the physical, mental and social development of people through the knowledge and application of veterinary science". On the subject of cooperation, sustainability and public health, it is necessary to take into account the EXPO 2015 event and the activities of international organizations such as the WHO, the FAO and the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE). These organizations are focusing their mandate on the defense of Health worldwide, on the interrelation man animal environment and on the aim to protect the public health and the economy in the poorest countries to also protect the health and the economy of the developed countries. It is made a brief analysis of the activities that the Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale "G. Caporale" (IZSAM), Italy, has put in place for international cooperation during his mandate, as a Government Institute of the Ministry of Health.

Biography

Rossella Colomba Lelli has completed her PhD from Bologna University, Italy and Postdoctoral studies from Pisa University, School of Veterinary Medicine. She is the Laboratory Head of Epidemiology Department, IZSAM; Ministry of Health. She has been working long time on Italian foreign animal disease, i.e., FMD, West Nile Disease, Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia, Bluetongue and Brucellosis epidemics. She has experience on research coordination on animal infectious diseases and food safety, good laboratory practices and quality assurance. She has published more than 150 papers in international scientific journals.

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