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**Veterinary Biologics Training Program Registration Open**

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Ames, IA - Registration for the Veterinary Biologics Training Program, May 20-24, 2019 is open through April 15. If space is available, late applications will be accepted.

The Veterinary Biologics Training Program provides an overview of the USDA regulatory process for assuring the purity, safety, potency and efficacy of veterinary biologics (vaccines, bacterins, antisera, diagnostic kits and other products of biological origin). Representatives from the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service’s (APHIS) Center for Veterinary Biologics (CVB) present information on the requirements and processes for licensing/registration and testing of veterinary biological products. The inspection and compliance process for production, release and post-marketing surveillance of veterinary biological products is also covered in both lectures and workshops.

Professionals working in the veterinary biologics industry, researchers developing biologics, and regulatory personnel are encouraged to attend and learn about current CVB requirements. This course is a highly regarded overview of the current regulatory guidelines in the U.S. The Program is organized by the Institute for International Cooperation in Animal Biologics (IICAB) and is co-sponsored by the USDA APHIS CVB and the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Detailed information including the daily itinerary, registration deadlines and fees, meals, transportation, and lodging can be found at <http://www.cfsph.iastate.edu/IICAB/meetings/may2019.php> Participants can register for a single day or the entire program. In 2018, the program was approved for 30.5 hours of continuing education for veterinarians or veterinary technicians in jurisdictions which recognize AAVSB RACE approval. AAVSB RACE approval will be requested for the May 2019 program.

The Institute for International Cooperation in Animal Biologics also offers several online courses covering the constantly changing field of immunology. Additional information can be found at <http://www.cfsph.iastate.edu/Immunology/>

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