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News from FAO

- Designation of FAO Reference Centres according to the Oct. 2006 Corporate policy
- Steps:
 1. Submission of applications to AGAH-Reference-Centre@fao.org
 2. Evaluation (defined criteria; evaluation panel)
 3. Agreement on a workplan between both parties
 4. Approval in principle by FAO DG
 5. Government endorsement letters signed by FAO DG
 6. Draft designation letter shared with applicants
 7. Final designation signed by FAO DG (4 years)



Update on FAO Reference Centres in animal health

Officially designated FAO Reference Centres

FMD	IZSLER* NVSL/FADDL* VAR*	Italy USA Belgium	April 2011 June 2011 Sept 2011
Animal Influenza and ND	FLI	Germany	August 2011



Designation process in final stage – Government endorsement received

FMD	ICAR* IAH	India UK
Animal Influenza and ND	AAHL IZS Ve	Australia Italy
Wildlife	MoZWE* Wetlands International*	Thailand The Netherlands
Epidemiology	IZS A&M*	Italy
Vectors and vector borne diseases	Dilave (Rubino)* ITM	Uruguay Belgium





Government endorsement pending

FMD	OVI FGI-ARRIAH	South Africa Russia
Animal Influenza and ND	VLA NVSL AIL (Harbin) SEPRL	UK USA China USA
Epidemiology	CADM* APHI* RVC *	USA USA UK
Vectors and vector borne diseases	CIRDES* ICIPE* OVI* UCTD*	Burkina Faso Kenya South Africa The Netherlands
Parasitology	NHM* Valencia University*	UK Spain
Wildlife	WCS*	USA



Positively evaluated by panel, workplan agreed with applicants - Pending DG approval

VPH	Istituto Superiore della Sanità* University of Berlin*	Italy Germany
Rabies	IZSve*	Italy
Brucellosis	ANSES Kimron Veterinary Institute	France Israel
Ruminant morbilliviruses	IAH CIRAD	UK France
Ruminant mycoplasma	CIRAD	France
FMD	CFIA (Winnipeg)*	Canada
ASF	OVI	South Africa
CSF	FLI*	Germany



Positively evaluated by panel, workplan in progress/further information awaited

Rabies	VLA	UK
Brucellosis	VLA SENASA	UK Argentina
Parasitic zoonoses	University of Copenhagen*	Denmark
Ruminant mycoplasma	LNIV INRB	Portugal
Parasitology	CSIRO, CLI*	Australia
Tuberculosis	NVSL*	USA
CSF	VLA	UK



To be evaluated in the next panel

Laboratory biosafety/biocontainment	CISA –INIA*	Spain
Wildlife- livestock-human interface	University of Pretoria*	South Africa
ASF	IZS-UM*	Italy
Vaccine quality control and PPR	PANVAC*	Ethiopia



Other updates

- Not retained: six applications; others incomplete or non eligible because of legal status
- More applications awaited
- Some issues for government endorsement when institute is not under MoA
- Long process; much delay at every step
- Information on FAO Reference Centres will be made publicly available on the FAO website



News from OIE (1)

- Revised *Basic Texts* of OIE adopted (May 2011)
 - New Entity « OIE Reference Centres »
 - Revised ToRs for OIE Reference Laboratories (RL)
 - Revised ToRs for OIE Collaborating Centres (CC)
 - Streamlined designation process (consultations with relevant Commissions of OIE)
 - Designation Criteria (geographic)



News from OIE (2)

- Biological Standards Commission is working on best practices for networking of Reference Centres
- From a monmouth CC towards individual CC by specialty
- Impact of financial crisis on laboratories servicing the international community



Comparison FAO/OIE RCs

- 26/48 FAO future Ref. Centres are not OIE Ref. Centres.
- Disease-based RCs have more convergence than centres dealing with horizontal topics, eg wildlife, epidemiology.



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Objectives (specific)			
Objective (general)			
Selection criteria			
Expert/institution based recognition			
Designation process (including approval by the ministry)			
Review/evaluation criteria process			
Reporting requirements			
Coordinating personnel/committee			
Reviewing personnel/committee			
Support from the designating Organisation (financial or other)			
Links with HQ			
Links with Regional Offices			
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Termination clauses			
Minimal services to be provided for free			
Place and nature of information on designated institutions			
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Joint Actions (1)

- Sharing and updating lists of Reference Centres (indicating mutual recognition)
- Comparison of rules and criteria governing FAO and OIE Reference Centres
- Harmonising annual reporting requirements (requires more study)
- Encouraging « cross-designation » by OIE and FAO (requires more study)



Joint Actions (2)

- What support to global networks of Ref. Centres working in the same domain?
- Learning lessons from regional initiatives for facilitating communications between and common research by Ref. Centres (e.g. WHO-FAO-OIE Regional Forum of CCs and RCs in Asia, December 2011)
- Declarations of interest