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General presentation of the OIE

OIE Training Seminar: OIE standards and procedure to facilitate international movements of horses
Baku, Azerbaijan, 3-5 March 2020
History

An international technical and science-based Organisation

1924: Creation of the Office International des Épizooties (OIE)
1945: Creation of the United Nations

1. Headquarters in Paris (France)
5. Regional Representations
7. Sub-regional Representations
Global Network

182 membres

312 Reference Centres

Près de 75 Partner Organisations

1 Headquarters

13 Regional and sub-regional representations

Europe
Brussels
Moscow
Nur Sultan
182 Members in 2019
Structure of the OIE
Governance structures of the OIE

World Assembly of Delegates

Diagram showing the relationships between World Assembly of Delegates, Council, Director General, Headquarters, Specialist Commissions, Ad hoc Groups, Working Groups, Regional Commissions, Collaborating Centres, Reference Laboratories, Regional and Sub-Regional Representations.
World Assembly of Delegates

Highest authority of the OIE

- Composed of all national Delegates of the OIE
- Convenes at least once a year in May

Adopts the OIE Standards published in the OIE Codes and Manuals

1 Member = 1 vote
The Delegate

National Representative for the OIE

- Responsible for negotiating international veterinary standards
- Notification to the OIE of the national animal disease situation
- National representative with international status

Appointed by the national government

(most frequently, the country’s Chief Veterinary Officer)
# National Focal Points

*8 areas of expertise*

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*Appointed by the Delegate*
Governance structures of the OIE
Council

Represents the World Assembly of Delegates

- Members elected by OIE Delegates

Functions

- Examines the technical and administrative documents prepared by the Director General and submitted to each Member Country prior to the World Assembly of Delegates

- Approves the OIE’s provisional budget and monitors its implementation

- Represents the World Assembly of Delegates between General Sessions

3-year Term 2018-2021
Governance structures of the OIE
Regional Commissions

Address specific local issues

- Can be fully considered as regional institutions
- Board composed of 4 Delegates elected for a 3-year term of office by the World Assembly
- Regional Commission Conferences
  - Every 2 years
  - In one of the countries of the region
- Recommendations submitted to the World Assembly for approval and implementation by the Director General
- Meet annually during the World Assembly

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Africa

Americas

Europe

Asia, Far East, Oceania

Middle East
Governance structures of the OIE
Specialist Commissions

- Elected by the World Assembly of Delegates

Functions

- Study **epidemiological** and **scientific** issues
  - Animal disease prevention and control methods
- Develop, update and propose international **standards** and **guidelines** for adoption by the World Assembly of Delegates
- Study **scientific** and **technical** issues raised by Members, excluding **trade** issues for which the Director General may propose mediation

3 year Term

![2018-2021]
Specialist Commissions

- Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission
  Code Commission

- Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission
  Aquatic Animal Commission

- Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases
  Scientific Commission

- Biological Standards Commission
  Laboratories Commission
Governance structures of the OIE

Ad hoc Groups
Working Groups
Ad hoc and Working Groups

Internationally renowned experts from the Reference Centres

World Assembly of Delegates
- Forms
- Permanent
- Working Groups
  - Regularly update progress made in the field of expertise: (Until May 2017)
  - Animal welfare
  - Food safety
  - Wildlife

Director General
- Forms
- One-off
- Ad hoc Groups
  - Prepare recommendations on specific topics:
    - Examples:
      - Veterinary paraprofessionals
      - Veterinary legislation
      - Tilapia lake virus

Specialist Commissions
- Advise on current issues
- Provide recommendations
Governance structures of the OIE
Director General
Since 1 January 2016

- Elected in May 2015 by the World Assembly of national Delegates
- 1st woman elected to this position
- Implementation of the 6th Strategic Plan 2016-2020

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Governance structures of the OIE
Regional (RR) and Sub-regional (SRR) Representations

Under the direct authority of the Director General
Collaborate closely with Regional Commissions
Governance structures of the OIE
Reference Centres

312
Reference Centres

254
Reference Laboratories

58
Collaborating Centres
Reference Laboratories

Expert Centres for animal diseases

254 Reference laboratories in 37 countries
106 diseases
Collaborating Centres

Centres of excellence on horizontal topics

58 Collaborating Centres in 28 countries
50 topics
The four pillars of the OIE
The four pillars of the OIE

Improving animal health and welfare worldwide

**STANDARDS**
for international trade of animals and animal products

**TRANSPARENCY**
of the world animal disease situation

**EXPERTISE**
Collection and dissemination of veterinary scientific information

**SOLIDARITY**
Between countries to strengthen capacities worldwide

Under the WTO mandate

Including zoonoses

Prevention and control methods for animal diseases

Capacity building tools and programmes
Sixth Strategic Plan
(2016-2020)
Global vision

Economic prosperity, social and environmental welfare of populations

Protecting animals  Preserving our future

Delivering timely, high quality information and services to

- allow the management of risks to terrestrial and aquatic animal health and welfare
- minimise associated dangers to human health
- protect the environment and biodiversity in a “One Health” approach
6TH STRATEGIC PLAN 2016-2020

Reinforcing trust through TRANSPARENCY and communication

- Spreading scientific and technical knowledge by:
  - Providing technical veterinary expertise
  - Collecting and disseminating disease data notified by Member Countries

- We are
  - Incorporate social, economic and environmental sciences
  - Take into account new technologies

- We will
  - Improve governance to strengthen science and expert roles
  - Modernise our external communication tools

Improving animal health and welfare by appropriate RISK MANAGEMENT

- Developing science-based guidelines and standards to address:
  - Antimicrobials use and alternatives
  - Global disease control and eradication
  - Biothreat reduction
  - Climate change and biodiversity

- We are
  - Further implement the One Health concept
  - Enhance countries' official disease status recognition

- We will
  - Incorporate social, economic and environmental sciences
  - Take into account new technologies

Supporting and strengthening VETERINARY SERVICES at the front lines of public health

- Addressing human-animal health emergencies with partners
- Enhancing global governance of animal health systems

- We are
  - Highlight benefits brought by sustainable Veterinary Services

- We will
  - Adapt our capacity-building programmes to fit local contexts

Excellence

- SCIENCE
  - Expert groups
  - Reference Centres
  - Specialist Commissions

- Management
  - Regional adaptations
  - Financial resources
  - Partnerships

Engagement

- Timeliness
  - Knowledge transfer
  - New technologies

- Diversity and selection
  - Next generation scientists

- Objectivity
  - Quality

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  - Timeliness

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  - New technologies
  - Knowledge transfer

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*The OIE World Animal Health Information System

*OIE Programme to improve the performance of Veterinary Services
Strategic objectives

Improving animal health and welfare by appropriate risk management
Strategic objectives

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Reinforcing trust through Transparency and communication
Supporting and strengthening Veterinary Services at the front lines of public health
7th OIE Strategic Plan

2021 - 2025
Success factors

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- next generation scientists
Conclusion

OIE activities are a Global Public Good

Benefiting the international community, contributing to building a healthier future
Thank you for your attention

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