GENERAL PRESENTATION OF THE OIE

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Structure and Governance
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
Governance structure of the OIE

- The World Assembly of Delegates
- Council
  - Specialist Commissions
    - Ad hoc Groups
    - Working Groups
- Director General
  - Headquarters
    - Regional and Sub-Regional Representations
- Regional Commissions
- Collaborating Centres
  - Reference Laboratories

Authority relations
Functional relations
Governance structure of the OIE

World Assembly of Delegates

- 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
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

Members

Dr John Clifford (USA)
Dr Evgeny Neplokonov (Russia)
Dr Botlhle Michael Modisane (South Africa)
Dr Toshiro Kawashima (Japan)
Dr Mark Schipp (Australia)
Dr Ali Abdllah Al-Sahmi (Oman)
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

- 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
- Technical advisor

- "Communication" Unit
- Legal adviser

- World Coordination

- 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
### Specialist Commissions

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| **Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission**  
| **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. Responsible for updating the *Aquatic Animal Health Code* and the *Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals*; and for proposing new standards for adoption by the World Assembly of Delegates. |
| **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.
These representations closely collaborate with Regional Commissions and are directly under the Director General’s authority.
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
Global network of OIE expertise

OIE Reference Laboratories – leading expertise in surveillance and control of a named OIE listed disease

OIE Collaborating Centres – expertise in a specific designated sphere of competence e.g. epidemiology, emerging avian diseases, veterinary medicinal products, animal welfare
The OIE’s scientific network

241 Reference Laboratories in 37 countries
116 diseases or topics

World distribution of the OIE-Reference Laboratories

Reference Laboratories

May 2013
The OIE’s scientific network

Collaborating Centres

May 2013

43 Collaborating Centres in 24 countries
42 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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Budget of the OIE
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…
OIE Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific

Japan Trust Fund

TAD Control
- GF-TADs Steering Committee, FMD Control in Asia

One Health and Veterinary Service
- HPAI, Rabies, Strengthening Veterinary Services

Support for Animal Health Activities
- International standard setting, Regional Activities

Part of Regular contribution Fund

World Animal Health and Welfare Fund
OIE Sub-Regional Representation for South-East Asia

- **STANDZ** – AusAID
  - Stop Trans-boundary Animal Diseases and Zoonoses
  - Supports SEACFMD, STRIVES and One Health programmes

- **HPED** – EU
  - Highly Pathogenic and Emerging and re-emerging Diseases
  - Vaccine bank, capacity building, vet governance

- **IDENTIFY** – USAID
  - Laboratory strengthening
DONORS AND PARTNERS
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
International Relations

- Permanent institutional cooperation with public global partner organisations
- Technical and scientific cooperation with global private sector bodies
- Technical and scientific cooperation with regional public organisations
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

CODEX ALIMENTARIUS
International Food Standards
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 3/3

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

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Technical and scientific cooperation with regional public organisations 1/2

European Commission
Andean Community
AOAD
IICA
AU-IBAR
OIRSA
IDB

CEBEVIRHA
PVC
SPC
PAHO
ECOWAS
SADC
Caribbean Community
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
MANDATE of the OIE
OIE’s mandate in 1924 was: ‘prevent the spread of animal diseases throughout the world’

4th Strategic Plan (2006-2010) changed the OIE’s mandate: ‘improve animal health worldwide’

5th Strategic Plan (2011-2015) extended the OIE’s mandate: ‘improve animal health and welfare worldwide’
OIE international standards, guidelines and recommendations for animal health (including zoonoses)

Including standards on quality of Veterinary Services and/or Aquatic Animal Health Services
FIFTH STRATEGIC PLAN
2011 - 2015
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 3/6

Food security
• Food security (from quantitative and qualitative perspective) is a key public health concern

• Healthy animals guarantee food security and food safety

Food safety
• Need for a global supply of safe food

• The Veterinary Services must play a key role in protecting consumers
Animal welfare: a strategic commitment by the OIE

- Animal health is a key component of animal welfare
- The OIE is recognised worldwide as the leader in developing international standards on animal welfare
Suitable legislation and its implementation through effective national animal health systems

Surveillance, early detection and rapid response to disease outbreaks thanks to a national chain of command and good diagnostic capacities

Alliances between the public and private sector (farmers, private veterinarians, consumers) are key

Support to the quality of Services through the use of OIE PVS tool (evaluation and gap analysis of international standards)

Initial and continuing veterinary education

Applied research
Fifth Strategic Plan 2011-2015
New actions 6/6

The One Health Concept
• A worldwide strategy for managing risks at the animal-human interface ecosystems

Veterinary education
• International recognition of veterinary qualifications and promotion of professional excellence throughout the world
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**
- **Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial 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 Regional Website launched in March 2013

http://www.rr-asia.oie.int/
Thank you for your attention!