OIE REACHING OUT GLOBALLY

Animal Health Contingency Planning in the Nordic-Baltic Countries

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THE OIE BRIEF
Global Context

Globalisation

- Unprecedented movements of commodities and people, used by pathogens to colonize all the planet

- Climate changes and human behaviour allow colonisation of new territories by vectors and pathogens

« The 5 Ts »

- Trade
- Travel
- Transport
- Tourism
- Terrorism
The importance of the zoonotic potential of animal pathogens

- 60% of human pathogens are zoonotic
- 75% of emerging diseases are zoonotic
- 80% of agents with potential bioterrorist use are zoonotic pathogens
- Disease control at the animal source is critical
What is the OIE?

- An intergovernmental organisation created in 1924 to prevent the spread of animal diseases throughout the world

1924

Creation of the Office International des Epizooties (OIE)

Headquarters in Paris (France)

1945

Creation of the United Nations

5 Regional Representations

2003

New preferred name: World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)

7 Sub-Regional Representations & Sub-Regional Offices
180 Member Countries in 2016

Certain countries belong to more than one region
STRUCTURE OF THE OIE
World Assembly of OIE Delegates
Highest authority of the OIE

- Composed of all National Delegates of the OIE
- Convene once a year

**FUNCTIONS**

- Makes decisions through the adoption of resolutions
- Adopts the OIE Standards published in the OIE Codes and Manuals
- Approves the official disease status of Member Countries and the list of OIE Collaborating Centres and Reference Laboratories

**ELECTS**

- Members of the OIE Council & Regional Commissions
- Members of the OIE Specialist Commissions
- Director General

**1 Member = 1 vote**
National Focal Points

APPOINTED by the Delegate for each of the following 8 areas:

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

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

• Assist the Delegate to
  • **Comment on draft standards** proposed by the OIE
  • **Prepare and implement appropriate legislation**

• **Technical contact points** with the OIE regional offices and headquarters
  • Under the authority of the Delegate

• **Information exchange** and international **networking**
GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES 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
Council
Represents the World Assembly of 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
2015 2018

• Members elected by OIE Delegates
Council

Members

President
Dr Botlhe Michael Modisane (South Africa)

Past President
Dr Karin Schwabenbauer (Germany)

Vice-President
Dr Mark Schipp (Australia)

Dr Joaquín Delgadillo (Mexico)
Dr Evgeny Nepoklonov (Russia)
Dr Nicholas Kauta (Uganda)
Dr Toshiro Kawashima (Japan)
Dr Hugo Idoyaga (Paraguay)
Dr Hadi Ap Lawati (Oman)
The New OIE Director General
Takeover: 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

Dr Monique ELOIT
Headquarters
Under the authority of the Director General
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Working Groups

Authority relations

Functional relations
Specialist Commissions

- Elected by the World Assembly of Delegates

3-year Term 2015 - 2018

FUNCTIONS

- Terrestrial Animal Health Standard Commission ➢ Code Commission
- Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases ➢ Scientific Commission
- Aquatic Animal Health Standard Commission ➢ Aquatic Animal Commission
- Biological Standard Commission ➢ Laboratories Commission
GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES 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
Regional Commissions
Addresses 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

America

Asia, Far East, Oceania

Middle East

Europe
Regional Commissions for Europe


- President: Dr Maris Balodis (Latvia)
- Vice-President: Dr Budimir Plavsic (Serbia)
- Vice-President: Dr Ulrich Herzog (Austria)
- Secretary General: Dr Aliachandr Subbotin (Belarus)

Council member

- Past-President: Dr Karin Schwabenbauer (Germany)

Regional Core Group

Established based on the Work Plan
GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES OF THE OIE

The World Assembly of Delegates

Council

Specialist Commissions

Ad hoc Groups

Working Groups

Director General

Headquarters

Regional Commissions

Collaborating Centres

Reference Laboratories

Regional and Sub-Regional Representations

Authority relations

Functional relations
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

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

Ad hoc Groups
Working Groups

Authority relations
Functional relations
Ad hoc and Working Groups

Internationally renowned experts from the Reference Centres

World Assembly of Delegates

Forms

Director General

Forms

Permanent Working Groups

Regularly updates progress made in the field of expertise:

1. Animal welfare
2. Food safety
3. Wildlife

Recommendations

Working Groups

Ad Hoc Groups

Prepare recommendations on specific topics:

Examples:

- MERS-CoV
- Porcine epidemic diarrhoea
- Foot-and-mouth disease

Provide recommendations

Specialist Commissions

Advise on current issues
Reference Centres

- 313 Reference Centres
  - 262 Reference Laboratories
  - 51 Collaborating Centres
6th STRATEGIC PLAN
2016-2020

- Adopted in May 2015 by the 180 OIE Member Countries
- Entered in force on 1st January 2016
- Includes the key missions of the 5th Strategic Plan
OIE’s 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
3 Strategic Objectives

1. **Securing** animal health and welfare by appropriate risk management
   - Advance towards more science and transparency
   - Develop partnerships

2. Establishing **trust** through transparency and communication
   - Modernise the communication channels
   - Value scientific information produced by the OIE

3. Ensuring the **capacity** and sustainability of national Veterinary Services
   - Increase support to Member Countries
3 Cross-Cutting Areas

A. Scientific Excellence
   - OIE Reference Centres
   - Organise scientific conferences and workshops

B. Diversity, Inclusiveness, Engagement, Transparency
   - Ad-hoc groups, working groups and staffing
   - Wider demographic base

C. Governance
   - Resource planning and accounting
   - Partnership
Regional Perspective

1st Regional Work Plan Framework (RWPF) 2011-2015

6th OIE Strategic Plan 2016-2020

Regional Priorities for Europe

2nd Regional Work Plan Framework 2016-2020

Regional Objectives

1. Transparency and Communication in Animal Diseases Information
2. Contribution to the Development of Scientifically-Based Standards
3. Capacity Building for National Veterinary Services
4. Prevention, Control and Eradication of Animal Diseases including Zoonoses
5. Ensuring the Scientific Excellence of Information and Advice
6. Cooperation with Partner Agencies in the pursuit of “One Health” Concept
OIE’s MISSIONS
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 mandate given by the WTO

including zoonoses

animal disease prevention and control methods

Capacity building tools and programmes
Pillar 1: STANDARDS
OIE key publications

CODES

Once a year

- Terrestrial
- Aquatic

MANUALS

- Terrestrial
- Aquatic

Standards to improve animal health and welfare and veterinary public health

http://www.oie.int/en/international-standard-setting/overview/
OIE international standards
Standard setting procedure

- Transparent
- Democratic
- Science based
- Rapid & flexible
- Member participation
- Well-established
- International collaboration
OIE international standards

Standard setting procedure
Animal Welfare

A strategic commitment

Animal Health, key component of animal welfare

• The OIE is the world reference organisation for developing international standards on animal welfare
Food Security and Safety

**Food Security**
- Key issue for public health (nutrition)
- Productivity is dependent on animal health
- Monitoring the use of antimicrobials

**Food Safety**
- Need for global, national and local supply of food which is free from pathogens and sanitary risks

ensured through healthy animals and effective Veterinary Services
“One Health” Concept

A global strategy for managing risks at the Animal – Human – Ecosystems interface

Tripartite agreement of 3 Directors General

3 Priorities

Zoonotic influenzas

⇒ OFFLU, OIE/FAO expertise network on animal influenza

Antimicrobial resistance

⇒ OIE closely participated to the elaboration of the WHO Global Action plan

Rabies

⇒ Zero human deaths from dog-mediated rabies by 2030 worldwide
“Collaboration between WHO and OIE

To provide countries with facilitating tools to build synergies and create bridges

With the support of the WB and the EU
Intergovernmental regulations and standards for the development of national capacities for early detection and rapid response

Intergovernmental Standards

International Health Regulations (IHR)

PVS tool

IHR follow-up tool
The four pillars of the OIE

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  under the mandate given by the WTO

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  of the world animal disease situation
  
  including zoonoses

- **EXPERTISE**
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  animal disease prevention and control methods

- **SOLIDARITY**
  between countries to strengthen capacities worldwide
  
  Capacity building tools and programmes
Pillar 2: TRANSPARENCY

Provide information; transparent, relevant, accessible to all

Objectives

• Promote the OIE and its work
• Useful animal health information (WAHIS)
• Communication with Veterinary Services (Chapter 3.3 of the Terrestrial Code)

Targets

• Specialised
• General

Means

An efficient network
Inform targets
Train the 180x8 Focal Points
Harmonise messages

An expanded network
Public Relations
Press Relations
Social Networks

A dynamic network
Publications on a regular basis
Updated website
The four pillars of the OIE

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Capacity building tools and programmes
Pillar 3: EXPERTISE

OIE Reference centres

**Strengthen the OIE’s network**

- Reference Centres (313 in 2016)
- Laboratory Twinning
- Specific laboratory support projects

Support veterinary scientific communities in developing countries by facilitating their involvement and their ability to create networks.

- Disease control worldwide
- Continuously update the international standards of the OIE and the Codes Alimentarius
Reference Laboratories
Expert Centres for animal diseases

262 Reference Laboratories in 39 countries
119 diseases

World Distribution of OIE Reference Laboratories

OIE Reference Laboratories
- 1 to 3 OIE Reference Labs
- 4 to 10 OIE Reference Labs
- 11 to 20 OIE Reference Labs
- more than 20 OIE Reference Labs
- no OIE Reference Labs

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Collaborating Centres
Centres of excellence on horizontal topics

51 Collaborating Centres in 26 countries
46 topics

World Distribution of OIE Collaborating Centres
The four pillars of the OIE

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animal disease prevention and control methods

**SOLIDARITY**
between countries to strengthen capacities worldwide

Capacity building tools and programmes
To improve animal health management worldwide

There is a need to improve national policies

OIE Solidarity tools:
  » PVS Pathway
  » Twinnings
  » Capacity Building
Pillar 4: SOLIDARITY

PVS Pathway

Sustainable consolidation of national animal health systems

The OIE collaborates with governments, donors and other stakeholders
Pillar 4: SOLIDARITY
Veterinary Education

Recognition of veterinary qualifications and promotion of professional excellence throughout the world

Global Conferences

Ad hoc Group

• Created in 2010

Recommendations

• Veterinary Education Core Curriculum

• Competencies of graduating veterinarians ("Day 1 Competencies")

• Veterinary Education Twinning projects
Donors and Partners
(OIE World Animal Health and Welfare Fund)
Publications

CODES
- Terrestrial
- Aquatic

MANUALS
- Terrestrial
- Aquatic

BULLETIN
4 times a year

SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL REVIEW
3 times a year

WORLD ANIMAL HEALTH
Online Permanently updated

- Technical Items,
- Information brochures,
- Specialised publications
Social Media

YouTube

Facebook

OIEVideo

World Organisation for Animal Health - OIE

FlickR

World Organisation for Animal Health

Twitter

@OIEAnimalHealth
Events and global conferences

2016: Implementation of the OIE’s Sixth Strategic Plan (2016-2020)

International Events

- **World Wildlife Day**
  - 3 March

- **World Veterinary Day**
  - 30 April

- **World Rabies Day**
  - 28 September

- **World Antibiotic Awareness Week**
  - November

- **84th OIE General Session**
  - 22 – 27 May
    - (Paris)

- **Veterinary Education**
  - 22 - 24 June
    - (Bangkok, Thailand)

- **Pastoralism preservation**
  - 31 August - 2 September
    - (Mongolia)

- **Animal welfare**
  - 6 - 8 December
    - (Mexico)

- **Antimicrobial resistance**
  - 13 - 15 December
    - (Paris, France)

OIE Global Conferences
Thank you for your attention!