General presentation of the OIE

Regional Seminar for OIE National Focal Points for Aquatic Animals
Lisbon, Portugal, 9-11 April 2013
THE OIE IN BRIEF
CHRONOLOGY

An intergovernmental organisation preceding the United Nations

1924
Creation of the Office International des Epizooties (OIE)

1945
Creation of the United Nations

2003
World Organisation for Animal Health

In 2013
Headquarters in Paris (France)
6 Offices
6 Sub-Regional Representations
178 Member Countries in 2013

Africa 52 – Americas 30 – Asia, the Far East and Oceania 36
Europe 53 – Middle-East 20

Some countries belong to more than one region
Financing of the OIE

Statutory contributions

- 6 categories of statutory contributions
  - Member Countries on the United Nations' list of "Least Developed Countries" benefit from a 50% reduction of their statutory contribution
  - Part of the Members’ statutory contributions is compulsorily used to finance the Organisation’s Regional Representations operations

Voluntary contributions

- World Animal Health and Welfare Fund
  - Funding by countries hosting OIE offices in support of their activities
- Specific donations e.g. grants to buy buildings
- Provision of staff (Headquarters, regional offices)

Various sources

- Publications, fees related to official recognition of some diseases, etc…

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STRUCTURE OF THE OIE
Governance structure of the OIE

- World Assembly of Delegates
- Council
- Director General
- Headquarters
- Specialist Commissions: Code, Aquatic Animals, Laboratories, and Scientific
- Reference Laboratories, Collaborating Centres
- Regional Commissions
- Working Groups, Ad hoc Groups
- Regional Representations
- Sub-regional Representations
- Sub-regional Representations
Governance structure of the OIE

- Highest authority of the OIE; formulates decisions by means of Resolutions
- Comprises all national Delegates to the OIE
- Meets at least once a year
- Elects the members of the OIE Council
- Elects the members of the Specialist Commissions
- Adopts the OIE standards published in the Codes and Manuals
- Approves the official disease status of Members and the list of OIE Collaborating Centres and Reference Laboratories
- Elects the Director General for a five-year term of office
  » one Member = one vote

World Assembly of Delegates
Governance structure of the OIE

The Council

• Members of the Council are elected for a three-year term of office

• The current Council was elected for the period 2012 – 2015

• Represents the World Assembly of Delegates in the interval between General Sessions

• Examines technical and administrative items to be presented to the World Assembly of Delegates for approval:
  • Comments on the OIE technical programme of work
  • Approves the OIE provisional budget and its implementation
The Council 2/2

2013

President

Dr Karin Schwabenbauer (Germany)

Past President

Dr Carlos Correa Messuti (Uruguay)

Vice-President

Dr Jouad Berrada (Morocco)

Members

Dr Evgeny Neplokonov (Russia)
Dr Botlhe Michael Modisane (South Africa)
Dr Toshiro Kawashima (Japan)
Dr Mark Schipp (Australia)
Dr Brian Evans (Canada)
The OIE is managed by the OIE Headquarters in Paris, placed under the responsibility of a Director General elected by secret ballot by the World Assembly of Delegates.

In 2010, Dr Bernard Vallat was elected Director General of the World Organisation for Animal Health for a third five-year term.
Governance structure of the OIE

"Communication" Unit

Legal adviser

World Fund Coordination

Director General

Deputy Director General
Administration, Management, Human Resources and Regional Actions

"Human resources" Unit

"Budget" Unit

"Accounts" Unit

Regional Activities Department

Administration, Logistics and Publications Department

Regional and Sub-Regional Representations

Deputy Director General
Animal Health, Veterinary Public Health and International Standards

Scientific and Technical Department

Animal Health Information Department

International Trade Department

Technical advisor
The Specialist Commissions are elected by the World Assembly of Delegates for a period of three years.

Their role is to use relevant scientific information to:

- study epidemiological issues, especially the prevention and control methods of animal diseases
- develop, update and propose OIE’s international standards and guidelines for adoption by the World Assembly
- address scientific and technical issues raised by Members, with the exception of bilateral trade problems, for which the OIE has an in-house mediation procedure should the relevant Members request it
Members of the AAHSC Commission elected by the World Assembly in May 2012

• President
  – Dr Franck Berthe (France)

• Vice-Presidents
  – Dr Jie Huang (P. R. China)
  – Dr Victor Manuel Vidal (Mexico)

• Members
  – Dr Ingo Ernst (Australia)
  – Dr Brit Hjeltnes (Norway)
  – Dr Alicia Gallardo Lagno (Chile)
**Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission**

"Code Commission"

- Responsible for ensuring that the Code reflects current scientific information.

**Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases**

"Scientific Commission"

- Assists in identifying the most appropriate strategies and measures for the following:
  - disease surveillance
  - disease prevention and control
  - examining Members’ request regarding their official animal health status, for countries that wish to be included on the OIE official list of countries or zones free from certain diseases

**Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission**

"Aquatic Animals Commission"

- Compiles information on diseases of fish, molluscs, crustaceans and amphibians and recommends appropriate prevention and control methods for these diseases.

**Biological Standards Commission**

"Laboratories Commission"

- Establishes or approves methods for:
  - diagnostic of diseases of mammals, birds and bees
  - defining quality criteria of biological products such as vaccines, used for disease control purposes
- Oversees production and adoption of the *Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals*.
- Advises the Director General in supervising the global network of OIE Reference Laboratories and Collaborating Centres (265 worldwide in 2011).
The OIE has set up five Regional Commissions to express specific issues Members in the different regions face.

The Bureau of these Commissions counts four Delegates elected by the World Assembly of Delegates for a three-year term of office. It represents the Members between the Regional Commissions’ meetings.

The following regions host Regional Commissions:

- Africa
- Americas
- Asia, the Far East and Oceania
- Europe
- Middle East

» Each Regional Commission holds a Conference every two years in one of the countries of the region. Each Commission also meets every year on the margin of the World Assembly of Delegates.

» The Conferences focus on technical items and on regional cooperation relating to animal disease control.

» The Commissions can fully be considered as regional institutions.
Governance structure of the OIE

Regional Commission for Europe (2012-2015)

President
Dr Ago Pärtel (Estonia)

Vice-President
Dr Ivan Bisiuk (Ukraine)

Vice-President
Dr Lucio Carbajo Goñi (Spain)

Secretary General
Dr Nihat Pakdil (Turkey)
These representations closely collaborate with Regional Commissions and are directly under the Director General’s authority.
OIE Working Groups are responsible for constantly reviewing developments in their field of competence and for keeping OIE Specialist Commission and the Director General informed of current issues through scientific meetings.

The fields of competence are:

- Animal welfare
- Animal production food safety
- Wildlife

Their membership is submitted to the World Assembly of Delegates.

These Groups are set up by the Director General as and when needed:

- to prepare recommendations for submission to Specialist Commissions and Working Groups
- with internationally renowned scientists who often belong to OIE Reference Centres
Governance structure of the OIE

**The Delegate**

- Nominated by his/her Government
- Usually the Chief Veterinary Officer of his/her country
- Member of the World Assembly of Delegates (which meets in General Session)
- National focal point for the OIE in the country
- Official national and international status

» Responsible for negotiating international veterinary standards on behalf of his/her country

» Notifies the OIE of the animal disease situation in his/her country
Focal Points are nominated by the Delegate for each of the following fields:

- Aquatic animal diseases
- Wildlife diseases
- Animal disease notification
- Veterinary products
- Communication
- Animal welfare
- Animal production food safety
- Veterinary Laboratories
National Focal Points

Role and responsibilities:

- Each Member Country’s Delegate must nominate a focal point for each of the topics proposed by the OIE
- Focal points are nominated by the Delegate even if they work in other Ministries, and they communicate with the OIE under the authority of the Delegate
- Focal points support the Delegate in commenting draft standards proposed by the OIE
- Focal points support the Delegate in preparing and implementing appropriate legislation
- Focal points are technical contact points with the OIE regional offices and headquarters, under the authority of the Delegate
- They can be part of regional or global networks to share information
The OIE’s scientific network 1/6

Reference Laboratories 1/3

Expert centres for animal diseases

- Develop, perform and validate diagnostic tests
- Store and distribute reference reagents
- Organise laboratory proficiency testing of other Members’ laboratories
- Coordinate scientific and technical studies

- Provide scientific and technical training to Members
- Are under the responsibility of an expert of reference
- The list of Reference Laboratories is validated by the World Assembly of Delegates annually
The OIE’s scientific network 2/6

Reference Laboratories 2/3

May 2012

236 Reference Laboratories in 37 countries
111 diseases or topics

World distribution of the OIE-Reference Laboratories

OIE-Reference laboratories
- 1 or 2 OIE-reference labs
- 3 or 4 OIE-reference labs
- 5 to 10 OIE-reference labs
- more than 10 OIE-reference labs
- no OIE-reference lab

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### Location of Reference Laboratories in Europe for aquatic animal diseases

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The OIE’s scientific network 4/6

Collaborating Centres 1/3

Centres of excellence on horizontal topics

• Assist in the development of procedures to update and promote international standards and guidelines on animal health and welfare
• Coordinate scientific studies
• Organise training seminars
• Organise and host technical meetings in collaboration with the OIE
The OIE’s scientific network 5/6

Collaborating Centres 2/3

May 2012

40 Collaborating Centres in 23 countries
40 topics

World distribution of the OIE-Collaborating Centres

OIE-Collaborating centres
- 1 collaborating centre
- 2 or 3 collaborating centres
- more than 3 collaborating centres
- no OIE-collaborating centre

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### Location of Collaborating Centres in Europe for topics related to aquatic animals

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Permanent institutional cooperation with public global partner organisations 1/3

In 2012

WHO - World Health Organization

FAO - Food and Agriculture Organization

WTO - World Trade Organization

IPPC - International Plant Protection Convention

World Bank

CABI - CAB International

ILRI - International Livestock Research Institute
Public global partner organisations 2/3

ICMM – International Committee of Military Medecine

WIPO – World Intellectual Property Organization

WMO – World Meteorological Organization

WCO – World Customs Organization

ICES – International Council for the Exploration of the Sea

BTWC – Biological and Toxins Weapons Convention
Public global partner organisations

ICLAS – International Council for Laboratory Animal Science

UNEP – United Nations Environment Programme

CBD – Convention on Biological Diversity

International Organization for Standardization

United Nations Office of Disarmament Affairs

International Union for conservation of nature
Technical and scientific cooperation with global private sector bodies 1/2

- **IMS** International Meat Secretariat
- **IDF** International Dairy Federation
- **FEI** Fédération Equestre Internationale
- **SSAFE** Safe Supply of Affordable Food Everywhere initiative
- **IEC** International Egg Commission
- **IFAH** International Federation for Animal Health
- **IFAP** International Federation of Agricultural Producers
- **GFSI** Global Food Safety Initiative
## Global private sector bodies 2/2

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Regional public organisations 2/2

ASEAN - Association of the South East Asian Nations

SAARC - South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation

WAEMU - West African Economic and Monetary Union

SEAFDC - Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center

UMA - Arab Maghreb Union
FIFTH STRATEGIC PLAN
2011 - 2015
A mandate far wider than when the OIE was created

The OIE was created in 1924

To prevent the spread of animal diseases throughout the world

The 4th Strategic Plan 2006-2010 extended the OIE’s mandate to

“The improvement of animal health worldwide”
First, continuing to consolidate major objectives of the 4th Strategic Plan

- Transparency of world animal disease situation (including zoonoses)
- Collect and publish veterinary scientific information, notably animal disease prevention and control methods
- Sanitary safety of international trade in animals and their products under the mandate given by the WTO

Improve animal health and welfare worldwide
Improve animal health, veterinary public health, animal welfare, and consolidate the animal’s role worldwide
Fifth Strategic Plan 2011-2015
Reinforcing priority missions 4/7

- Good governance of Veterinary Services
- Scientific excellence
- Capacity building
- Animal welfare: a strategic commitment by the OIE
- Influence on animal health management worldwide
- Influence on national policies
- Communication
Fifth Strategic Plan 2011-2015
Reinforcing priority missions 5/7

The OIE collaborates with governments, donors and other stakeholders
The One Health Concept

- A worldwide strategy for managing risks at the animal-human interface ecosystems
- OIE, FAO and WHO renewed their commitment with the Tripartite Concept Note created in 2010
  - Animal influenza viruses, rabies and antimicrobial resistance will serve as priorities for intersectoral control approaches
  - Rabies control is a priority model to apply the ‘One Health’ concept by countries and intergovernmental organisations at the OIE Global Conference on Rabies Control in September 2011 (Seoul Incheon, South Korea)
Veterinary education

- International recognition of veterinary qualifications and promotion of professional excellence throughout the world

- OIE Worldwide Conference of Deans of veterinary education establishments and permanent follow-up

- The OIE published Recommendations on the Competencies of graduating veterinarians (‘Day 1 graduates’) to assure the quality of national Veterinary Services at the entry-level
OIE Standard
Elaboration and Updating
OIE International Standards

Terrestrial Animal Health Code – mammals, birds and bees

Aquatic Animal Health Code – fish, molluscs, crustaceans and amphibians

Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals

Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals
Updating OIE standards

• issue / problem identified by Delegates, OIE Commission, industry, scientist, individual
  ➜ New scientific information eg from research or disease outbreak
  ➜ new diseases – emerging diseases
  ➜ new approach to control eg vaccination

• addressed by appropriate Commission as a new or revised standard
  ➜ Using working groups and ad hoc groups for specialist tasks eg animal welfare, BSE, epidemiology, avian influenza, TB...
Developing / updating of international standards

Assembly:
Delegates of 178 Members

1. Comments
2. Adoption

OIE INTERNATIONAL STANDARD
OIE PUBLICATIONS AND WEB SITE
Publications

- *Scientific and Technical Review* - every 4 months
- Terrestrial animal Health code – once a year
- Aquatic Animal Health Code – once a year
- *Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals*
- *World Animal Health* - once a year
- *Bulletin* - every 3 months
- Technical Items, information brochures, thematic publications - variable frequency
On the OIE website www.oie.int

- Disease alerts
- Global animal disease situation
- International Standards on Animal Health and Welfare (*Codes, Manuals*), Guidelines, Recommendations, etc.
- *Scientific and Technical Review*
- General and scientific information on OIE activities
- Editorials from the Director General, press releases
- Media Resources
OIE builds its capacity to improve global animal health information

In our globalised world, the prevention and immediate control of potential biological disasters relies on their early detection.

+ More
+ View all editorials

Specific issues

Animal welfare

Vademecum

For the Delegates

Food safety

Contributions from the veterinary profession

Competencies of graduating veterinarians
+ Newly adopted chapters
+ Self-declared disease status
+ Invasive alien animal species
+ Schmallenberg virus
+ Bioterrorism
+ FAO-OIE-WHO Concept Note on health risks at human-animal interface
+ Antimicrobial resistance
+ All specific issues

Bulletin online (OIE Magazine): Latest issue

Disease distribution maps

OIE World Conferences

27-29 June 2012
FAO/OIE global conference on foot and mouth disease control
Bangkok (Recommendations)

6-8 November 2012
Third OIE global conference on animal welfare
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

13-15 March 2013
OIE Global Conference on the Responsible and Prudent Use of Antimicrobial Agents for Animals
Paris, France

+ View OIE World Conferences
+ View the Recommendations of all World Conferences
+ Other OIE Key Events
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Thank you for your attention

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