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**The Director General**

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Dear Delegate,  
Dear Focal Point for Animal Disease Notification to the OIE,

### **LAUNCH OF THE WAHIS E-LEARNING PLATFORM**

I am pleased to inform you that the e-learning platform for WAHIS has just been launched on Thursday 25 May 2017. The OIE, in partnership with the *Center for Food Security and Public Health* Collaborating Centre of Iowa State University, United States of America, has designed and developed an online training platform funded by the European Union.

This on-line training platform is designed to train, Focal Points for Animal Disease Notification to the OIE or any other person involved in the notification process, in the use of the OIE World Animal Health Information System (WAHIS). The aim of this platform is to provide continuously WAHIS users with easy and quick access to training materials. In addition this platform allows new Focal Points to familiarize themselves with the system and the most experienced ones to refer to it, if necessary, during the preparation and sending of the various notification reports to the OIE.

The educational format and structure of this training platform facilitate on-line learning, the specificity of which is to deliver a qualification certificate for the course after each validated module.

The use of this e-learning platform will improve the reporting of animal diseases to the OIE by addressing one of the major challenges posed by the Sixth OIE Strategic Plan: *Transparency of health information provided by Member Countries, by adapting their tools to new communication technologies.*

Thus I encourage you to use this new platform by accessing: <http://oie.cfsph.iastate.edu/login/index.php>

This platform is currently only available in English, but the translation into French and Spanish will be ready before the end of 2017.

I thank you for all your efforts and your constant collaboration with the OIE as well as your valuable contribution to the World Animal Health Information System (WAHIS).

Should you have any questions about this e-learning platform, please contact the World Animal Health Information and Analysis Service at [information.dept@oie.int](mailto:information.dept@oie.int).

Yours sincerely,

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