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## **Press release**

### **EMVD becomes Diagnostics for Animals**



EMVD, our European association, was funded in March 2006 by manufacturers of Animal Health Diagnostics who aimed to reunite forces in order to defend their interests. In particular, the members are acting to improve the current context of lack of harmonization regarding Animal Health Diagnostics in Europe, its simplification in particular, as well as the promotion of fair competition of all diagnostics producing laboratories.

The EMVD is the only professional organization that represents uniquely the industry of veterinary diagnostic manufactures. They cover a global market, estimated to be around 90% of the total market for Animal Health Diagnostics.

The EMVD held their General Assembly in Madrid, on 31th March 2016, during this assembly, EMVD decided to become “Diagnostics for animals”, in order to adapt to the global context of animal health diagnostics.

The main objectives are:

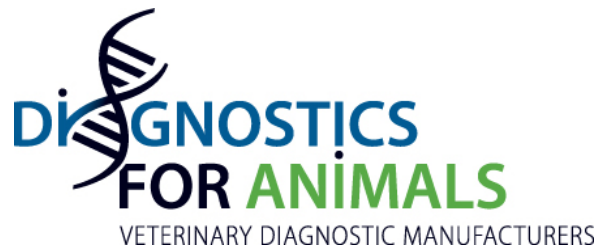
- Facilitate the dialog with international institutions (such as OIE) or International research consortia (as Star-IDAZ)
- Take globalization into account: our members export world wide
- Promote the knowledge of veterinary diagnostics and its availability
  - Through an interactive list which is available on:  
<http://diagnosticsforanimals.com/list-of-animal-health-diagnostics/>
    - To list the Animal health diagnostics currently available:
    - Search by keywords, species or diseases
  - This list is regularly updated by the members of Diagnostics for Animals
- Support the creation of a harmonized legal framework of our products
- Enlarge our membership to companies located outside Europe
- Bring discussions on diagnostics issues at an international level



The 1st General Assembly of Diagnostics for Animals elected the Executive Committee:

- Chair: Johanna Koolen, Thermo Fisher Scientific
- Secretary: Annita Ginter, BioX Diagnostics
- Treasurer: François Merit, IDEXX
- Vice President: Belen Barreiro, INGENASA
- Vice President: Jean-Luc Troch, IDEXX
- Vice President: Stephen Hennart, QIAGEN

Secretary General: Jean-Louis Hunault



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Biotechnología aplicada al diagnóstico veterinario

