OIE Structure, Objectives and Strategic Plan

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World Organisation for Animal Health

- An intergovernmental Organisation
- Founded in 1924 by 28 countries
- Predates the U.N.

Common name adopted by the International Committee on May 2003
Members
176 Members (Septembre 2010)

Americas: 29 – Africa: 51 – Europe: 53 – Middle-East: 20 – Asia: 35

Some Members belong to more than one Region
Structure
OIE World Assembly of Delegates

- The highest authority of the OIE
- Comprises all the OIE Delegates
- Meets at least once a year
- Principle of ‘one member, one vote'
- Elects the members of the governing bodies of the OIE
- Elects the members of the Specialist Commissions
- Elects the Director General for a 5-year term
OIE Delegate

- usually the **Chief Veterinary Officer** of his/her country
  - member of the World Assembly of Delegates (meets at the General Session)

- **focal point for the OIE** in his/her country

- **responsible** for harmonising his/her country’s **import regulation** with OIE standards and/or basing them on scientific risk analysis

- **informs** the OIE of the **animal disease situation** of his/her country

- specific national and international status
National specialist focal points:

- Aquatic animal diseases
- Wildlife
- Animal health information systems
- Veterinary products
- Animal welfare
- Animal production food safety
Structure

World Assembly of Delegates

Council

Director general

Specialist commissions
Code, Laboratories, Aquatic animals, Scientific

Regional Commissions
Africa, Americas, Europe, Asia-Far East and Oceania, Middle East

Collaborating Centres
Reference Laboratories

Headquarters

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### The Council

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The Council (cont.)

- board of management

- represents the **World Assembly of Delegates** in the interval between General Sessions

- examines technical and administrative matters to be presented to **World Assembly of Delegates** for approval:
  - programme of OIE technical work
  - OIE budget

- elected for a **3-year term** (with the exception of the former President)
Specialist Commissions

Role is to use current scientific information to:

- **study epidemiologic issues** especially the prevention and control of animal diseases

- develop and revise OIE’s international **standards**

- **address scientific and technical issues** raised by Members

  ➢ but not bilateral trade problems (OIE may address these through the provision of scientific advice and through informal mediation)
Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission
"Code Commission"

Responsible for updating the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* annually

Responsible for ensuring it reflects *current scientific information*
Specialist Commissions (contd)

Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases "Scientific Commission"

Assists in identifying the most appropriate strategies and measures for:

disease surveillance
disease prevention and control methods

Examines Members’ submissions regarding their animal health status for those countries that wish to be included on the OIE official list of free countries and zones for certain diseases
Establishes or approves methods for diagnosing diseases of mammals, birds, and bees. Testing biological products, such as vaccines, used for control purposes.

Oversees production of the *Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals*.

Oversees the OIE global network of Reference Laboratories and Collaborating Centres (222 institutions).
Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission
"Aquatic Animals Commission"

Compiles information on diseases of fish, molluscs, crustaceans and amphibians, and on methods used to control these diseases.

Regional Commissions

- AFRICA
- AMERICAS
- ASIA, FAR EAST and OCEANIA
- EUROPE
- MIDDLE EAST
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The Working Groups

Wildlife Diseases

Animal Production Food Safety

Animal Welfare
The Ad hoc Groups

Set up, when needed,

- with world renowned scientists
- to prepare recommendations to the Specialist Commissions, Working groups and the World Assembly of Delegates
Reference Laboratories & Collaborating Centres
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Reference Laboratories

- 187 Reference Laboratories
- in 36 Countries
- covering **100 diseases** or topics
- 161 experts (team leaders)
Reference Laboratories network

187 Reference Laboratories in 2009 covering 100 diseases
Reference Laboratories (cont.)

Expert Centres for worldwide standardisation

- Store and distribute reference reagents
- Develop / conduct / validate diagnostic tests
- Coordinate technical and scientific studies
- Provide technical and scientific training
- Organise laboratory proficiency testing
Collaborating Centres

- 35 Collaborating Centres
- in 20 Countries
- covering 33 topics
- 35 experts (team leaders)
Collaborating Centres network

35 Collaborating Centres covering 33 topics
Centres of expertise on ‘horizontal subjects’:  

- Assist in the elaboration of **procedures** to harmonise animal disease regulations / international standards  
- Coordinate collaborative **studies**  
- Provide technical **training**  
- Organise and host **scientific meetings** for the OIE
New policies Reference Laboratories and Collaborating Centre

- Twinning
- Networking
- Specific projects
International Relationships
**International Relationships**

**Permanent institutional cooperation with**

- **WHO** World Health Organization
- **FAO** Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations
- **WTO** World Trade Organization
- **CAC** Codex Alimentarius Commission
- **IPPC** International Plant Protection Convention
- World Bank
- **CABI** CAB International
- **ILRI** International Livestock Research Institute
Technical and scientific cooperation with more than 20 regional organisations and international industry and professional associations

**Regional Organisations:**

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World industry and professional organisations

- IMS  International Meat Secretariat
- IDF  International Dairy Federation
- FEI  International Equestrian Federation
- ICCM International Committee of Military Medicine
- IEC  International Egg Commission
- IFAH International Federation for Animal Health
- IFAP International Federation of Agricultural Producers
- IABs International Association for Biologicals
- WVA World Veterinary Association
- WAVLD World Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians

Many new agreements are in the pipeline.
OIE 4th and 5th Strategic Plans
The OIE’s global objective

The OIE was created in 1924

to prevent animal diseases from spreading around the world

The 4th Strategic Plan 2006/2010 extended the OIE’s global mandate to "the improvement of animal health all over the world"
Priorities of the 4th Plan (2006-2010)

Consolidation of 3 missions from the former Strategic Plan

- To ensure transparency in the global animal disease situation

- Publishing science based standards, especially with reference to the WTO – SPS Agreement

- Publishing guidelines for the prevention, control and eradication of animal diseases, including zoonoses; acknowledgement of Members health status
**Items brought up from 4th Strategic Plan**

- **Capacity building:** training of Delegates and relevant staff, in particular national focal points (relation with the OIE, disease information, aquatic animals, wildlife, veterinary products, animal welfare)

- Strengthening the **OIE’s influence** on global, regional and national policies, on governance policies for veterinary services and prioritization within **scientific research policy**

- Strengthening of OIE as an adviser of Members to help to avoid and to resolve **trade disputes**
Animal Health systems are a global public good
- Global public goods are goods whose benefits extend to all countries, people and generations

One Health (One World – One Health)
- A global strategy for managing risks at the animal-human interface
Food Security & Food Safety

- Need for supply of safe food
- Food security (animal protein) is a key public health concern
- Healthy animals ensure food security and food safety
- Veterinary Services play a key role in protecting society

Animal welfare: a OIE strategic engagement

- Animal health is a key component of animal welfare
- OIE is recognised globally as the leader in setting international animal welfare standards

Relation between livestock and environment

- Need to control pollution from animals
Veterinary education

- Recognition of veterinary diploma and professional excellence
- OIE Global Conference on Veterinary Education (and follow up)

Good Governance of Veterinary Services

- Need for appropriate legislation and implementation through national animal health systems
- A responsibility of Government
- Alliances between public and private sectors (farmers, consumers)
- Quality of Services: use of OIE evaluation and gap analysis tool (PVS)
- Initial and ongoing veterinary education
Continuing consolidation of 3 missions from the 4th Strategic Plan

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Capacity building

- Ongoing capacity-building: training of Delegates and relevant staff, in particular national focal points (relationship with the OIE, disease information system, aquatic animals, wildlife, veterinary products, animal welfare)
5th Strategic Plan
Continuation of current activities

Reinforcement of OIE capacities

⇒ Strengthening Regional Representations

- staff development, development of internship arrangements, support from the private sector (within the limits of existing rules)

⇒ Formalizing relationships between Regional Representatives and elected Bureaus of the Regional Commissions
Scientific advice

- audit and strengthen the networks of OIE Collaborating Centres and Reference Laboratories

- development of twinning projects and of specific projects supporting laboratories and extension of the OIE network, especially in developing countries

- address growing concerns about zoonotic diseases
Influence on global governance of animal health

- Development of OIE’s communication strategies

- Lobbying of multi and bi-lateral organisations to persuade them that investing in animal health and Veterinary Services is a real national and global public good and a global priority

- Strengthening the OIE’s global and regional influence on governance policies for animal health and prioritization of scientific research and related policy

- PVS Evaluation, gap analysis, legislation missions etc
5th Strategic Plan
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Influence on national policies

- convince Governments of the importance of the OIE Delegate role

- convince Governments that they **should invest more in monitoring and preventing animal diseases**, as a low cost insurance compared to high-cost outbreak crisis. Undertake global economic studies to demonstrate that prevention is cheaper than response to crises

- **support Delegates from developing countries** to participate actively in standard-setting and in meetings of the SPS Committee and Codex Alimentarius Commission

- organisation of **regional** and as appropriate **national seminars** on request
Conclusion

The ongoing implementation of successive Strategic Plans via the Director General’s work programme will continue to show that, since 1924,

**OIE is a Public Good**

for the international community and that its cost for Members is negligible compared to the services it provides
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On the OIE Web Site...

- Early warning
- Weekly Disease Information
- International Standards (Codes, Manuals, etc.)
- Scientific and Technical Review (contents and abstracts)
- Scientific and general information on OIE activities
- Animal diseases and zoonoses
- Editorials from the Director General

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Thank you for your attention

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