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High level scientists from all over the world attend 3RD International One Health Congress 15-18 March 2015 | Amsterdam | The Netherlands

From 15-18 March, the 3rd International One Health Congress (IOHC2015) will be organized in RAI Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

The 3rd International One Health Congress brings science and policy together aiming at the early recognition and control of emerging (infectious) diseases that have a growing impact on humans, animals and their ecosystems. Attendees from over 60 countries will participate in this high level congress. Nobel laureate Peter Doherty will participate in the opening ceremony as a keynote lecturer. Recent outbreaks of zoonotic diseases all over the world like Ebola, and MERS, but also avian influenza in the Netherlands, again demonstrate the worldwide threat and socio-economic impact of infectious diseases and underline the need for close international collaboration. The 3rd International One Health Congress will focus on how science can help in preventing re-emerging (infectious) diseases at the source. 'It is crucial to identify the predisposing factors for the occurrence of newly emerging infectious diseases', says Ab Osterhaus, chair of the *Scientific Advisory Board (SAB)* of IOHC2015.

Another important topic concerns antibiotic resistance of bacteria. During IOHC2015, both medical and veterinary drivers and alternatives for the use of antibiotics will be discussed.

About One Health

The One Health concept is based on the recognition that human and animal health are inextricably linked and have a common interaction with the environment. Humans and animals have socio-economic interactions through direct physical contact, the food chain and the environment. Health and well-being of humans and animals alike can be safeguarded by enhancing cooperation and collaboration of and between physicians, veterinarians, and other scientific health professionals resulting in effective solutions, guidelines and policy.

About 3rd International One Health Congress

The congress is hosted by a high-level organizing committee, broadly representing One Health oriented institutes and organizations, and supported by a range of internationally renowned [partners](#) like WHO, FAO and OIE. Professor Dr Anton Pijpers, vice president of the board of Utrecht University and Professor Dr Ab Osterhaus, renowned virologist and influenza expert, are respectively chairing the *Organizing Committee* and *Scientific Advisory Board* of the congress.

IOHC2015 is the 3rd edition of a series of high-level international One Health congresses following Melbourne, Australia (2011) and Bangkok, Thailand (2013).

More information (not for publication)

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